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Flying high at Bungendore Bites



Despite some wild weather beforehand, Bungendore Bites & Kites soared to success. Bungendore Park echoed with laughter as so many young families, friends, and visitors gathered to enjoy a vibrant day of kites, colour, food, entertainment and community spirit.

A special thank you goes to the members of the Australian Kiteflyers Society, who were simply brilliant on the day. Their huge, colourful kites filled the sky and created a stunning backdrop for the event. Friendly, welcoming, and always ready to offer tips and tricks, they made the kite-flying experience even more enjoyable for families and children, and their enthusiasm added so much to the community spirit of the day.

People sat under the huge pavilion and enjoyed the food on offer. It was a time to relax and appreciate the entertainment.

Rotary Club of Bungendore, said, "It was great to see the kids and families enjoying this community event and the kites were a huge hit. Loved the craft activities too. Plenty to do and good food to eat. Thanks to everyone involved in bringing this together."

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Samsara Eco opens first plant to scale circular plastics

Australian biotech innovator, Samsara Eco, recently opened its first plant, representing a significant milestone in the fight against plastic waste. The new plant will exponentially increase the company's ability to produce virgin-identical, low-carbon circular materials like recycled nylon 6,6 and polyester with broad applications across apparel, packaging and automotives, at scale.

Located in Jerrabomberra, the new headquarters and plant houses EosEco, Samsara Eco's breakthrough enzymatic recycling technology. The technology uses AI-crafted enzymes to break down mixed plastics destined for landfill into recycled raw materials, ready for brands to incorporate into their next product line. The facility also houses expanded enzyme production facilities, allowing Samsara Eco to further build out its proprietary AI-powered enzyme discovery and development platform to find recycling solutions for a broader range of plastics.

"The opening of Jerrabomberra is a proud milestone for us and the broader circular economy. In just four years, we've scaled from bench research through to pilot, demonstration, and now our first plant. This is a true tipping point for circularity, shifting circular materials from early-stage innovation to mainstream reality.

"Brand demand and supportive new

regulations are helping to clear the path forward. Our new facility will help brands deliver circularity with the capacity to produce the equivalent of hundreds of thousands of garments annually," said Paul Riley, CEO and founder of Samsara Eco.

The circular materials made at Jerrabomberra will feature in upcoming product lines for global brands like lululemon, as well as pilot programs and trials with brands across textiles, automotive and packaging. The facility will also host world-first research including finding recycling solutions for the likes of spandex with The LYCRA Company, and our collaboration with Deakin University's Recycling and Clean Energy Commercialisation Hub, part of the Australian Government's Trailblazer Universities Program.

Today, only 10% of plastics are recycled and less than 1% of textiles are recycled into new textiles, perpetuating a linear economy. Samsara Eco aims to rewrite those numbers by recycling the unrecyclable to keep high-value materials out of the landfill.

"This isn't just about building a plant. It's about building a circular future where materials don't have an end-of-life. Instead, they are infinitely recycled, reducing the world's reliance on finite resources," continued Riley.

Jerrabomberra provides a runway

for Samsara Eco's first nylon 6,6 commercial plant, which is being designed with engineering partner, KBR and due to open in Asia in 2028. The 20,000 tonne facility will be the first of a fleet of international commercial facilities, which will use Samsara Eco's EosEco technology to turn waste into virgin-identical raw materials.

"Our Jerrabomberra plant marks a significant milestone in Australia's advanced manufacturing and circular economy journey," added Riley. "Our technology supports Australia's net-zero targets while driving economic growth, resilience, and productivity. We're creating an entirely new industry to unlock major export opportunities and bring new skills to market, while also helping to position Australia as a leader in circular technology and a global exporter of circular materials.

"We're grateful for the support we've received from our global investors including Main Sequence and Temasek, as well as the local community, who have supported us every step of the way to make Jerrabomberra a reality."

Photo supplied of Samsara Eco, leadership, Chris Bowen MP, Minister for Climate Change and Energy, Kristy McBain MP, Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories and Steve Whan MP



QPRC: council meeting agenda for Wednesday 10 September 2025

The Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on 10 September 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 Draft Financial Statements 30 June 2025
 - 9.2 QPRC Annual Community Grants 2025/26
 - 9.3 Canberra Rod and Kustom Krooze Show'n'Shine
 - 9.4 Review of The Queanbeyan Performing Arts Centre 2025
 - 9.5 Proposed Road Naming in Tralee and Bungendore
 - 9.6 Post-Exhibition Policy Report
 - 9.7 Register of Declarations of Pecuniary Interests and Other Matters - Councillors and Designated Persons
- Reports To Council - Items for Information

- 10.1 Resolution Action Sheet
- 10.2 Councillor Workshops

Reports Of Committees

- 11.1 QPRC Access Committee Meeting Minutes - 23 July 2025
- 11.2 Youth Advisory Committee Minutes - 31 July 2025
- 11.3 Queanbeyan Showground Advisory Committee Minutes - 11 August 2025
- 11.4 Sustainability and Climate Change Advisory Committee Minutes - 14 August 2025.

11.5 Small Business Advisory Committee Minutes - 20 August 2025

Notices Of Motions

- 12.1 Notice of Motion - Naming of Places Policy
- 12.2 Notice of Motion - Wheelchair Accessible Taxi
- 12.3 Notice of Motion - Capital Football Review
- 12.4 Notice of Motion - Submission to the NSW Government Select Committee on Proposed Energy from Waste Facilities

Notice Of Intention To Deal with Matters in Closed Session 39

Confidential - Not for Publication

Reports For Closed Session

16.1 2025-69 Design and Construction of Women's Changerooms Freebody Oval

Item 16.1 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (c) 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 discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

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



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Seven charged, multiple guns seized during cross border investigation into alleged stabbing - Queanbeyan

NSW and ACT detectives have charged seven men and have seized multiple firearms as part of a cross border investigation into a double stabbing in Queanbeyan earlier this year.

About 1.10pm on Friday 8 August 2025, police were called to a business on Crawford Street, Queanbeyan following to reports of a brawl.

On arrival officers were advised that two men - aged 26 and 29 - had been taken to Queanbeyan Hospital with serious stab injuries.

Detectives attached to Monaro Police District established a crime scene and set up Strike Force Flomore to investigate the incident.

Following extensive investigations, on Wednesday 3 September 2025, seven search warrants were executed across New South Wales and the ACT.

The NSW searches, which were conducted by Monaro PD detectives - assisted by Monaro Region Enforcement Squad and SCC Raptor South at homes in Queanbeyan and Crestwood.

During the searches detectives located and seized three pistols and one disassembled Glock pistol.

Two men - aged 24 and 30 - were arrested at one property in Queanbeyan, with a third man - aged 27 - arrested at a home in Crestwood. A fourth man - aged 25 - was also arrested at a home in Queanbeyan with all four being taken to Queanbeyan Police Station.

Four search warrants were also executed in the ACT, with assistance of various ACT Policing criminal investigation and AFP specialist operation officers.

During those searches three men - aged 20, 27, 33 - were arrested and taken to the ACT Watch House at City Station before appearing at the ACT Magistrates Court and being extradited to Queanbeyan, NSW.

All seven men were charged with cause wounding/ grievous bodily harm to person with intent to murder (two counts), wound person with intent to cause grievous bodily harm (two counts) and take person in company with intent commit serious indictable offence. An eighth male will be charged when he appears in court later this month.

The 24-year-old was also charged with possess prohibited drug (two counts), possess/attempt to, prescribed restricted substance, and possess or use a prohibited weapon without permit.

The 30-year-old man was also charged with recklessly deal with proceeds of crime less than \$5,000, possess unregistered firearm and possess prohibited drug.

The 25-year-old man was also charged with destroy/ damage property in public disorder more than \$2,000.

The seven arrested on 3 September 2025 have been refused bail to appear before Bail Division Local Court 3 on Thursday 4 September 2025.

Investigations under Strike Force Flomore continue.

The countdown is on to the 2025 Community Bank Bungendore Show!

There is less than 50 days left until the 2025 Community Bank Bungendore show.

The Bungendore Show Committee is putting the final touches on what will be one of the highlights of the local event calendar.

Show President Ashley Meyer-Dilley encouraged the community to show up and show out for NSW's best one day show.

"Off the back of winning Australia's top tourism town, the show will be showcasing exactly what we love about Bungendore," Miss Meyer-Dilley said.

"The program for the day will be one for the whole family and we're really keen for everyone to come take part in the show

"We're especially keen to see our local mascots go head-to-head in our mascot race."

The 2025 Bungendore Show will host a range of competitions including equestrian, cattle and sheep events, along with a full spring pavilion program. The program will also include family favourite events like the flat chat dog race, dog high jump and the infamous pet parade.

Miss Meyer-Dilley is encouraging locals to take part in events on show day by bringing along their pet for the pet parade or entering their cooking in the pavilion.

"We're keen to see all the amateur bakers, sewers and photographers enter their works in the pavilion and showcase what it is that makes Bungendore the best town in Australia!" Miss Meyer-Dilley said.

"Entries to the pavilion are free for anyone under 16 and we even have a specific photography class for photos taken around Bungendore."

The 2025 Community Bank Bungendore Show will be held on Sunday, 26 October 2025. To get involved, enter a competition or find out more information visit: www.bungendreshow.com.au

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Queanbeyan Senior Citizens Association: Annual Fete

This Sat: 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
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- 5th prize - Junee Licorice & Chocolate Hamper
- 6th prize - \$25 Harris Scarfe Gift card
- 7th prize - Electric knife
- 8th prize - Gaming Headset

Tickets as usual are \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.00 or 6 for \$10.00.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE - PROMISES TO BE AN AWESOME DAY.



QPRC council meeting summary: Wednesday 27 August 2025

QPRC

Here is the summary of the resolutions made at the Ordinary Council meeting of 27 August 2025. The archived recording of the meeting is now available at: <https://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au/archive/video25-0827.php>

- Council heard from five members of the public who made presentations about items on tonight's agenda including: Construction of Multi-dwelling Housing at 59 McFarlane Avenue, Googong; Draft Planning Proposal to Enable Complying Development in the C4 Environmental Living Zone; and Renewal of 88 Wallace Street and New Braidwood Carpark - Concept Design.
- Council noted agency responses to scoping proposal for complying development in C4 Environmental Living Zone in Bywong and Wamboin, will lodge planning proposal with NSW Dept Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for Gateway determination and undertake consultation in accordance with Gateway
- Council deferred consideration of concept design for Renewal of 88 Wallace Street to allow for community consultation, will place concept design on public exhibition for 28 days, will notify community groups, consider feedback before endorsing final design and DA submission
- Council granted conditional

consent for the construction of a medical centre at 24 Gibraltar St, Bungendore noting inclusion of a condition to amend landscape plan in accordance with policy and preferred species

- Council granted conditional consent for construction of a multi-dwelling housing of 7 building with 62 units, strata subdivision, and associated infrastructure at 59 McFarlane Avenue, Googong
- Council will reimburse \$5,407.40 in Section 7.12 Fixed Levy Development Contribution Plan 2019 fees paid by owner of 15 Boronia Cres, Karabar
- Council received and noted June 2025 QBRS, noted carry forward of 2024-25 unspent budgets for Capital and Operational works into the 2024-25 budget, adopts 2024-25 unspent budgets for Capital works that had not commenced into 2025-26 budget, noted cash and investment position at June 2025, and adopted the internal reserves balances at June 2025
- Council declined to place proposed names Tralee Town Park and Tralee Lifestyle Park on public exhibition
- Council endorsed the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee and Internal Audit Work Plans for 2025-26
- Council rescinded resolution number 145/20 to name the Ellerton Drive Bridge the Queen Nellie Hamilton Bridge, endorsed

the name Andy Lane Bridge for public exhibition for 28 days at <https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au> and will adopt the name if no objections are received

- Council approved a Cultural Grant of \$500 to support Ms Ruby Holden, a young local singer/songwriter to participate in music events, competitions and retreats
- Council received investment report for July 2025, noting return of \$1,268,366
- Council endorsed strategic policies for public exhibition for 28 days at <https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au> including Sporting Gallery, Road Names, Equal Employment Opportunity, Waterwise, Potable and Recycled Water, Green Cleaning, Statement of Business Ethics. The Asbestos Policy will be amended at Clause 10.4 and Appendix F to add information about waste facilities in the ACT and in Goulburn-Mulwaree Council that accept asbestos waste
- Council adopted policies including Street Banners and Sails, Footpath Management, On Site Sewerage Management System, Parking and Enforcement, Tourism, Operations Sustainability, Sustainable Design for Council Buildings and Infrastructure
- Council received information report about a preliminary heritage report for 24 Gibraltar Street, Bungendore
- Council received information

report about the 2025 Annual Review of QPRC Climate Change Action Plan: Council Operations 2020-2030

- Council received information report about the Australian Government's Financial Assistance Grants Program for 2025-26
- Council received information report with letter of response from the Hon Jenny Aitchison MP, Minister for Roads and Minister for Regional Transport about the TrainLink Discovery Pass
- Council received information report with letter of response from the Hon Penny Sharpe MLC, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, the Environment, Heritage about opposition to Woodlawn Advanced Energy Recovery Centre
- Council received information report about Councillor workshops on 13 and 20 August including 19-21 Gibraltar Street, Bungendore, Upper Thornton Pump Station, Unsealed Grading Policy, Strategic Policy Review
- Council noted the minutes and recommendations of Heritage Advisory Committee on 31 July 2025
- Council endorsed the minutes and recommendations of the Local Traffic Committee meeting of 5 August 2025
- Council will submit motion to the LGNSW Annual Conference that LGNSW calls on NSW Government

to review SEPP (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 to incorporate fencing standards in rural subdivisions that combines the needs of livestock management with facilitation of wildlife movement, including minimum ground clearances and appropriate top wire spacing requirements

- Council will write to the NSW Minister for the Environment, the Hon Penny Sharpe MLC, asking what the State Government is doing to provide permanent protection for the remaining habitat of the Southern Greater Glider in our local government area
- Council received report with answers to questions with notice about Council's financial investments in entities associated with gambling
- In closed session, Council awarded contract for the Old Cooma Road Stage 3 - Detailed Design to GHD Pty Ltd for \$669,931 ex GST, and approves allocation of \$525,938 from the Googong Offsite Roads reserve to fund this project
- In closed session, Council received a report on legal matters

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>



New era of transparency for council meetings

New rules for council meetings will soon be in place as the NSW Government spearheads a change of culture to boost transparency and community confidence in local government.

A new Model Code of Meeting Practice for local councils has been recently released and will come into effect in councils from 1 January 2026.

The changes to the Model Meeting Code are part of the broader set of reforms the NSW Government is progressing to improve confidence, trust and transparency across NSW councils.

Changes to the code have simplified the way meetings are conducted, ensure disorder is dealt with more effectively, that councillors make decisions in full view of the communities they represent, and dignity is returned to council chambers.

All councils will need to adopt a code of meeting practice that contains the mandatory provisions of the updated Model Meeting Code by 31 December 2025.

Key changes to the Model Code of Meeting Practice include:

- Preventing councils from holding private councillor briefing sessions to discuss matters that should be considered in the public domain at committee and council meetings (unless they are confidential)
- Encouraging councils to hold public forums preferably before committee

meetings, or if they choose council meetings, to enable community engagement in local matters

- Expanding the powers of the mayor to remove councillors from meetings for acts of disorder
- Expanding the powers of the mayor to remove members of the public if they disrupt council meetings
- Requiring information considered at closed meetings to be made public after it ceases to be confidential
- Requiring councils to give reasons when making decisions on planning matters that depart from staff recommendations (as recommended by ICAC)
- Promoting neutrality in the role of the general manager
- Requiring council and committee meetings to be live streamed to give the community and media access to council decision making, and to require those videos to be public for at least the rest of the council term, or 12 months in the case of a meeting in an election year

The changes to the Meeting Code are part of a broader suite of reforms by the NSW Government to improve conduct and accountability and rebuild public trust in councils.

A new Code of Conduct for councillors is being finalised as well as associated legislative changes, which will see significant changes to how misconduct is dealt with in local government.

Minister for Local Government Ron

Hoenig said, “The council chamber should be a place of dignity, where debate and decision making takes place in full view of the community.

“Making decisions on behalf of communities is the very role of a councillor, and all councillors should never lose sight of this core responsibility.

“These changes should ensure that, in a council chamber or committee meeting, mechanisms are in place to prevent the derailing of meetings and overshadowing the important work of local government.

“Council and committee meetings must be effective, transparent and genuine, and strive for outcomes to benefit the community.

“Under the new code, mayors should be given the power to take immediate action against disorderly councillors. This should lessen the need for councils to resort to the broken code of conduct process and instead address misbehaviour immediately in the council chamber.

“I know not everyone will agree with these changes, but most people in this state would agree action is necessary to improve transparency, increase community confidence and faith in local government.

“They will make councillors more visibly in control of their councils to ensure they - as democratically elected representatives of their communities - drive the vision for their local area.”

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 amenities 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.

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Bungendore Crowned Australia's Top Small Tourism Town 2025

Bungendore has proudly claimed the title of Australia's Top Small Tourism Town, taking out the gold award at the national top town awards held at Parliament House last Wednesday. The accolade recognises not only the beauty and charm of our town but also the spirit of its people.

Deputy Mayor Esma Livermore accepted the award on behalf of the community, and made it clear who the win truly celebrates. "This award belongs to the friendly baristas who greet you with a smile and the perfect coffee, to the talented artists and makers who fill our galleries and studios with their creativity, and the passionate winemakers, the chefs, and the wonderful shopkeepers who make every visit a new discovery. These are the people who are the true heart of our visitor experience".

Bungendore has become a much-loved destination for those seeking a genuine country escape. With its blend of cool-climate wines, seasonal produce, boutique

shopping, and art galleries, every corner of the town offers something to savour.

This national award is also a recognition of a strong collective effort. The 'Meet You In Bungendore' campaign, driven by the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council team, has shared Bungendore's story far and wide, encouraging visitors to discover the community, hospitality, and creativity that make the town unique.

"We are absolutely thrilled," said QPRC's Team Leader, Marketing, Emmeline Chidley. "This award will provide an incredible platform to invite travellers to come and discover what makes Bungendore so special and to connect with the place and the locals. Our curated itineraries are designed to help visitors slow down and stay a little longer in this beautiful region."

For locals, this win is a moment of pride. For visitors, it's an invitation to slow down, wander our streets,



connect with this place and its people, and discover the warmth of a town where you'll always feel like a local.

Photo supplied, L to R: Tilly Jones, Deputy Mayor Esma Livermore, Martina Woodford, Alan Longhurst and Candace Estratiou the Regional Manager ACT Qantas Airways

Bungendore CWA: MEGA Trash and Treasure and Plant Spectacular: Sat 20 Sept

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

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



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Community News

Construction to begin on new schools in Bungendore and Googong

Bungendore High School

The Bungendore community can celebrate a long-awaited milestone, with work soon to commence on the town's first permanent high school on Birchfield Drive. Scheduled to open on Day 1, Term 1, 2027, the school will feature 26 modern classrooms, three support classrooms, administration and staff facilities, a library, hall and canteen, sports field, and an agricultural plot. Kiss-and-drop zones will also be included to make drop-offs safer and easier.

The temporary Bungendore High School will continue operating during construction.

Member for Monaro and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education, Steve Whan, said the start of construction was "long overdue" and marked the beginning of a new chapter for Bungendore families.

"I particularly want to thank Deputy Premier Prue Car for cutting through the issues that stalled this project, and the Bungendore High School staff led by Principal Melissa Giddins, along with the P&C, parents and students, who have shown how much this school means to the community."

Principal Melissa Giddins said breaking ground on the new site was "the start of a great new chapter that's going to be



beneficial for our students, staff and families."

Googong: New High School, Primary School and Preschool

At the same time, Googong families are celebrating the start of construction on their new public high school, which will be master-planned for up to 2,000 students and is also due to open in 2027.

The high school will open initially with capacity for 700 students, offering 26 classrooms, three support classrooms, specialist facilities for science, performing

arts and hospitality, wood and metal workshops, a library, multipurpose sports courts, a hall and canteen, a sports field, and an agricultural plot.

In addition, the NSW Government has announced a brand new public primary school and preschool to be built alongside the high school. Due for completion in 2028, the new primary school will accommodate over 650 students in 28 classrooms, while the preschool will cater for up to 120 children each week.

This will be Googong's second public primary school, after Googong Public School opened in 2023, and reflects faster-than-expected enrolment growth in the area.

Acting Minister for Education and Early Learning, Courtney Houssos, said the decision to build a new school, rather than simply expand the existing one, showed the Government was planning for the community's future.

"By co-locating the high school, new primary school and preschool

on the same site, families will benefit from easier school drop-offs and a guarantee that their children will have access to world-class education close to home," Ms Houssos said.

Googong Public School Principal Rebekah Lindsay said the new facilities would create "a supportive environment where students can grow academically and personally, helping every student to succeed and reach their full potential."

Above: turning the sod at the Bungendore High School site

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Spring Open Day at the Queanbeyan Community Garden

Join us at the Queanbeyan Community Garden for our Spring Open Day. As the weather warms up, our garden is bursting into life, and we are inviting you to share in the joy of a new growing season.

Date: Saturday 11 October

Time: From 0930 - 1100 am

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

The Queanbeyan Sustainability Group (QSG) is a community not-for-profit organisation that

manages the Queanbeyan Community Garden. We have 25 plots that members rent as well as common plots with fruit trees, herbs, veggies and berry canes that we share. Whether you're an experienced gardener or just curious about growing your own food, our Open Day is the perfect opportunity to get inspired and connect with the community. Bring your family and friends for a fun-filled morning in the garden.

Garden Tours: Discover the beauty and diversity of our garden plots.

Maybe you might like to become a member of the Queanbeyan Sustainability Group (residents of the QPRC area are eligible for membership) or apply to rent a plot. We currently have two vacant plots available for rent.

Start growing at home: We will have some seedlings available (gold coin donations would be appreciated to fund our garden improvements).

Hear from an expert: Our guest speaker, Tom Baker, will be joining us at 10.30am to share his knowledge about good composting practices. Tom is a long-standing member of Queanbeyan Landcare, founding member of QSG, presenter on Radio Landcare weekly on Radio 2XX, and Canberra Open Gardens scheme volunteer.

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

Refreshments: Enjoy a cuppa with gardening enthusiasts.

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

Parking is available at the Henderson Road Railway Park.



The garden has a scooter/wheelchair accessible track and toilet facilities are in the park.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Spring Open Day!

Follow us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/QBNSustainabilityGroup/>
Find out more on the QSG website at <https://qbysustainabilitygroup.wordpress.com/>
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Maria's Community Corner



Maria Porreca

What a varied couple of weeks since my last column. I helped at the Queanbeyan Seniors stall in Riverside

Plaza on Saturday 23rd and 30th August. On sale on the stall, apart from the regular baked goods and handmade items, were the Raiders knitted beanies, scarves and teddies. They were also selling tickets in their current raffle which consists of 8 amazing prizes, including an amazing Queen bed quilt donated by Queanbeyan Quilters, vouchers, Ice cream maker, Junee Licorice & Chocolate hamper, Electric knife and a

gaming headset. The raffle will be drawn on 13th September at the end of their FETE. The Fete will be at Senior's Centre, 1 Farrer Place, and will go from 9.00am till 3.00pm. It will have lots on offer, from baked goods, plant stall, white elephant, craft and SO much more. See you on Saturday 13th September!

Sadly, the Queanbeyan Seniors farewelled one of their beloved members on 29th August. The lovely Chris Hoyle had been a member for around 3 years and during that time she participated in many activities at the Centre. She was a witty, cheeky member and will be missed by all. The Southern Tablelands CWA Group held its Council Meeting in

Tarago this time. It was very well attended with members from our surrounding region, including, but not limited to, Braidwood, Bungendore, Yass, Crookwell, Collector and Goulburn. At the meeting we discussed many items including the closure of 28 Bendigo Bank agencies in rural and regional NSW. Dee, from Collector was presented with her trophy for her 'recycled item' which she was awarded at State Conference in Wagga. Brenda, from Yass was given a small gift in recognition of her 'Champion' award for handicraft, also at State Conference.

A group of us attended the 'making a library bag' event at the Queanbeyan Library on the 1st of



September. What a lot of laughter and fun that was! We were taught to sew a library bag and got to take it home. I think I jinxed the machines as when I went to sit in front of one it wouldn't work so had to ask for help to 'fix' it. A huge 'thank you' to the library ladies, Jo, Emma and Sharon for giving up their evening. It was a late one too as we went overtime.

And to finish off the fortnight a meeting with Mayor Kenrick Winchester on all things CWA.

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Community News

Craft and Connection: A Creative Gathering of Local Women

It was a full house at our latest craft group meet-up, where local women came together to share stories, laughter, and a mutual love of all things handmade. With a room buzzing with conversation and creativity, it was heartening to see so many new faces join our growing community.

The highlight of the afternoon was our ever-popular Show and Tell, showcasing a delightful range of crafty creations. Highlights included beautifully crocheted crop tops, upcycled

cushions cleverly fashioned from op shop shirts, elegant sashiko-stitched bags, and knitted squares destined to become charity blankets. The talent and generosity on display were truly inspiring.

Of course, no craft session is complete without something sweet – and the table of cake and snacks made for a perfect companion to the day’s creativity.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came along, shared their



work, and helped make the gathering such a warm and welcoming space. Whether you’re a seasoned crafter or just starting out, our doors are always open.

If you’re a local crafter looking to connect, create, and unwind, we’d love to see you at our next meet-up on Thursday 18th September 6-8pm. We meet at Bungendore Learning Hub: 55 Gibraltar Street. It’s just \$5 to attend – bring along your own craft project, enjoy a cuppa, and be part of a friendly, creative community. Follow Bungendore Crafters’ Co-Operative on Facebook for the latest Co-Op events and news, to share craft inspiration and connect with locals.

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WW2 and Military Vehicle Display



The October Long weekend marks the return to Tarago of a small but interesting vehicle display next to the town hall.

The display is likely to include the iconic WW2 German Kubelwagen, BMW R71 Motorbike, and a replica VW Staff Car along with a truck or two.

Vehicles should arrive about 1200 and remain on site until 1400 on Saturday 4 October 2025.

The owners of the vehicles will be there to talk about their vehicles to anyone who might be interested

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Blind Creek
Solar Farm

Important Upgrades

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.

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Community News

Jerrabomberra Combined Probus Club 21st Birthday August 2025

The Jerrabomberra Probus Club celebrated its 21st Birthday at its August meeting. The regular renowned morning tea was augmented by birthday cake.

As usual, we had an interesting guest speaker. On this occasion it was a presentation on Healthy Ageing by a representative of the NSW Department of Health. Due to limited time, she outlined only one of the many modules available on the NSW Health website, concentration on bowel and bladder health. The primary NSW Health healthy ageing website is activeandhealthy.nsw.gov.au, which provides resources like the

wider range of online learning modules, fact sheets, and exercise programs to help older adults stay independent and healthy. For lifestyle support, you can also visit Get Healthy NSW for free phone and online health coaching, and Stepping On for falls prevention.

During question-time, the speaker pointed out that, for those with specific health conditions the NSW Health general advice should be modified in consultation with the individual's GP or appropriate Health Professional. Following thanks from Chair Roz Townsend, the speaker drew the regular lucky door prize and provided copies of

some of the Fact Sheets.

Jerra Probus Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month from 10.30 to Noon at the Jerra Community Centre.

If you would like to visit one of our meetings to see how we work, please contact Secretary Eleanor Robertson so you can receive a suitable welcome and introduction. Email: eleanor.vqa@gmail.com Phone:0400 194 340

Peter Haddon
Publicity Officer

Photo (supplied): Roz Townsend (L) and Ken Stone cut the Birthday Cake.



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, strengthening) Times - 9.30-10.30am at 1 Farrer Place, Queanbeyan -\$10 for members

Wednesdays

Mat Yoga - 9.30am

Chair Yoga - 11.00am With Louise... no bookings required at 1 Farrer Place, Queanbeyan

BYO Mat for yoga if you have one, some will be supplied.

Cost for abovementioned activities \$10.00 per session for members & \$18.00 for non-members.

Monday

NEW Five Hundred (500) - card game - 1.00pm-3.00pm. Cost \$2.00

Craft weekly on Mondays Join our weekly Craft & chat every Monday from 11.am till 2.00pm. Cost \$2. Bring your own lunch and project, or help with a project for seniors. Interested in knitting or crocheting? Stop by for tips and conversation.

Wednesdays

- Canasta - 10.00am -12.00noon Cost \$2.00
- Euchre - 1.00pm Cost \$3.00
- Mahjong - 1.00pm - 3.00pm Cost \$2.00

Thursdays

Thursdays - Rummikin - 1.00pm



Cost \$2.00

Fridays

- Carpet Bowls - 1.00pm Cost \$2.00

Delicious afternoon tea follows these activities.

Monthly meeting: next meeting is on 16th September 2025.

Riverside Plaza Stall - monthly - We will be in Riverside Plaza on Saturday 27th September.

Our FETE on Saturday 13th September, 1 Farrer Place, 9.00am-3.00pm. Raffle - Eight Prizes including an amazing handmade quilt by Queanbeyan Quilters, Gift vouchers from Coles (\$200), Bunnings (\$100), Harris Scarfe, June Licorice & chocolate

hamper, ice cream maker, electric knife and a gaming headset.

Riverside Plaza Stall monthly - We will be in Riverside Plaza on Saturday 27th September.

Membership \$20 for the first year, then \$10 annually.

New members very welcome.

Contact - Brenda on 0407 201 392 or Kim on 0407 902 989 or email - queanbeyanseniors@gmail.com or just drop in during opening times - Rear of 1 Farrer Place, Queanbeyan

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON AT ONE OF THESE ACTIVITIES

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Bungendore NSW

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Elm Grove Estate is an upmarket subdivision developed by the same group that created the original Jerrabomberra Estates, Gordon, Conder, Amaroo, Palmerston, Royalla and many more.

The developer's goal with each subdivision is to create larger lots at more affordable prices where you can design and build

your 'forever home' and create a lifestyle that the entire family can enjoy for many years to come.

By offering the Canberra region's largest residential blocks at the most affordable prices with lots beginning at 850sqm in size and increasing to 1,492sqm, the Estate has something for every family's needs.

At Elm Grove there are fewer building restrictions than in the ACT and the lots are situated on freehold land so there's no time limit to build, therefore you can take your time on crafting the perfect home to suit your family for the long term.

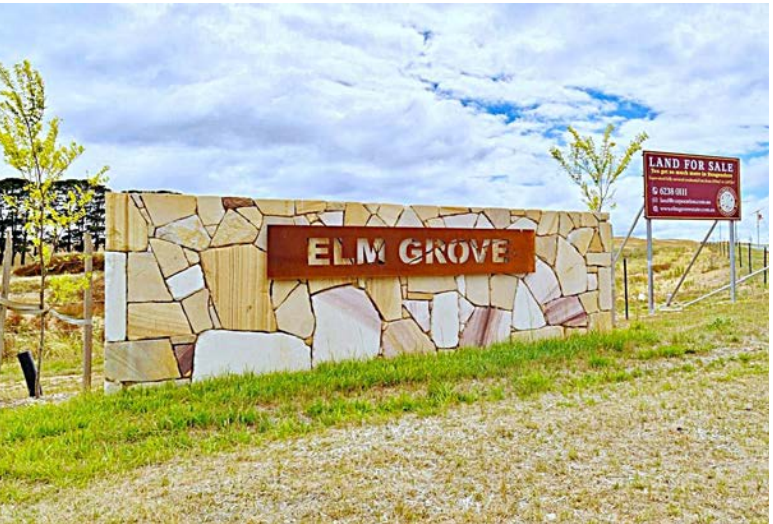
Exciting news: The NSW Department of Education has just begun construction of the new \$70M 'state-of-the-art' high school in Elm Grove Stage 2B located on Birchfield Drive.

The new high school is planned to be operational for the first term of 2027.

So whether you're wanting to upgrade your lifestyle or build your new forever home, Elm Grove Estate is your ideal development. Take advantage of the additional Home & Land Packages on offer with the option of choosing your own builder or work with some of the Canberra region's most experienced new-home building companies.

Elm Grove Estate are offering a September/October Spring promotion offering FREE STAMP DUTY with any purchase. So make the time to come and see why so many Canberra families are choosing Elm Grove Estate to build their new family home.

Stage 1 is sold out with Stage 2A now selling.



What's on offer 850sqm - 1,492sqm fully serviced lots

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11am to 3pm, follow the signs to Charlotte Place Bungendore.

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Curryolanus Wamboinus 2025

"If curry be the food of love, munch on" as my old pal Will Shakespeare so accurately put it. Thus, on Saturday, 16 August many of the citizens of our fair LGA and environs did just that - gathered at the Hall for the annual Wamboin Curry Night. It's simple really. You cook a curry, bring it along to the Hall and we eat it. The up side is you get to taste curries that others bring. That's called degustation (but don't be too degusting). You can bring other stuff, as well. Bottles of brewed, fermented

and spirituous liquors are also welcome but must be consumed in moderation. Containers of yoghurt-and-cucumber are always appreciated to soothe the assault on the taste buds (and everything else) of the extremely hot examples of this Subcontinental cuisine. Milds and mediums, thankfully, predominate. This year was one of our biggest evenings. The Hall was as full as a Beef Wellington Boot. It's a casual event. You don't have to dress up for a curry

and it's a shortish but happy evening. You need to bring your own glasses, plates and flatware. We do frown on drinking from bottles and eating with fingers. The good news was that Travis M didn't reprise the Carolina Reaper. The bad news was he introduced the Pink Tiger which produced many a red face and distended eye ball. The winning curries, judged by our Hon. Organiser Dave Hubbard, were: in 3rd place Kirby Clean's Basil Thai Coconut curry; in 2nd place Adrienne Greenwood's

South African Bobotie curry; and in 1st place Matt Hawke's Red Pork curry. Our thanks to Mr Hubbard for again staging this ancient event, entry to which is by gold coin donation to pay for hire of the Hall. Many thanks to all those willing hands who helped clean up the Hall and put the tables and chairs back. So think about joining us again next year on a Saturday in August. Larry King, karee khaane vaala
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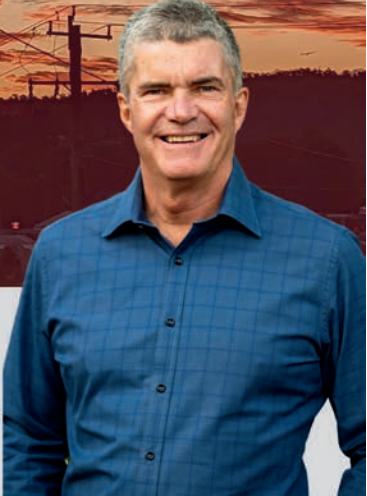
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Coding comes to Bungendore these Spring Holidays

This October school holidays, Bungendore students will have the chance to dive into the world of coding through a brand-new initiative: CodeWarrior Code Camps, hosted at the Carrington Inn.

The camps are designed for both primary (Years 3-6) and high school students (Years 7-12), giving them the opportunity to build games, create apps, and explore coding in a fun, hands-on way – or, for those with existing experience, to level up their skills.

Each camp day runs from 9am to 4pm, and students will be guided by

experienced developers who also have classroom-teaching experience.

Behind the initiative are two dads from Sydney’s Hills District, Simon Forwood and Philip Senger. Both bring decades of professional experience in software development and leadership, having held senior positions at organisations including Shopify, IBM, Macquarie Bank, and Infomedia. Their shared passion is making coding accessible, creative, and enjoyable for young people.

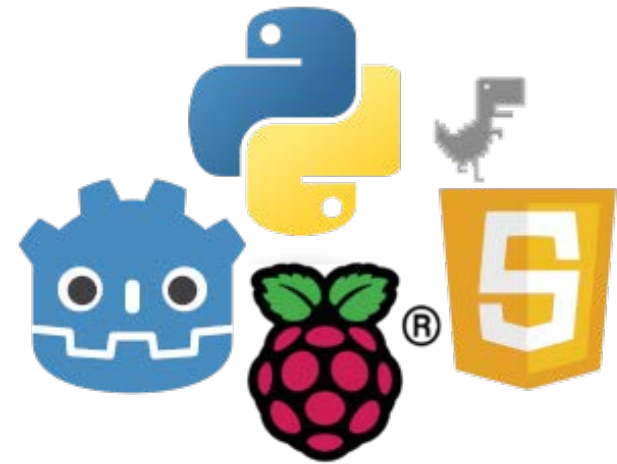
So why Bungendore? Simon explains: “I’ve had both family and long-time friends

living in Bungendore, and in conversations with the Carrington Inn team the idea came together. The Carrington’s conference space is an ideal venue, with an excellent teaching environment and great audio-visual capabilities, and we’re excited to collaborate in bringing this opportunity to the community.”

CodeWarrior camps are a brand-new initiative launching this spring in both Sydney’s Hills District and Bungendore. Alongside the student programs, CodeWarrior is also looking to engage senior high school students who are passionate

about coding to join as paid guides. These roles provide a chance for teenagers to gain real-world experience, share their skills, work alongside senior developers in a supportive environment – and get paid for it.

As part of the program, students will also be introduced to practical ways of using AI as a tool to support and enhance their coding – not replace it. The camps focus first on building strong foundations in coding, problem-solving skills, and confidence with core programming languages, so students can make the most of new technologies like AI.



“We’d love to see these camps become a regular part of the school holiday calendar if there’s community interest,” Simon says.

Registrations are now open, with limited places available. For more details, visit codewarriors.laudwords.com or contact Simon on 0424 458 380.

On time, space and whatever

Did you know that Einstein’s theories of Special and General Relativity don’t work at the quantum level? No, nor did your correspondent. But when I found out it set me thinking: what’s this quantum level all about and what’s going on there? It turns out the quantum level is the atomic and sub-atomic level of the universe i.e. the invisible universe. You can’t see it but with the right equipment - like electron microscopes and Large Hadron Colliders - you can detect it. To appreciate the rest of this thesis it’s important to know that in the visible universe (a) matter occupies physical space and has mass (b) time is a non spatial continuum to the future and (c) space is space, OK? What follows is mostly conjecture. It posits that in the invisible universe

time, space and matter is all the same thing. So put your brain under the seat and come with me for the ride.

Let’s start with the Big Bang which created the universe, according to astrophysicists/cosmologists (a free ride with SpaceX if you can tell the difference). It is a fundamental principle of science that matter cannot be created or destroyed. (Thank you Antoine Lavoisier, 1785.) But if matter cannot be created how did the universe come about? Answer = matter always existed at the quantum level. If not, no BB - a reaction between subatomic particles causing the massive explosion giving birth to the visible universe. What space did the newly-created universe occupy? Answer= a space which must have existed before the

BB. (The notion that the BB created its own space is a causal absurdity.) It follows that this space, which we shall call the Omniverse, already contained the compound of space, time and matter which formed our infant and expanding universe. It also follows that the quantum level is actually the Omniverse or contained within it. This opens the possibility of universes additional to our own, formed by other BBs within the Omniverse.

The existence of the Omniverse is not only an intelligible supposition but a logical necessity if we accept the premise of a cosmic singularity such as the BB. It is also a convenient answer to the questions: what are eternity and infinity? Once you’ve accepted the infinite size of the Omniverse it

is easier to contemplate something that always was and always will be. Furthermore, any scientific questions about how and when the Omniverse was created are not only absurd but futile: you are left with the prospect of a succession of even Bigger Bangs going back forever. In the Omniverse time, space and matter are meaningless individual concepts. They are just part of an eternal entity and have no existence separate to that entity. Like matter in our visible universe they can neither be created nor destroyed. All the time/space/matter we will ever need is already there and always was. As a unity they may be the Dark Matter that science is seeking. This thesis holds up even if we reject the BB theory. The universe simply becomes the



Omniverse which, of course, didn’t need a BB: it was always there.

I acknowledge that this theory lacks supporting mathematics: science demands empirical evidence, and in this case there is no equivalent to E=Mc2. Maybe the Year 12s at Bungendore High can help me out. Meanwhile, when you are sitting in the

Royal, contemplating eternity just remind yourself that you are made up of subatomic particles which have been hanging around forever and will still be hanging around long after your footnote in the page of history is lost in the archives. That should keep you humble.

Larry King, (theoretically)

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Pension wait has just got better

National Seniors Australia

A rare, good news story, although you’ll still have to wait a month to get the pension.

In early 2024, we brought you a story about older Australians applying for the Age Pension were increasingly out of pocket as the time it took Centrelink to process their applications and payments were blowing out month on month.

By February last year, Centrelink had a backlog of nearly 34,000 claims and the waiting time had blown out to an average 84 days.

Phone waiting time had also blown out to 30 minutes, sparking the comment from then Government Services Minister, Bill Shorten: “We’ve got a backlog of over a million payments,” he told the ABC. “I really want to get waiting times on phone calls down.

“But let’s give it the next six months. I don’t expect new staff to produce miracles.”

According to Centrelink, reasons for delays in claim processing include applicants not supplying all the necessary information or having complex financial affairs that need to be appropriately assessed through third parties.

The “new staff” Mr Shorten referred to were, at that time, a proposal to recruit 3,000 additional staff to bring the logjam under control.

The good news

It’s taken longer than six months, but it appears the extra public servants have got their feet under the desk and have contributed to chipping away at the wait-time figures.

The average time to process an Age Pension has been declining:

Jan-Mar 2024	84 days
Apr-June 2024	74 days
Jul-Sep 2024	49 days
Oct-Dec 2024	32 days

See the latest figures in the box, right.

In other good news, Commonwealth Seniors Health Card average processing time has also dropped - from 50 days to 22 days. Processing times for the Home Equity Access Scheme have gone from 76 days to 56 days.

Those of you planning to apply for the pension will note that there is still a waiting time of more than a month, and you should factor that into your application for the pension.

Whether this improvement can be sustained is uncertain given the hullabaloo around how to pay for the \$8.5 billion dollar Medicare bulk-billing funding promise by the government

and opposition.

The status of the public servants employed to address wait times could be uncertain.

The opposition says it will find the money, by slashing public service spending, including culling public servants, but not front-line staff.

Labor has not yet revealed how it plans to pay for it.

NSA believes that simplifying the pension system, e.g., by Letting Pensioners Work or by creating a Universal Pension, would help to reduce onerous administration costs associated with seniors’ interactions with Services Australia and Centrelink.

What to do

If your application is urgent and you are experiencing financial hardship, Centrelink suggests visiting one of its

offices in person.

It’s also worth remembering that you can submit your claim up to 13 weeks before you reach the Age Pension age of 67.

If you already get an eligible payment from Centrelink, they will write to you 13 weeks before you reach 67 to tell you how to transfer to the Age Pension.

For more information head to <https://nationalseniors.com.au>

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Update: Delays now even shorter

The Federal Government has announced further reductions in waiting times since this story was originally published in March 2025.

In a media release dated 4 September 2025, Finance Minister, Katy Gallagher, said Services Australia had received almost 4.2 million Medicare and Centrelink claims and over 10 million phone calls between April and June 2025, with extra staff helping to clear backlogs that developed in the wake of the pandemic.

Age Pension claims took an average 32 days in the April-June 2025 quarter, down from 74 in the same period in 2024, while Disability Support Pension claims are now taking average of 34 days, down from 96.

Community News

Bungendore High School shines at Queanbeyan District Arts Festival

Bungendore High School
Fifteen talented students from Years 7-9 proudly represented BHS at the Queanbeyan District

Arts Festival, held at the Canberra Theatre Centre. Their performance was built around the theme of working together, cooperation, and

building great things, and they certainly delivered on stage. The Vocal Ensemble opened with a moving rendition of I Wish I Was a Punk Rocker, followed by the Rock Band's high-energy mash-up Seven Sweet Dreams (Seven Nation Army meets Sweet Dreams). The performance closed with the Dance Ensemble's original piece Tribe, which showcased strength, connection, and teamwork. The students have been working hard throughout the year to prepare these



performances, and their dedication and effort were clear to see. We are very proud of how they represented our school at such a large regional event.

The ensembles are now turning their focus to the upcoming BHS Showcase on 23 September. Tickets are just \$5 (children under 5 free) and are available from the high

school's front office. This promises to be another wonderful celebration of the creativity and talent within our school community. Photos supplied

Have your say on the QPRC Waste Strategy 2025-2045 Sumbissions close 15 Sept 2025

QPRC
Waste Strategy 2025-2045
This Strategy has been prepared to guide waste and resource management over the next 20 years.

The Waste Strategy 2025-2045 has been prepared to to guide Council's waste and resource management over the next 20 years. The strategy aims to maximise landfill diversion and resource recovery. The Waste Strategy aims to:

- provide an overview of the existing waste management practices and services offered
- gauge community views on current and potential waste management options
- identify options for waste management and resource recovery across the whole LGA, while considering population growth, adequacy and longevity of existing waste infrastructure, urban encroachment and recognition of rural/remote service considerations
- develop key actions to help Council implement the Waste Strategy over a 20-year timeframe
- provide consistency with and the ability to meet the objective and ambitions of the NSW Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy 2041 and the Canberra Region Joint Organisation (CRJO) Regional Waste and Sustainable Materials

Strategy and Action Plan 2022-27 (CRJO Strategy), and Roadmap

- meet the objective of a sustainable, "clean green" community outlined in the QPRC 2017 Strategic Directions paper

Have your say

The draft Waste Strategy is open for community comment from Monday 4 August to Monday 15 September 2025. The draft strategy may be viewed:

- In the electronic Document Library on the Your Voice website page
 - At Council's Customer Service Centres, between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday
- Feedback can be provided on the draft strategy by:
- Completing an online submission form on the YourVoice website page
 - Emailing it directly to council@qprc.nsw.gov.au with the subject title Waste

Strategy

- Hand-writing your submission and delivering it to Council's Customer Service Centres
- Posting your submission to PO Box 90, Queanbeyan NSW 2620

Only written submissions will be considered and these must be received by Council before Monday 15 September 2025. Please note that any submissions received may be included in the final report to Council.

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Community News

Bungendore Bites: A Taste of Spring

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The Bungendore RFS were there to offer advice for the upcoming fire season. Captain Rob also celebrated a birthday. The kids loved the activity bags (see Annabel below right) and they were also on hand to rescue a few kites caught in the wind.

Caroline and her family had a great day, “Bungendore Bites was such a lovely family day out for us. Our toddler was absolutely transfixed with the gorgeous kites and even with a grey sky, the range of kites were excellent and so fun! The other activities on had something for all ages, with the RFS being our particular favorite!

“Can’t wait to come back again next year, the festival was the best way to farewell winter and welcome in spring!”

The Raio de Sol - Community Samba Band had everyone’s feet tapping with their distinctive fun beat. Kids and adults had fun learning a few tricks from Warehouse Circus. Bom Funk’s Australian Dance Creative wowed the crowd with their debut, high-energy performances. Kym

Degenhart, Director/Principal of Bom Funk Dance Studio said, “We had a great time at the event”. The dancers are heading off to Japan, where they will be performing in Tokyo and Osaka World Expo.

Mel from the Queanbeyan Veterans Hub said, “Thank you for the opportunity to attend the Bungendore Bites event. Since our opening in April, we have been engaged in the Queanbeyan/ ACT area and being able to attend your event saw us have more than 50 people attend our stand and extend our reach into the surrounding regional areas.”

The Bungendore Show Society also enjoyed the day. “It was lovely to have the opportunity to talk to people throughout the day,” the Society shared. President Ashley Meyer-Dilley added, “The kids loved the colouring-in competition.”

As the sun went down, so did the temperature – but the fire pits soon crackled to life, creating a cosy glow outside the marquee. Hitparade took to the stage and delivered a fantastic performance that everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Even

though the cold kept the crowd small, the atmosphere was warm, lively, and filled with music. The feedback was unanimous – the band was outstanding and a real highlight of the night.

Cr Mareeta Grundy said, “The strong turnout for Bungendore Bites shows just how much people value innovative, well-run events. The success gives us a strong foundation to build on – making Bungendore a destination for locals and visitors alike.

“It has set a fantastic benchmark for what we can achieve together, and I’m confident this event will grow into a much-loved tradition for Bungendore.”

This event was proudly funded by QPRC and the Community Bank Bungendore.

Sharon Baxter-Judge



Community News

Native Bee Hotels

Thanks to the Bungendore Men's Shed: Gary, Graham and Laurie for overseeing the native bee hotels. Kids had a great time making their own native bee hotels.

Congratulations to winners: Daevlin, Hugo, Owen, Ebben, Lavanea and Ethan.

Gary Harb - President

Bungendore Men's Shed said "The Bungendore Men's Shed lads were glad to help out at such a fabulous community event as the Bungendore Bites.

"It was a delight to see so many artistic minds from 6 to 15 years of age beautifully decorate native bee hotels to help the bee housing shortage."



- Massive thank you to co-coordinators Christine (legend) and Councillor Mareeta Grundy.
- We would like to thank our sponsors and our supporters:
- ◇ Barlens - for their generous sponsorship
 - ◇ Rotary Club of Bungendore - for assisting in the set up and pack up
 - ◇ Bungendore RFS - for assisting in the set up and pack up
 - ◇ Chloe - Phils Op Shop - for the speaker and mich
 - ◇ Bungendore Men's Shed - for assisting with the Native Bee Hotels (especially Graham for his painting expertise prior to the day)
 - ◇ Bungendore Crafters - for volunteering at the craft table
 - ◇ Bungendore Bowling & Sports Club - for the use of their amazing fire pits
 - ◇ Bungendore Rugby Union Football Club - for tending the bar
 - ◇ Bungendore Mitre 10 - for sponsoring the native bee hotels
 - ◇ Bungendore Show Society - for the free family passes to the show
 - ◇ EnviroAg & Gidleigh Station - for the wood
 - ◇ IGA Bungendore - for the hoodies
 - ◇ Bungendore Seniors Association Inc
- This event was proudly funded by QPRC and the Community Bank Bungendore.

Craft Creations

Thanks to members of the Bungendore Crafters who volunteered to assist at the craft table. Such care was taken to make their creations "It was lovely to see how much the children enjoyed making the wands and to see the joy of them dancing, running and spinning with their wands throughout the day," Teresa said, "One little girl who wore all red made an all-red wand to match her outfit."

Thalia added, "It was a time for our volunteers to spend working with the younger generation of

people in Bungendore, sharing something that ties them together- creativity and a love of craft. Congratulations on a successful day".

Below: Ali was kept busy at her face-painting table



Highlights

The feedback from our vendors speaks for itself – Bungendore Bites created a lively, welcoming atmosphere that supported regional business's and brought the community together.

Peter - CapriZ's Italian

"We had a great day last Saturday. We really enjoyed it – there was nothing at all we couldn't fault. We thought it was a well-organised event and it was awesome to see

the community out and about, supporting local events like these. More events like this would be fantastic all year round."

Tammy and Troy - Pop Up Poffertjes

"It was a brisk, fresh day in Bungendore, and the local community turned out to show their support, keeping us busy from morning through to night. Our poffertjes with hot cinnamon

apples proved to be the crowd favourite, warming bellies throughout the day. As the evening chill set in, fire pits crackled and the atmosphere came alive with the fabulous sounds of the band. Thank you to the organisers for creating such a wonderful event. We look forward to returning again."

Grace and Sonya - Bean Corner

"What a fantastic event the Bungendore Bites and Kites was. It was encouraging to see so many families come to take part in the activities of the day. Well done Bungendore!"

Bryan and Lucy for Clark and Kealey Distilling

"Bungendore Bites was a great opportunity to showcase our local artisan gin products and we felt we could spend time with patrons to explain how our unique botanical combinations paired with different tonics."



Community News

Stage 1 of Braidwood Heritage Centre secured with additional \$590,000 from Bendigo Bank Braidwood and Bungendore

The Bendigo Bank Braidwood and Bungendore have provided a grant of \$590,000 to make sure Stage 1 of the Braidwood Heritage Centre will be completed.

Bendigo Bank's Community Manager Nick Fry said that they were excited to partner with the historical society.

'Once completed, the heritage centre will showcase Braidwood and the district to travellers from around the region. The project has been driven by the local community, and the bank is proud to support community to make this possible.'

At Council's meeting on 13 August, Council endorsed supporting the project by donating \$188,945 to cover the development application fees and section 64 contributions for the project.

'Council looks forward to the Heritage Centre being a tourism boost for the local economy and adding to the many reasons to visit and stay in Braidwood,' said

Mayor Kenrick Winchester.

'Council's support, alongside the generous donation from Bendigo Bank, means that the first stage can be successfully completed.'

President of the Braidwood and District Historical Society, Peter Smith said that the additional funding means the homestay accommodation can be completed and be a usable space.

'We will have 6 rooms with ensuites, including an accessible room, shared kitchen, dining, lounge and laundry,' Peter said.

'The additional funding will see completion of the new accessible entrance to the state heritage listed museum building providing reception area, museum shop, staff toilets and kitchenette. The addition of air conditioning will provide year-round comfort as well as assisting the preservation of sensitive artifacts.'

'We are still eager to pursue opportunities for Stage 2 of the project, which would



make the whole concept economically viable. Stage 2 would include artisan studios, café and exhibition space, heritage centre toilets, blacksmith workshop, and landscaping between the museum and homestay.'

Braidwood and District Historical Society Vice President John Stahel

said 'The community bank and Council's significant contribution has given hope to the volunteers who have worked tirelessly to get the project this far. We look forward to securing funds to ensure the precinct is finished and can operate as planned.'

The Braidwood and District

Historical Society have dedicated thousands of volunteer hours, across many years, to bring this project to life.

Braidwood & District Historical Society secured \$3.75 million from the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund, jointly funded by the Australian and

NSW Governments for the Heritage Centre project.

Photo supplied of Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council Mayor Kenrick Winchester and Cr Bill Waterhouse with Bendigo Bank's Craig Pettit, Susi Pluess, Alex Rofe, Nick Fry, and Braidwood and District Historical Society's Peter Smith and John Stahel.

\$8,000 Prize Pool in Queanbeyan's Shop & Win

The popular Shop & Win campaign continues. Running 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. 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 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

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Getting through the wealth plateau

 by Phil Harvey
For many families, hitting your 40s with a strong income feels like success. You've worked hard, bought a home, and life is busy with school runs, weekend sport, and the occasional family holiday. But here's the surprising thing: even with a household income of \$400,000 or more, many families aren't wealthy. They've reached what I call the wealth plateau. Good disposable income but not building wealth as well as they could. Let's meet one such family... Bandit and Chilli
Bandit (42) earns \$260,000 a year as an IT contractor, while Chilli (40) brings in \$140,000. Together they earn \$400,000. Their Brisbane home is worth \$1.4 million with a \$400,000 mortgage. They've got \$700,000 in super between them, and they can easily manage to put \$5,000 a month into their offset which is a healthy \$120,000. They could increase this to \$10,000 if they tried. On paper, they look set. But after school fees, family holidays, groceries, and the daily juggle of raising Bluey

(15) and Bingo (9), Bandit and Chilli often feel like they're running hard but standing still.
Why the Wealth Plateau Happens
1. Lifestyle creep. As income grows, spending often follows. New cars, more travel, and the best for the kids – all good things, but they eat into wealth-building.
2. Focusing only on debt. Paying off the mortgage feels safe, but it doesn't grow wealth by itself.
3. Investing too little. With money sitting in cash or offset accounts, families miss out on compounding growth.
This isn't laziness or mismanagement – it's just the natural result of busy, successful family life.
Breaking Through the Plateau
The good news? With discipline and a clear plan, families like Bandit and Chilli can break through the plateau and aim for a \$5 million portfolio (including super) by age 55. Here's how:
Step 1: Define the end goal. For Bandit and Chilli, it's financial independence at 55 – enough to choose whether to keep working or not. That means building \$3.5m in today's dollars which in 13

years will be about \$5 million. That's more than enough for them to clear the mortgage and provide a tax-free income of \$120,000 a year for life.
Step 2: Put the mortgage in perspective. At \$300,000, their home loan is manageable. Yes, keep paying it down, but don't let it stop you from investing.
Step 3: Dave and invest consistently. By investing \$5,000 monthly into Exchange Traded Funds held in Chilli's name (and starting with \$100,000 from the offset account) they will be able to retire at 55.
Getting an 8% annual return (and reinvesting it), this will grow into more than \$1.3m in 13 years. This will be more than enough to pay off the rest of the mortgage and have enough left over to fund their lifestyle until they reach 60.
Step 4: Supercharge super. With \$700,000 already in super, salary sacrificing up to the concessional cap can grow this to over \$2.8m by the time they are 55. Even more if they used the unused concessional contributions this year instead of investing the \$100,000 into ETFs!
If they were able to save and

make an additional after-tax contribution to super of \$50,000 a year, their super would be worth \$3.8 million in 13 years. Job done!
The Bottom Line
High incomes don't guarantee wealth – intentional strategy does. Bandit and Chilli show that even with swimming lessons, weekend playdates, and family holidays, a \$5m future is within reach for most professionals.
If you're in your 40s, the next decade is your most powerful wealth-building window. Don't waste it.
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QPRC
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• Local pet rescue groups and supporting representative stalls
• Free microchipping 11-3pm (limited to one person per family) each pet after \$15 per microchip
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You've no doubt seen Scams Awareness Week in the media and in the hundreds of social media posts created by many different organisations and individuals, but it's important that these messages reach beyond this week.

Stay protected everyday

We can include these memorable steps in our everyday lives to keep us all 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.

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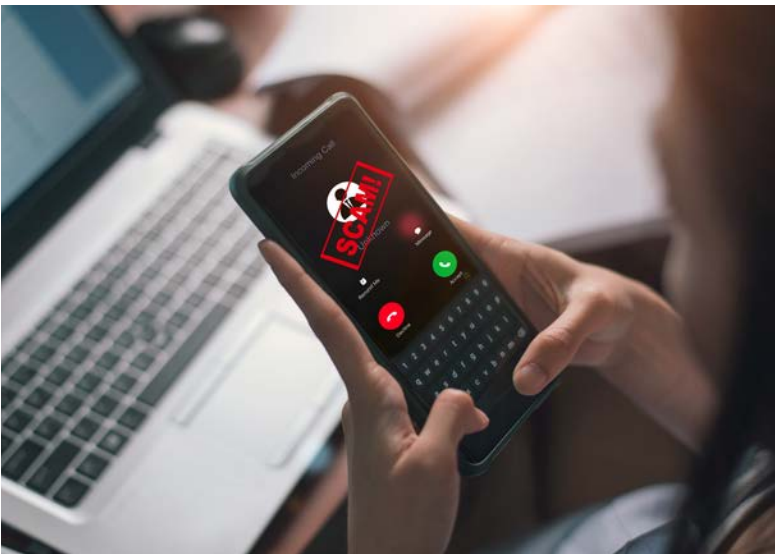
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Beyond the scales: New CSIRO study reveals what you really gain from losing weight

CSIRO study shows weight loss linked with higher life satisfaction, better physical and emotional wellbeing, and improved lifestyle.

A new study from CSIRO, Australia's national science agency, has found the benefits of weight loss extend well beyond the scales with nearly 90 per cent of survey respondents who lost over 15kg reporting improved health, wellbeing and energy levels.

With much already known about the clinical risk factors associated with obesity, the study focused on the broader physical, emotional and financial benefits of losing weight through the CSIRO Total Wellbeing Diet.

The survey of 1,300 past and present CSIRO Total Wellbeing Diet Members found that those who achieved greater weight loss reported greater improvements to their quality of life.

Seventy-two per cent of members who lost at least 5kg, reported improvements in their health and satisfaction with life following weight loss success.

whole outlook on life."

Eighty-seven per cent of members living with obesity also reported living with at least one chronic health condition. Management of their condition was found to improve with weight loss.

64% of members with type 2 diabetes reported an improvement in their condition, with 12% reporting they no longer had it

40% of members experienced improvements in their mental health, blood pressure and cholesterol

32% of members managing a chronic condition reported a reduced reliance on medication and associated costs

30% of members reported improvements in chronic pain, osteoporosis, sleep apnoea, and arthritis

Particularly interesting among the findings was the shift in spending away from less healthy choices such as convenience snacks, takeaway, dining out and alcohol

with people spending \$315 less a month. Instead, people reported spending a bit more on healthier choices like groceries and physical exercise, about \$325 a month.

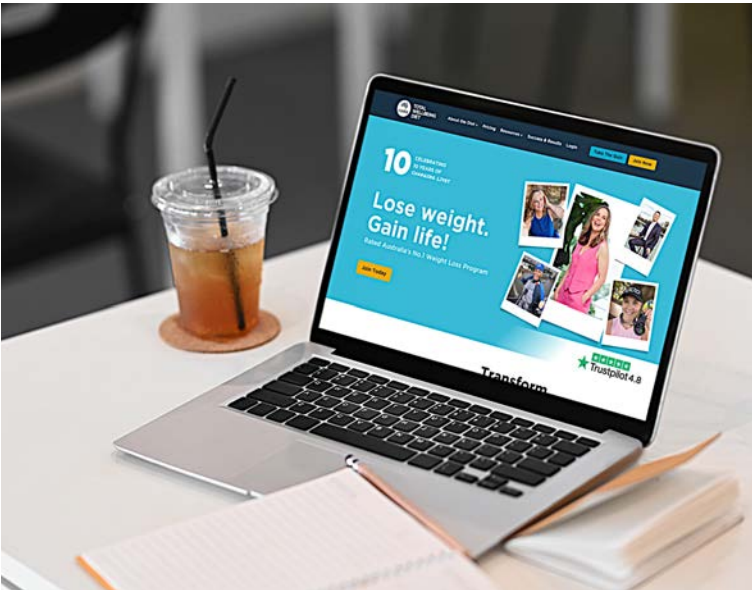
"What's really exciting is seeing how weight loss influences everyday choices, from eating better and getting more active, to investing more on healthier habits," Dr Hendrie said.

"It's a reflection of a lifestyle shift, not just a short-term diet and shows that choosing a healthier lifestyle doesn't have to cost more, it just means spending differently.

"With current estimates putting two in three Australian adults as being overweight or obese, we have so much to gain as a population from supporting Australians to eat well and live fuller lives."

Learn how to get the most out of your health journey with the CSIRO Total Wellbeing Diet's free weight loss calculator at CSIRO Total Wellbeing Diet.

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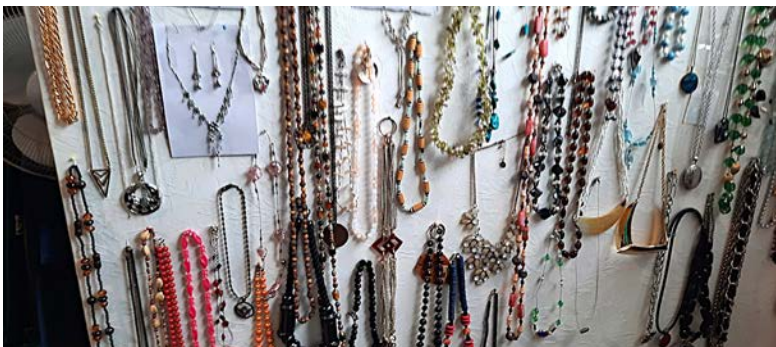
Additional benefits commonly reported by members included improved energy levels, body image, mobility, self-confidence, vitality and mood.

Lead researcher, Dr Gilly Hendrie, said the findings highlight the truly holistic impact that weight loss has on people's lives.

"This study shows that weight loss can deliver so much more than a number on a scale," Dr Hendrie said.

"It has the power to transform how people feel, move, live, and even how they spend. The flow-on effect of improved health, mood, and confidence can change someone's

Queanbeyan Uniting Church Jumble Sale



The Queanbeyan Uniting Church Jumble Sale is as popular as ever.

It is the go-to place to find a good bargain!

We pride ourselves on being one of the cheapest places around to buy things such as clothing, household goods, toys, craft items, blankets, cushions, jewellery, crocheted items, crockery, vases, frames, books, pictures and some furniture....the list goes on.

And we go on doing our best to serve the community during these difficult times, helping people to recycle and repurpose goods that would otherwise end up in landfill.

The Jumble Sale is good for the environment and good for you.

So come on down to the corner of Rutledge and Crawford Street.

We are open from 9am to 12pm.

And don't forget to call into 'The Shed' (located in foyer of the Church) for a cuppa, cake and chat!

2025 Dates:

- 27th September
- 25th October
- 22nd November

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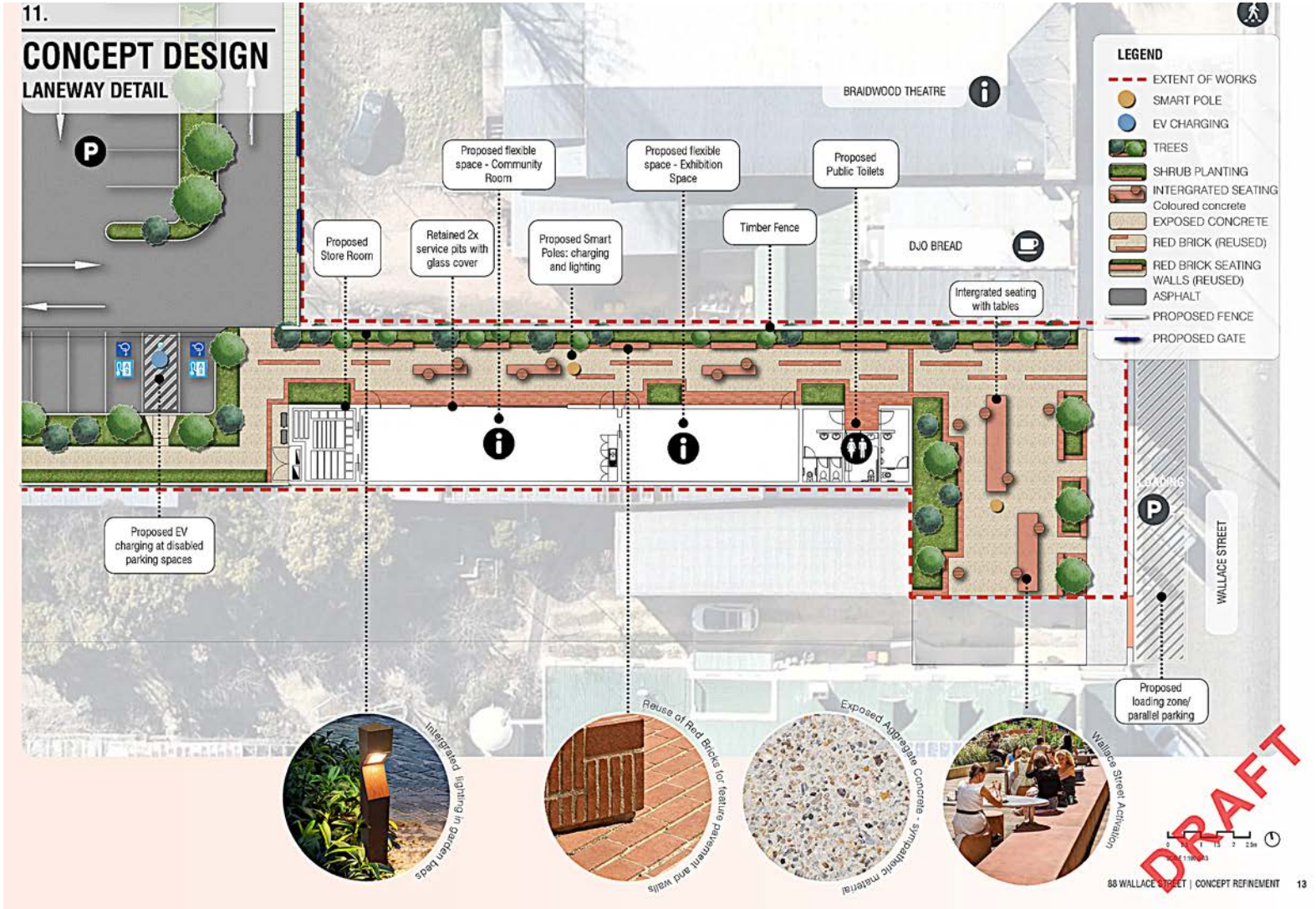
Concept plan redevelopment 88 Wallace Street Braidwood now open for comment

QPRC
We are planning to redevelop 88 Wallace St and some of the Council Depot site to create a small carpark and a pedestrian link to Wallace Street.

We are planning to redevelop 88 Wallace St and some of the Council Depot site to create a small carpark and a pedestrian link to Wallace St. It would provide greater carparking options for locals and tourists as well as provide some additional community space. This is the first stage of a long-term plan to relocate the Depot and convert the rest of the site into more carparking and new housing blocks.

The works are funded with \$3m under the Australian Government's Investing in our Communities Program, \$1.4m under the NSW Regional Housing Fund and Council Section 94 Contributions. The current project includes:

- Decontamination and renewal of the 88 Wallace Street site (the site was previously use as a service station and workshop)
- Construction of a small car park (approximately 25 car spaces) on part of 88 Wallace Street and part of Council's existing operations depot.
- Disabled parking
- Single lane access off Duncan Street to the north through the laneway (future expansion will include two-lane access from Ryrie Street)
- Pedestrian access from Wallace Street through the old D&S Motors site
- Maintaining access to the rear of the shops and National Theatre on the laneway
- Public toilets



- New water, sewage, and stormwater infrastructure
 - Smart infrastructure such as CCTV, smart lighting, solar panels, EV charging station, free wi-fi and power for events
 - Addressing any heritage requirements including repurposing materials with a view to pay tribute to the historical use of the site.
- The current project doesn't include design or planning for the future

depot relocation.
Have your say
Concept plans for the Redevelopment of 88 Wallace Street are open for community comment from Monday 1 September until Monday 29 September 2025. This can also be viewed:
At Council's Customer Service Centres, between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday
Feedback can be provided on the

- proposed name by:
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Only written submissions will be considered and these must be received by Council before Monday 29 September 2025. Any submissions received may be included in the final report to Council.
<https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au/redevelopment-88-wallace-street-braidwood>
Above: one draft concept design available to view

Donald Bradman's 1946-47 Ashes series cap now on display

An historic cricket cap worn by the world's greatest batsman, Sir Donald Bradman, during the 1946-47 Ashes tour of Australia, has been acquired by the National Museum of Australia in Canberra. Famously averaging an unbeaten 99.94 runs in Test matches, Bradman captained the Australian team in the 1946-47 series, which was the first to be played between Australia and England after the Second World War. Cricket had been far from front of mind during the long war years, and the Test series represented something of a return to normality for Australians and ushered in a period of cricketing dominance. The baggy green cap was acquired by the National Museum for \$438,550, with the support of the Australian Government through the National Cultural Heritage Account, which contributed half of the cost. Minister for the Arts, the Hon Tony Burke MP, said the purchase safeguards an important piece of our national history for future

generations.
"You'd be hard-pressed to meet an Australian that hasn't heard of the great Donald Bradman, arguably the greatest cricketer of all time."
"Now to have one of his iconic baggy greens in the National Museum of Australia means visitors will have the opportunity to get up close and connect with our sporting and cultural history."
National Museum director, Katherine McMahon, thanked the Australian Government for its financial support to purchase this iconic piece of Australian cricket history.
"Sir Donald's baggy green marks the life of Australia's most celebrated batsman and reflects a time when sporting heroes gave Australians hope, following the heartbreak and hardship of the Second World War."
"We are delighted this national treasure has found a home here at the National Museum of Australia for all Australians to enjoy," Ms

McMahon said.
The cap will go into the Museum's National Historical Collection and is one of just 11 Bradman baggy greens known to exist. The cap will be on display in the Museum's recently reopened Landmarks gallery, which explores the

moments and objects that help define the nation's history from 1770 to the present day.
The baggy green will sit alongside other Bradman memorabilia at the Museum including an autographed bat from the first Test Match at Trent Bridge, Nottingham, during

the 1934 Ashes series won by Australia, and the ball bowled by First Nations cricketer Eddie Gilbert (Kanju) when he dismissed Bradman for a duck in a Sheffield Shield match in 1931.
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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.



Skin check truck: coming to Braidwood and Bungendore

"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.>



AUSTRALIA'S SKIN CHECK TRUCK IS HITTING THE ROAD!

The Australian Skin Cancer Foundation is proud to partner with the **Bendigo Bank Community Branches** of Pambula, Bega, Bateman's Bay, Milton, Sanctuary Point, Braidwood, Bungendore and Crookwell.



DATES AND STOPS

- 23 SEPT - PAMBULA	- 24 SEPT - BEGA	- 26 SEPT - BATEMANS BAY	- 29 SEPT - MILTON
- 30 SEPT - SANCTUARY POINT	- 02 OCT - BRAIDWOOD	- 03 OCT - BUNGENDORE	- 07 OCT - CROOKWELL

By taking part, you're prioritising your health and helping us raise awareness of skin cancer prevention. **Appointments are quick, confidential, and could be life-saving.**

SCAN THE QR CODE TO FIND OUT MORE AND BOOK YOUR FREE APPOINTMENT



AUSTRALIANSKINCANCERFOUNDATION.ORG



2025 RAFFLE
\$14,502 PRIZE POOL!

8 PRIZES TO BE WON

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\$25 PER TICKET

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\$6,630 Luxury Stay at Jamala Wildlife Lodge
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and more!



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Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Googong Township Eastern Boundary Amendment Planning Proposal

A planning proposal to amend the zonings and mappings in the Googong Township is on public exhibition.

The amendments seek to:

1. Rezone all the land within the Pink Tail Worm Lizard Conservation Area to C2 Environmental Conservation
2. Minor adjustments to zone boundaries to align with future development areas, with Yellow Box Reserve rezoned to C2 Environmental Conservation
3. Amend minimum lot size map
4. Amend Googong foreshore buffer area to align with zone boundaries

► Have your say by Tuesday 23 September at yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au

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

Notices and documents required to be advertised under NSW planning legislation can be viewed at bit.ly/DPnotices

Animal Management Facility Open Day



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.

► More info: www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/animal-management-open-day

Draft Waste Management Strategy 2025-2045

We are seeking feedback on the Draft Waste Management Strategy 2025-2045.

This strategy is about improving how we manage waste and reducing what goes to landfill.

The draft strategy considers the unique waste needs of both rural and urban areas in Queanbeyan-Palerang.

► Have your say by Mon 15 Sep at yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au

Have Your Say

Projects & initiatives open for community comment	Closing Date
Googong Township Open Spaces naming	11 September
Naming of Alma Bridge - Ballalaba	11 September
Naming of Bungendore Community Centre	11 September
Waste Strategy 2025-2045	15 September
Googong Township Eastern Boundary Adjustment	23 September
Naming of Ellerton Drive Bridge	25 September
A series of policies including: Road Names Policy, Statement of Business Ethics, Green Cleaning Policy, Potable and Recycled Water Policy, Waterwise Policy, Equal Employment Opportunity Policy, Sporting Gallery Policy	25 September
Redevelopment 88 Wallace Street Braidwood	29 September

► Find all the details at www.yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au

Submissions can be made:

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

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:

- 10 September (Queanbeyan)
- 24 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.

Disaster Volunteering Drop-in information sessions

Are you someone who might be able to help during or after a disaster, who could volunteer in some way to help impacted community members?

We are holding a series of drop-in information sessions to talk about volunteers during disasters. We'd love to have your input.

Sessions are:

- Captains Flat, 15 September 2-4pm,
- Queanbeyan, 15 September, 6-8pm
- Burra, 16 September 2-4pm
- Jerrabomberra, 16 September, 6.30-8.30pm
- Araluen, 17 September, 2-4pm
- Braidwood, 17 September, 6-8pm
- Queanbeyan, 18 September, 2-4pm
- Bungendore, 18 September, 6-8pm

► Find all the details about each session at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/events

Work with Council

Current vacancies include:

- Eastern Senior Pool Attendants
- SEWOL Inspector
- Project Officer - Land Matters

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



Local Heritage Grants applications open

Applications for the 2025 round of heritage grants are open. This provides support on dollar-for-dollar basis for minor works. To apply, you need to:

- Own a heritage-listed property or be in a listed conservation area
- Have support from Council's Heritage Advisors
- Have approved Minor Works application
- Have two quotes for proposed works

► Find out more at bit.ly/local-heritage-grants

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Puzzles

Quick Time Crossword

1			2	3		4	5	6	
			7						
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		11							
12	13					14	15		16
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	26								
27					28				

- Across
- 1 Artillery salute (5)
4 Traveller's bundle (4)
- 7 Concurs (6)
8 Make amends (5)
10 Tidy (4)

- 11 Turns away (5)
12 Historical period (3)
14 Dash (4)
17 Blockhead (4)
19 Compass point (init) (3)
20 Gathers as a harvest (5)
23 Long detailed story (4)
25 Machine for shaping wood (5)
26 Hanging tuft of threads (6)
27 Network (4)
28 Chairs (5)
- Down
- 1 Was merciful to (6)
2 Weathercock (4)
3 S-shaped moulding (4)
4 Inward feeling (5)
5 Tiny (3)
6 Yoga positions (6)
9 Egg-shaped (4)
13 Turn (6)
15 For fear that (4)
16 Stair handrail posts (6)
18 Rubbish (5)
21 Beverages (4)
22 Wan (4)
24 Fuel (3)

Target Time

E	I	R
R	U	A
L	R	G

Target: Average - 8,
Good - 12, Excellent - 15+

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

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

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

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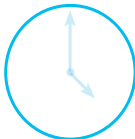
- Across
- 1 Yuletide
6 Winter fare (5,4)
11 Finally reach (3,2)
12 Court officer
14 Bell
15 Hymn of praise
17 Refreshing
18 Riotous festivities
19 Neighbour of Libya
21 Box
23 During the time that
24 Alternative route
26 Uncanny
- 29 Melody
30 Make a date (3,3)
32 Surpass in sales
35 Baseball shot (4,3)
37 Badly ventilated
38 Male horse
41 Roof of the mouth
42 Sailing ships
45 Scandinavian
47 Marijuana (coll)
49 Too
50 Prisoner held as surety
52 Action word
- 54 Recommend
57 Radius
58 Reconcile
59 Medicine bottle
60 Profanity
61 Two weeks
- Down
- 1 Work party
2 Discount
3 Suspected
4 Source of an artist's inspiration
5 Background
6 Aloofness
- 7 Invalid
8 Peasant (coll)
9 Femur
10 Wednesday, eg
13 Worry
16 High mountain
20 Exchange
22 Degrading
25 Foot soldiers
27 Walkway
28 Throw into disorder
31 Accuracy
33 Paying guest
34 Spoilt child
- 36 Distance marker
39 Pounding
40 Prop up
41 Applauds
43 Amaze
44 Chirp
46 Aussie farewell
48 Adam's partner
51 Sorrow
53 Low dam
55 Fright
56 Flutter

Brain Alert

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

Hidden Numbers 073
Work out the hidden numbers.

1. 326 - (811- 693) = ? = ? x 4
2. 12 x 7 + 14 = ? = 2 x ?
3. 7 x 2 x 7 x 2 = ?
4. 9 - 1 + 25 = ? = ? ÷ 11



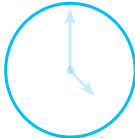
Scrambled 143
Unscramble the following letters to reveal the names of European cities.

1. rapsi
2. ceenorlf
3. lernib
4. neaivn
5. heangenpoc
6. neaths



Sudoku 141
Enter the numbers 3-6 in each row, column and 2x2 square, in each combination there should be only one of each number.

5			
		3	
6	5		



- Hidden Numbers
1. 208, 52 2. 98, 49
3. 196 4. 33, 363
- Scrambled
1. Paris
2. Florence
3. Berlin
4. Vienna
5. Copenhagen
6. Athens

5	3	6	4
4	6	3	5
6	5	4	3
3	4	5	6

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Gorgeous colour

PET OF THE WEEK



Name: Bannock

Age: 2

Likes: The ball, belly rubs

and loves to run

Dislikes: Noises in the dark and being told “no”

Claim to fame: Just being utterly adorable and so pretty!

Daffodil day in Bungendore raises \$2284.00

A huge thank you for a wonderful effort to my community for making Daffodil Day such a success.

We were sold out of 100 bunches of daffodils in 2 hours.

Thank you to Paul from Bungendore Butchery for giving me permission to have a stall outside his shop, to Sharon for advertising, my volunteers Connie, Genevieve, Noela, Tina & Heather.

Thank you to Phil’s Emporium & Sarah at The Malbon.

Everyone that came along and braved the weather, which wasn’t very kind.

Thank you Everyone from the bottom of my heart. Could not do it without you.

Cheers,

Pauline Segeri



CAPTAIN BUNGENDORE



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AND INVIGORATES.
It CAN even IMPROVE
NEUROPLASTICITY,
memory AND
mental
ALERTNESS.

JAC

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

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lionsofqueanbeyan/>

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 11 September, 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



Free legal advice appointments
A solicitor from South Coast and Country Community Law will be visiting your area for in person legal appointments.
When: Tues 16th September 2025
Where: The Hive, 274 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan
Times: Between 9:30am to 1pm
Appointments are essential - please call 1800 229 529
What problems can South Coast and Country Community Law help with?
Family Law - Separation, parenting, property, divorce, child support, Employment, Tenancy, Victims Support, Credit and Debt, Centrelink Issues, Power of Attorney and Guardianship documents, Consumer Issues, Penalty Notices, Court Attendance Notices for speeding, licence, registration or alcohol/drug driving, Neighbourhood Disputes, Domestic and Family Violence Orders, Personal Violence
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We are hiring, join our team! We are seeking dependable, friendly individuals to join our team. Casual, part-time and full-time hours are available. Experience is preferred, but training may be provided for the right candidates. Positions available: Barista, Cook, Sales. Submit your Expressions of Interest / CV to Eric@ericsfoodvan.net

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 www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/dogs-for-adoption/dozer Dozer is a senior pet. Approx 10 years old. He has been in the Shelter since 6 March and is currently the longest serving "inmate" of the Pound. He'd really, really love to find a forever family		Dogs Available for Adoption Link: www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/adopt Every dog deserves a loving safe forever home A dog's love can make even the worst days so much better.	
Just 1 lovely pooch currently looking for a new home at the QPRC AMF (as of 6 Sept) www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Services/Animals/Find-Animals-For-Sale-Adoption-and-Lost-Pets			
 Ref No. 45 "Maxi", Border Collie, Male, Approx 12 months This shy little guy needs a calm/patient home. He hasn't had much exposure to life so far and everything is new to him. He needs an owner experienced with nervous dogs, who will dedicate time & training to socialise him well. The AMF is located Cnr Old Sydney Rd & Ellerton Dr Qbn. Ph 6285 6269 Rehoming No. R251000189			
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BY COUNTRY WOMEN



Double your impact this September & October

Every donation to the BDEF will be matched dollar for dollar by the Country Education Foundation during September and October!

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- Online

Link below for more information:
<http://cef.org.au/Braidwood>





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
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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.

Bungendore Bridge Club

Bungendore School of Arts, Gibraltar Street, Bungendore

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

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

Carwoola Rural Fire Brigade: Get Ready Day

Mark your calendars for Get Ready Weekend on 20 & 21 September 2025.

Join Carwoola Rural Fire Brigade on Sunday 21 Sep at the Carwoola RFS Shed between 9am and 1 pm to learn how you can prepare for bush fire season. Where: Gathering Pl, Carwoola



Queanbeyan VIEW Club News

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Our next luncheon meeting will be held on Thursday the 18th of September - 12 for 12.30 at the Tourist Hotel, Monaro Street Queanbeyan.

The guest speaker will be Judy Carmody, Boots on the Ground, mental health programme. RAMHP.

Ladies are welcome to join us in fun and friendship and to support The Smith Family and Learning for Life students.

RSVP to Sue by Sunday the 14th on 0448 427 237 or queanbeyanview@gmail.com

Braidwood Lions Antique Fair

Fri 3 to Sun 5 Oct

The Braidwood Lions Club is running its annual Antique Fair from Friday 3 to Sunday 5 October in the Braidwood National Theatre. For sale will be antiques, collectables, bric-a-brac, linen, porcelain, jewellery, vintage clothes, and furniture.



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

Congratulations to Bungendore, which was officially named Australia's Top Small Tourism Town for 2025! This prestigious award, announced at the national awards ceremony at Australian Parliament House, celebrates the town's unique charm and strong commitment to providing an unforgettable visitor experience. It is brilliant to receive this recognition on the national stage, and we hope this will encourage even more visitors to come and discover what makes Bungendore special.



The Queanbeyan Shop & Win promotion is your chance to win big while supporting local businesses. From Monday 25 August through to Friday 3 October, receive an entry ticket for transactions worth \$20 or more at a participating business. With more than 85 businesses participating in the Queanbeyan CBD, there are countless opportunities to enter, from dining to shopping and health, wellbeing, and professional support. The prizes include \$500 prizes each week, and a final \$5,000 prize at the end of the promotion. The prizes will be spent locally at participating businesses. The first winner was drawn on 29 August, and the winner has already organised to spend their \$500 prize in a local business. Enter your details and the unique code on your ticket at www.treasuretrail.com.au/win to enter.

Are you someone who might be able to help during or after a disaster, who could volunteer in some way to help impacted community members? Or have you experienced a disaster and volunteered in the past? If so, we'd love to hear from you. We are holding a series of drop-in information sessions to talk about volunteers during disasters. There are sessions in Captains Flat, Queanbeyan, Burra, Jerrabomberra, Araluen, Braidwood, and Bungendore. Council has received funding from the NSW Government through the Supporting Spontaneous Volunteers Program to develop a plan to coordinate informal volunteers during and after disasters. Find all the details on our website at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/events.

We are seeking feedback on draft concept designs for the redevelopment of 88 Wallace Street in Braidwood, the old D&S Motors site. The redevelopment will create a small car park and a pedestrian link to Wallace Street. We are seeking feedback about the location of public toilets, the treatment of the in-ground car pits, the landscaping at the front of the block, and more. Read more about the project, look at the concept images, and have your say at yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au/redevelopment-88-wallace-street-braidwood

Cr Kenrick Winchester, Mayor

Target Time

Target: Average - 8, Good - 12, Excellent - 15+

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Sudoku

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Puzzle Solutions

Quick Time Crossword

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Crossword

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Sport

Sponsors Round for Local Soccer Kicks Off!

BUFC
Bungendore United Football Club (BUFC) are in their eleventh season and continue to offer grassroots soccer programs for local junior athletes. In 2025, BUFC have 220 players ranging in age from four to fourteen years. At their most recent round of games, committee members and families welcomed BUFC's biggest supporters for a special SPONSORS ROUND on Saturday 23rd August.

After postponement due to a washout weekend, it was fantastic to see Bungendore Sports Hub come to life over Saturday morning with many novelty events on offer. Their characteristic 'Community Soccer' program was extended beyond targeted drills and inter-club soccer matches to include sideline entertainment such as tug-of-war, giant bubbles, colour-in competitions, face painting and specialty catering courtesy of Gunnadoo Bakery, Mellabella Gelato, Kay's Coffee and Elliereva Sweets. Tastebuds were never disappointed thanks to the tireless efforts once again of canteen managers Kirsten Hann and Danielle and Paul

Gunning, cooking up a storm and serving special guests up a complimentary breakfast!

All young and old footy fans, enjoyed having the club's sponsors present at the 13th round of the season and many took amusement observing the 'Nearest to Pin' sponsors challenge - with Nat Murray from Cobul Constructions proving his striking acuity to take out the accolade. A close second by BUFC President Darcy Green, followed by Nick Fry from Community Bank Bungendore taking out third place, ahead of Michael Bowes from Jaco Design and Shane Tanner from Photo Digital Services equal forth, and The Gathering Café coming in sixth.

Soccer participation remains active throughout the beginning of spring, with three more rounds of competition, BUFC's then accumulates for their annual presentation day on 20th September, 2025. A social event in which they warmly invite their sponsors to take part in. BUFC wish to celebrate the ongoing support of the following fifteen local businesses: Community Bank Bungendore, Gurugun, BAS Scaffolding, The Gathering

Café, Bungendore Mitre10, IGA Bungendore, Gunnadoo Bakery, Cobul Constructions, Warner Sol Photography, Bungendore Dental Surgery, Bungendore Veterinary Surgery, Solar Hub, Jaco Design, Photo Digital Services and Bungendore Country Butchery .

Their encouragement and support has been fundamental towards the success Bungendore soccer in 2025.

We're always excited to welcome new families into our junior soccer program and supportive community. Do you have a keen soccer player at home? Enrolments typically open January each year. Follow BUFC Facebook page for the most up to date notifications or contact one of our club coordinators to learn more about how you or your child can get involved for the 2026 season! We are currently on the hunt for volunteer coaches and canteen crew members for 2026! Email us at, bungendoreufc@mail.tidyhq.com or bungendoreufc@gmail.com

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BUNGENDORE JUNIOR CRICKET

Stage 1 Comp: ages 8-10

Stage 2 Comp: ages 11-13

Register Now!

Contact David: boyd.david@outlook.com
0459 336 883

Bungendore Junior Cricket

A collage of images related to Bungendore Junior Cricket. It includes a group of players in white uniforms, a player in action on a field, and a QR code for registration. There is also a cartoon illustration of a green dragon-like creature.

Sport

Bungendore Tigers into the Grand Final: Saturday, September 20

Georgia Buckley
Bungendore Tigers
The Bungendore Tigers

have booked their place in the 2025 George Tooke Shield Grand Final at home after a thrilling 26-22 victory

over the Boorowa Rovers in the major semi-final. In a hard-fought clash, the Tigers held strong to edge out their

rivals and secure their spot on the biggest stage.

The win means Bungendore will host the Grand Final on Saturday, 20th September, lets paint the town orange and black!

Try scorers -
Harry Buckley
Matt Holmes
Carl Johnson
Ben Rayner

Tries converted by Zach Smith

3 points - Carl Johnson
2 points - Harry Buckley
1 point - Josh Rothnie

Photos by Lauren Woodward photography



Bungendore Netball

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13/14 Cadets White

The sun was shining, no wind, a perfect Spring morning for the U13/14s Cadets White team to play in the Qualifying Finals.

Unfortunately, we lost today's game 45-26 however our girls did not give up and kept the opposition on their toes. They put up such a good fight and moved beautifully down the court, shooting to perfection, and the defence was on fire! While we didn't win this one, they will persevere and win in the next game!

15/17 Cadets Black

Qualifying finals last weekend and the cadets smashed it! Played super hard all game. The girls really worked great as a team together getting heaps and intercepts and shots. They tried their absolute hardest and it paid off. Overall taking them to the grand final in two weeks!!

15/17 Cadets Pink

A strong start from Bungendore coming into the qualifying final. The girls kept the momentum going strong across each quarter, working together to keep the pressure on and dominating in the goal circle. Their perseverance

paid off, securing a spot in the Grand Final with a 49-14 win against the Royals.

15/17 Cadets White

The 15/17 Cadets White defeated Sunrise to secure a Semi-final game against Royals next Saturday. It was a close game, one for one for the first quarter and going into the second half two down. Abby and Katie (player of day) demonstrated consistent defence, making several intercepts and driving the ball with our strong mid-court players, Eve, Jess, Jas and Nally, to level the score going into the third quarter. Sophia and Lil have formed a strong shooting partnership to bring the team home with a sold win (Bungendore: 31 over Sunrise: 25). Special shout out to Comet who is out with an injury but led the crowd on the sideline to cheer the team home. Thanks to the parents, siblings, grandparents and other club platers and members who showed up to support the team! Good luck team for next week and let's make it an all Bungendore Grand final!

Seniors Black

This game was a nail-biting contest from start to finish, with our team playing hard and leaving everything out on the court. The support, teamwork and

sportsmanship shown by the girls was outstanding, and it was a true team effort right to the end. In a very close finish, Seniors Black went town bye two points, and we'll hit the court again next week for one last chance to secure a spot in the grand final.

Seniors White

Welcome to the finals 1st round. BNC White against Googong Hogs. What a impressive match. Rolling subs was utilised effectively in the heat. In the shooters circle shots were on fire reading the plays and passing the ball just at the right time. Mid court was moving fast and passing the ball down with ease and defending was on point with multiple intercepts and getting the ball back down the shooters circle. In the opposing shooters circle defence was working together well and holding the opposition team out of the circle making them work to get into position for their shot on goal. The game was evenly matched and whilst it was close we came away with the win.

Big shout out to all the senior whites players and what an epic season it has been and how great finals will be with the team.

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Queanbeyan Whites - 2025 ACT Vets Colts Cup Premiers

The Queanbeyan Whites Colts team are the 2025 ACT Vets Colts Cup Premiers after they defeated Gungahlin Eagles 43-40 at Viking Park.

In a seesawing affair there was a total of 13 tries scored across both teams in a game where the lead changed 6 times. Gungahlin drew first blood at around the nine minute mark with a try under the post and a 0-7 lead.

Gungahlin's clearing kick from the restart went out on the full ultimately resulting in a Whites lineout right on the Eagles 22. Lock Jack Gordon secured the ball, dropping it down to half back Jakim Ngatoko who moved the ball onto inside centre Kalen Billiards who stepped his way through the gaps before linking up with prop Nate Hepi. Hepi made it over the line but while he was unable to ground the ball managed to get it back through hooker Kye Darmody to flanker Patrick Egan who found the gap and placed the ball for the Whites first try. Billiards converted to level the scores at 7 all

A few lapses in ball security,

some high tackles and a couple of penalties made it easy for Gungahlin to score next and despite missing the conversion, the Eagles were back in front 7-12.

Just five minutes later the Whites were attacking again with darting runs by Brodie Preston, Billiards and Hepi. Ngatoko kept his troops moving forward, eventually drawing a penalty. Flanker Niall Tallon took the tap and supported by Gordon and Hepi drove forward to cross the line for his first 5 pointer and put the Whites in front 14-12.

The Gungahlin restart was too long, going over the dead ball line. From the back of the ensuing scrum on half way the ball was quickly moved to winger Harry de Jongh who showed a turn of speed to take the ball up to the 22. Chasing his own short chip kick, de Jongh tackled the opposition player allowing Ngatoko to pick the ball and earn the penalty. From the lineout the ball moved across the field before Ngatoko reversed direction and some quick passes put de Jongh in space for an easy five points and the lead

(19-12) at the 25 minute mark. An unfortunate knock on by the Whites in loose play shortly followed by a yellow card against Ngatoko allowed Gungahlin to level the score at 19 all with about 5 minutes to go in the half.

The Whites remained focused with Gordon gathering the ball from the Whites restart. Keeping the ball in hand Queanbeyan didn't allow Gungahlin to take advantage of being a man up. Glanville moved to half back and as the backs began to get into the game, strong runs by Darcy De Voy, Blake Miller and Romeo Asbock had the Eagles on the back foot.

The Whites seemed to have missed a perfect opportunity to take the lead with an unfortunate knock on but a tighthead scrum win gave the Whites the ball just inside the Eagles 22. Asbock raced away to the line but didn't quite make it before he was brought down. Egan was there in support and crossed the line for his second try. The Whites were again ahead 24-19 as the went into half time.

The Whites opened the scoring



in the second half with a try to Hepi on the back of strong runs by hooker Kye Darmody, Gordon, Billiards, and Tallon. The Whites now had a 12 point lead 31-19.

But Gungahlin were not finished. They peppered the Whites line for the next ten minutes, and while the Whites repelled wave after wave, a number of penalties finally took their toll and a gap opened up allowing Gungahlin to reduce the Whites lead 31-26. A lapse in concentration and some loose tackling allowed Gungahlin in again just minutes later giving them back the lead 31-33

Gungahlin again had trouble securing the ball from the restart and fumbled the ball across the sideline. The Whites took full advantage with strong team work

resulting in Egan's 3rd try and a 38-33 lead

In what was a recurring theme for the match the receiving team was again unable to gather the ball from the restart, with the Whites gifting the ball back to Gungahlin. The Eagles took advantage and retook the lead 38-40 with ten minutes to go

The Whites didn't panic. Patience was the name of the game, as was ball possession. Kicks were kept to a minimum. Phase after phase saw the Whites slowly work their way across the field as Billiards, de Voy, Hepi, replacements Billy Lachlan and Malakai Halaeval all controlled the ball and kept it moving forward. As play moved to the left of the field, Glanville kicked across field to the far right finding winger Harry de Jongh on his own for an easy try and the final winning score of 43-40.

The Whites lost 4 games across the season, including a 17-32 loss to Gungahlin in the first round. The boys showed great improvement over the year with their teamwork, support play, and ability to back themselves regardless of the scoreline is a credit to coaches Reinhold Kamilo and Beks Seeto.

Congratulations to the team and coaches on being 2025 Colts Premiers!

Photos:
MrsGSportsPhotography

Left:: Colts team celebrating their Grand Final win in the ACT Vets Colts Cup

Above: Jack Gordon, dominated the lineouts. Supported by Niall Tallon

Above left: Niall Tallon about to score a try. Supported by Lochlan Smith and Abraham Tuli

