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Burra Shed now open, thanks to community support

The Burra community celebrated the official opening of their new community shed on Sunday 14th September. A huge crowd enjoyed the perfect weather, the great cake and food provided by the community members. President Greg Hedger thanked all those who contributed to this wonderful project which took nearly two years to complete. "The community support has been phenomenal" Greg said, "This project, made possible through the

support of the community is a testament to the strength of our community." Project Manager, John Convine, did a stellar job with turning a concrete slab into the new community space. Thanks to the amazing volunteers that worked on The Burra Community Shed Construction 2024/25 Paul Andrew Nick Dawson Jim Atkinson Megan Doherty Ian Ashley

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Gregg McFaul Kate Seisun Bob McKay Thanks to the NSW Government for the Building Better Communities Grant of \$39,106.00 Thanks to the following local trades Stuart Eagles, Gel Plumbing (Plumber) Tim Woods, Perigon (Electrician) Ian Ashley (Concreter) Con Shattos (Plasterer) Ivan Majdanozic (Tiler) Leeden Demolition Dean Fitzgerald (Air Conditioning) Thanks to the suppliers Bunnings Canberra Mini Mix Corinthian Doors CE Industries Keeping It Green Metroll Prestige Metal Works Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council Rivoland Tiles Yless4u and to all who generously donated tools, equipment and materials.



If you would like more information, donate equipment or join the Burra Community shed, you can contact Greg on 0427 214 337 or email

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Community News

Local Dancers to Represent Australia in Japan

Queanbeyan's Bom Funk Dance Studio is set to dazzle Japan this September as 34 dancers, aged 12-27, perform across Tokyo and Osaka.

The dancers will perform two shows at Nakano City Hall in Tokyo, two shows at Fuji Q Theme Park, and a very special performance at the Australian Pavilion at the World Expo in Osaka.

Their 30min show includes a diverse mix of hip hop, jazz, ballet, acro, cheer, tap and cabaret. The show features award-winning routines—including one that just claimed the NSW State Title at Cheercon last weekend—as well as original works created by acclaimed Australian choreographers James Barry from Phly Crew, Jesse &

Joel Rasmussen from JTown Creative, Amy Orman (former singer with The Rockettes), Kym Degenhart (former Moulin Rouge dancer) and local talents.

In addition to their performances, the group will participate in jazz, contemporary, and hip hop workshops in Tokyo, a J-pop workshop in Osaka, and attend the world-famous Takarazuka Revue show, ensuring the dancers gain both stage experience and cultural immersion.

"This is an extraordinary opportunity for our dancers to showcase Australian talent on international stages while experiencing Japan's incredible arts culture," said Bom Funk Director, Kym Degenhart.

"Having worked professionally as a dancer

and living in Japan, I wanted to give my students the chance to experience this incredible country, its culture, and perform somewhere unique where Australian studios don't usually get the opportunity to go," she said.

"Our team has worked hard to prepare, and I know they will make Queanbeyan, Canberra and Australia proud."

Ms Degenhart explained that it had been a challenge to secure performance opportunities in Japan, with multiple application rounds and, at times, spots being allocated through lottery-style systems.

Photo: Cameron Jones



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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 - Pet information pack giveaways
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- Where:**
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Application for membership can be made via portal.crownland.nsw.gov.au

All applications are required to be lodged by **22 October 2025**.

For further information contact Tia Galvin on (02) 4824 3731 or go to reservemanager.crownland.nsw.gov.au

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The Work of the Queanbeyan Hospital Auxiliary Continues

The Queanbeyan Hospital Auxiliary is a community organisation that has existed in various formats since 1927. The Auxiliary is continuing to raise funds to buy essential medical equipment and provide items of comfort and services to support the Queanbeyan Hospital and district health facilities. To raise funds, the Auxiliary does a range of fundraising activities including operating the hospital kiosk and ward trolley and holding community market stalls, barbecues and raffles.

Th Auxiliary celebrated its achievements for the 2024-25 at its recent August Annual General Meeting. During the 2024-25 financial

year the Auxiliary funded equipment and services valued at close to \$140,000. This included:

- Shower Commode Chair In-Patient Unit - \$2,933
- Outdoor Furniture for 1st floor balcony - \$15,000
- Ultrasound Machine for Emergency Department - \$88,471
- Laser Therapy unit for the Physiotherapy Department - \$3,409
- Epoxy coating for hospital entry - \$8,320
- Contribution to Staff Well-Being Initiative - \$357
- Interacoustic Titan Screening Equipment for the Audiometry Department - \$14,500
- Sara Steady Lifting Device for the In-Patient Unit - \$2,268
- Play, Sensory items and toys for the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service - \$3,472

This list shows the amazing variety of equipment and services funded to enhance the experience of patients, visiting families and staff of the Queanbeyan Hospital and its health facilities. The Auxiliary is particularly proud of the purchase of

a dedicated ultrasound machine for the Emergency Department. The Emergency Department can now provide prompt assessment for trauma presentations, urgent obstetric scans and chest pain assessments.

Guest speaker, Tony Holland from Respite Care for QBN gave an interesting address on how the dream of Yvonne Cuschieri, founder of the Cancer Support Group in Queanbeyan, is becoming a reality with the completion of a six-bedroom respite care facility for people aged 18 to 60 years who are suffering from a terminal or chronic illness expected in December 2025. We also heard from representatives of the NSW Southern Area Health District who were highly appreciative of the work of Queanbeyan Hospital Auxiliary and how its presence in the hospital and the community is very much valued.

Several Auxiliary members received awards at the meeting for their long and outstanding service to the Queanbeyan Branch including awards and badges for 10,15,20 and 25 years of service. A Branch Life membership award was



presented to Lynda McIntosh for her outstanding service to the Auxiliary. Lynda joined the Queanbeyan Hospital Auxiliary in March 2010 and has held the position of Treasurer for the Branch for the last 11 years. In this role, Lynda works tirelessly to ensure the financial side of our Branch's operation is organised and carried out effectively. Lynda is an integral member of our Branch who volunteers at the kiosk weekly, is always

first to initiate fundraising ideas and always helps out at fundraising activities. Congratulations Lynda. A new Committee for 2025/26 was elected but there is always room for more volunteers to help in the Auxiliary's important work. Anyone interested in helping out can call into the kiosk during 9.00am - 3.30pm Monday to Friday and pick up a membership pack or email us at

qbnhospaux@gmail.com for more information. Above: Ann Burgess, Outgoing President, QHA Patron The Hon Nichole Overall MLC and Lynda McIntosh Treasurer (receiving Branch Life Membership and the 15 Year Service Award) Left: The new ultrasound machine for the Emergency Department Photos supplied



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Bungendore business destroyed in alleged arson attack

Police are investigating an alleged arson attack that destroyed Your Healing Space Bungendore in the early hours of Tuesday morning (16 September).

At about 3am, CCTV footage recorded a person wearing a disguise and carrying fuel setting fire to the premises on Ellendon Street. Emergency services were called immediately, with crews from Bungendore RFS and surrounding brigades arriving shortly after the call. Firefighters managed to contain the blaze to the one business, preventing further damage to neighbouring shops.

Your Healing Space Bungendore is run by counsellor and NDIS service provider Michele Bland. It was a safe space for many, which provided a haven for healing and growth. It was also a wellness retail store that supported more than 20 local vendors and artists. The stock and premises have been destroyed.

“This incident has had a serious impact on my ability to continue operating and on the people who relied on the space,” Michelle said. She added her thanks to local RFS volunteers: “They were amazing, I am very grateful for their fast response, which stopped the fire from spreading further.”

Despite the loss, Michele



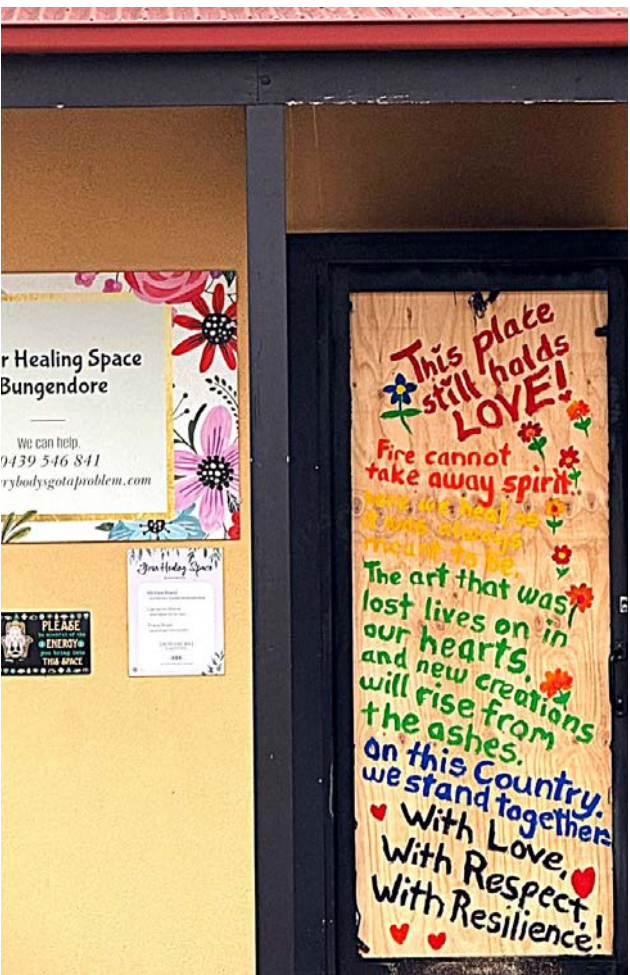
and her supporters have shared a message of resilience. A sign now painted on the fire-damaged door reads: “This place still holds love. Fire cannot take away spirit. Here we heal, as it was always meant to be.”

“The person responsible underestimated the strength and resilience of our collective spirit. We’ve come to realise that our true safe space wasn’t confined to physical walls - it’s the bond and support within our community that truly matters,” Michele said.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>. or Queanbeyan Police on 6298 0599 Information is treated in strict confidence.

The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages.

Sharon Baxter-Judge
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Take flight with the 2025 Aussie Bird Count - 20-26 October

Registrations open for Australia’s largest citizen science project

Spring has arrived and so has Australia’s favourite citizen science event. A national celebration of our diverse birdlife, from magpies and fairy-wrens to cockatoos, curlews and honeyeaters, the 2025 Aussie Bird Count is taking flight for its 12th year, with registrations now open.

From Monday 20 to Sunday 26 October 2025, BirdLife Australia is inviting people of all ages to take just 20 minutes out of their day to spot, identify, and count the birds around them.

Last year, more than 57,000 participants submitted nearly 130,000 checklists and logged more than 4.1 million birds across the country using the free Aussie Bird Count app. Bold, adaptable species - the Rainbow Lorikeet, Noisy Miner, and Australian Magpie - again topped the charts. Will they swoop in for the top three once more in 2025?

How to take part

1. Pick your spot - anywhere you like, from your backyard to your favourite park or garden
2. Spend 20 minutes quietly observing the birds you see
3. Submit your count using the Aussie Bird Count app, which will help you identify the birds you see and hear

You can go out and count as many times as you like during Bird Week as long as each count lasts 20 minutes and is submitted separately.

BirdLife Australia, the national bird conservation charity behind the Aussie Bird Count, says the event is an important step towards connection between people, place and purpose.

“It’s not about being a bird expert,” says Sean Dooley, BirdLife Australia’s National Public Affairs Manager. “It’s about spending time

outdoors and learning something new about your local environment.”

“The Aussie Bird Count shows how citizen science can bring families and communities together while contributing to our understanding of Australia’s unique wildlife. A simple 20-minute activity can become an annual family tradition that teaches everyone about observation and nature.”

With more than a decade of data, the Aussie Bird Count results can provide BirdLife Australia with insights into trends in urban bird populations, contributing to a dataset that helps to guide future awareness campaigns, conservation priorities, and community education.

“Birds are indicators of environmental health. One in six Australian bird species is now under threat, so taking note of the birds around us has never been more



important,” says Kate Millar, CEO of BirdLife Australia whose mission is to save birds and the natural life systems on which they depend.

“It’s also often a first step on a longer journey of curiosity, from noticing birds to caring about them, and from caring to protecting,” Kate adds. “Whether you’re a regular birder or someone who just enjoys the occasional kookaburra laugh or lorikeet fly-by, we’re inviting everyone across the country to pause, step outside, and count the birds that share their skies, gardens, and daily walks.”

Why join the count?

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QPRC council meeting summary: Wednesday 10 September 2025

QPRC

Here is the summary of the resolutions made at the Ordinary Council meeting of 10 September 2025. The archived recording of the meeting is now available at: <https://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au/archive/video25-0910.php>

- Council approved leave of absence application for Cr Bill Waterhouse for the 12 November 2025 Council meeting
- Council heard from four members of the public who made presentations about items on the agenda, including the Review of The Q Performing Arts Centre, and the Capital Football Review
- Council will write to Capital Football CEO, Samantha Farrow, requesting Capital Football Review be set aside. Council will write to ACT Minister for Sport, Yvette Berry MLA and NSW Minister for Sport the Hon Steve Kamper MP highlighting widespread dissatisfaction with Capital Football's handling of the review and request immediate intervention
- Council will refer the 2024-25 Financial Statements to audit, noting financial statements prepared in accordance with Local Government Act 1993 and regulations, Australian Accounting Standards, Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting. Council noted financial statements present fairly the operating results and financial

position and Council is not aware of matters that would render statements false or misleading. Council delegated authority to Mayor, Dep Mayor, GM and Responsible Account Officer to sign Statement by Councillors and Management for the General Purpose Financial Statements and Special Purpose Financial Statements and delegates GM to issue upon receipt of audit report

- Council approved Category A Grants as recommended for 2025/26 totalling \$32,000, approved Category B Venue Hire Donations as recommended for 2025/26 totalling \$37,000, and approved grant of \$3,000 for Karabar Preschool to purchase outdoor furniture
- Council endorsed a Category H Grant for Queanbeyan Town Park for the Canberra Rod Kustom Krooze Show 'n' Shine event on 25 January as a special consideration under Category H donations, and declined the application for a 3-year 'no-hire' agreement for this event
- Council endorsed The Queanbeyan Performing Arts Centre (The Q) review to be placed on Council's website
- Council will convene urgent meeting between NSW Government and ACT Government authorities and Cross-Border Commissioner to resolve impediment to residents using a Wheelchair Accessible Taxi

through the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme

- Council adopted in principle proposed name Mulla Lane for new road created within South Jerrabomberra Urban Release Area in Tralee, and names Leach and Smith for inclusion on Register of Proposed Road Names for Bungendore Village and will advertise the proposed names
- Council adopted the Open Burning Policy and Shopping Trolley Management Policy after public exhibition. The Directional Signage Policy will be referred to a Councillor Workshop
- Council tabled the Register of Annual Returns of Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and Other Matters by Councillors and Designated Staff for period ending 30 June 2025
- Council received information report with the Resolution Action Sheet, a sheet with the status of outstanding resolutions from Council meetings
- Council received information report about Councillor workshops on 27 August and 3 September including Bungendore Employment Lands, Queanbeyan Voluntary Purchase and House Raising Feasibility Study, Guidelines for Referral of Development Applications to Council Policy
- Council noted the minutes and recommendations of Access Committee meeting on 23 July

2025

- Council noted minutes of Youth Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday 31 July 2025, accepted addition of Laycie Coogan as member of committee, noting inadvertently omitted from original membership report in April 2025
- Council noted minutes of Queanbeyan Showground Advisory Committee on 11 August, appointed Ian Grimmer as Queanbeyan and Historical Society representative, and removed requirement for Heritage Advisory Committee rep to be appointed from the current Terms of Reference
- Council noted minutes of Sustainability and Climate Change Advisory Committee on 14 August 2025
- Council noted minutes of Small Business Advisory Committee on 20 August
- Council will create a unified policy on naming of places other than roads, such as parks, reserves, bridges, buildings and natural formations
- Council will make a formal submission to the NSW Legislative Council Select committee on Proposed Energy from Waste Facilities, reaffirming its objection to Woodlawn Advanced Energy Recovery Centre at Tarago and addressing the Terms of Reference of the Inquiry

- Council received a 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 design and construction of Women's Rugby Change Rooms at Freebody Oval to Intermain Pty Ltd for \$2,356,293 ex GST. Council allocated \$28,000 from the Queanbeyan City Council 2012 Section 94 Contributions Plan - Open Spaces Reserve to the project, approved the waiver of Council's 4% internal project management fee, and approved the contingency as proposed in the budget

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



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Doug Palmer Honoured with Life Membership at Bungendore RFS

At the Bungendore RFS AGM in May, the Brigade voted unanimously to award Deputy Captain Doug Palmer Life Membership. On Sunday 14 September, following Brigade training, Doug was formally presented with his certificate and award by Brigade President Matthew Shea and Captain Rob Allard.

Doug joined the Bungendore Brigade in September 1998. Over the years he has been awarded the National Medal, the National Emergency Medal with the 2019/20 Bushfire clasp, the Rural Fire Service (RFS) Long Service Medal, and more recently, a clasp signifying 20 years of service to the RFS and the community. He has also received the NSW Premier's Bushfire Emergency Citation.

He was first elected as a Deputy Captain in 2005, later promoted to Senior Deputy Captain in 2014, and then Captain in 2018, a position he held for three years. Doug has served as the Brigade's Training Officer on numerous

occasions and has been a Fire Permit Officer since 2016.

Throughout his RFS career, Doug has attended many significant fires including Moruya in 2002, the ACT fires in 2003, Tumut in 2006, the Sandhills Fire in 2013, and the 2019/20 bushfires. His callout record spans 28 pages and totals 552 incidents – and that only covers callouts from October 2000 onwards, with an additional two years of service not included in that tally.

Doug is a highly respected and dependable member of the Brigade, known for his ongoing dedication to both the Brigade and the Bungendore community. He takes particular pride in training new members, a role he has carried out for many years. Many members present at the award ceremony had been trained by Doug, with more set to benefit from his guidance in the weeks ahead.

Life membership is not only a testament to a member's achievements it is also an exhibition of support by Doug's



family, who have put up with many days and nights where Doug has not been at home, where he has left the meal table to head to the station, and we are sure there are times when his partner Alison and the family have perhaps worried

that is he safe in what he does as a volunteer fire fighter. So, without a doubt a life membership does not just acknowledge the member it is also a salute to their family.

The Bungendore Rural Fire Brigade warmly congratulates

Doug on becoming our newest Life Member – an honour richly deserved.

Photo supplied of Doug receiving his Life Membership from Bungendore RFS Captain, Rob Allard.

Construction begins on expansion that will double capacity of Jerraboberra High School

Construction is now underway at Jerrabomberra High School to double the school's capacity as part of the Minns Labor Government's work to rebuild public education and ensure families in the growing Monaro region have access to world class public schools for years to come.

The expansion of Jerrabomberra High School was a 2023 Labor election commitment to address surging enrolment demand in the area, after the high school opened in 2024 for 500 students.

The major project will expand the capacity of the school to 1,000 students when it opens on Day 1, Term 1, 2027, delivering a new building with 18 additional classrooms, a vocational education and training (VET) kitchen and a semi-commercial kitchen, new staff facilities, a multimedia workshop, studio and store, an additional woodwork workshop, a new science laboratory and a new

shade structure.

The additional classrooms being delivered will bring the total number of permanent classrooms at the school to 42 - future-proofing the school for the growing population in the area amid rapid housing development in South Jerrabomberra and Googong.

The expanded capacity at Jerrabomberra High School will continue to support this growth and ensure local students have a place at a world-class public school close to home.

Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education and Member for Monaro Steve Whan marked the start of construction with a sod turn - the third sod Minister Whan has turned on a major school project in Monaro in the past week, following sod turns for the brand-new high school in Googong and Bungendore High School's long-awaited new permanent school.

Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education and Member for Monaro Steve Whan said, "The expansion of the new Jerrabomberra High School and construction of a new high school in Googong were key commitments I made during the election. I thank the local community for their advocacy and passion that has helped us deliver the new schools this growing community needs.

"Making these investments in public education means our community can access public education closer to home, now and into the future.

"I look forward to seeing the expansion of Jerrabomberra High School take shape and the benefits this world-class public school will give to our local families. I would like to put on record thanks to principal Scott O'Hara, staff and the P&C who have been closely involved in the design of stage 2



to ensure the community gets the facility it needs."

Jerrabomberra High School Principal Scott O'Hara added, "This is an incredibly exciting milestone for our school community who will soon have an even bigger school to continue to learn, grow and thrive.

"These expanded facilities will ensure that every young

person here has access to the opportunities they deserve and give our teachers the resources they need to deliver the very best education.

"We can't wait to see our new facilities come to life and look forward to the opening in 2027."

Image: artist impression of the perspective courtyard

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QPRC: council meeting agenda for Wednesday 24 September 2025

The Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on 24 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 Monaro Rock Quarry State Significant Development Application - Council Submission on Environmental Impact Statement
- 9.2 Modification to Barina Quarry State Significant Development

- Application - Council Submission
- 9.3 Proposed Memorial Artwork of Nellie Hamilton
- 9.4 Proposed Sale of 19-21 Gibraltar Street, Bungendore - Community Engagement Report and Options
- 9.5 Application for a Council Cultural Grant
- 9.6 Community Members - Queanbeyan Flood Risk Management Committee
- 9.7 Investment Report - August 2025
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- 9.9 Policy Review
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- 16.2 Sale of 1241 Old Cooma Road, Googong
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- 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>

Braidwood woman unwraps \$770,000 Lotto Strike win

A Braidwood woman has gifted herself the ultimate present after a Lotto Strike ticket she purchased in celebration of her birthday landed her a whopping \$770,000 surprise.

The Braidwood resident held the only division one winning entry in Lotto Strike draw 5716 on Monday 15 September 2025. She scored a total prize of \$770,232.65.

When an official from The Lott called to confirm the woman's newfound fortune, she confessed she'd barely slept a wink since checking her ticket on Monday night.

"I'm going well today. Just tired!" she laughed. "I didn't sleep at all on Monday night. I saw the four numbers come up before bed, and I was completely shocked. I just kept looking at my phone and refreshing the app. It's so amazing. It'll help so many people."

"Sometimes I'll just play two games in Lotto Strike, but as a birthday treat, I got myself five games."

"It's unbelievable. It's the best birthday present ever! It's still sinking in, but I'm sure once reality sets in, I'll do something to celebrate. I'll definitely be helping my family. Thank you so much."

Her winning 5-game entry was purchased via The Lott app - the official home of Australia's lotteries.



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Rewards already flowing for locals, but the big Shop & Win prize awaits!

There are just a couple of weeks left for shoppers to get involved in Queanbeyan's first-ever Shop & Win campaign, with locals already reaping the rewards. Several happy winners have already redeemed their \$500 weekly prizes at participating businesses in the Queanbeyan CBD, and there's still plenty of time to join them.

The campaign, which runs until 3rd October 2025, is giving the community a chance to share in an \$8,000 prize pool, including weekly \$500 gift cards and a \$5,000 grand prize to be spent in Queanbeyan CBD. All it takes is a \$20 spend at participating businesses to receive an entry ticket with a unique code and QR code. Local shopping could turn into a major win, it's that simple.

The initiative is a part of the Monaro Street Refresh Business Support Package,

designed by Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) to help keep the CBD buzzing during construction works on Monaro Street. The campaign is focused on showcasing the great mix of businesses in Queanbeyan's CBD and reminding the community to keep supporting them. With the upcoming Monaro Street construction works, the message is simple: local businesses are open, accessible, and ready to welcome customers. The campaign ensures these businesses stay at the forefront of people's minds now and when works commence.

Local business owners are also seeing the value of the initiative. Sharon Pring, owner of Classique Hair Designs of Queanbeyan, said: "When you shop local, you're not only supporting a business, you're supporting jobs, families, and

the future of Queanbeyan's CBD. The Shop and Win campaign highlights just how important that is."

Sharon added that the Council's support has been vital: "Thank you so much to the Queanbeyan Council for supporting small business in Queanbeyan. As a small business owner, it is important we are supported in these tough times. It's also nice to give something back to our wonderful community who are passionate about supporting us small local business owners. What a fun campaign this has been."

As Queanbeyan CBD continues its transformation, Shop & Win highlights the strength of the local business community and the ongoing support of customers who continue to shop, dine, and experience the city centre.

Photo of Sharon Pring supplied



Spring Ponds Farm now at Mitre 10

Spring Ponds Farm, a local flower farm just 15km from Bungendore, is now bringing a touch of the farm to town.

Owner Katrina has recently stocked **Bungendore Mitre 10** with beautiful seeds, dahlia tubers, seedlings and plants - all perfect additions to your spring garden. Many of these make wonderful cut flowers, so you can enjoy your own home-

grown bunches straight from the garden.

Katrina is also sharing her knowledge and gardening tips with Mitre 10 customers, helping locals get the best results from their plants.

Pop into **Bungendore Mitre 10** and discover a little piece of Spring Ponds Farm for yourself.



St Bede's Primary: A School with Heart at the Centre of Braidwood



Choosing the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions a family will ever make. Located in the heart of Braidwood, St Bede's Catholic Primary School is guided by the values of Live, Love, Learn. The school is currently welcoming enrolments and inviting families to discover what makes St Bede's so special.

St Bede's is more than just a place of learning, it is a caring community where Gospel values are lived daily. The nurturing of faith, hearts and minds sits alongside a commitment to academic achievement and student wellbeing. The school ensures children are supported not only in their learning but in becoming kind, confident and resilient individuals.

At St Bede's, families can be assured of teaching that is firmly grounded in evidence. Teachers use the Science of Learning and Direct Instruction to ensure strong outcomes for every student. Alongside this, there is a deep commitment to wellbeing, strengthened by programs such as The Resilience Project and Friendology, which build positive relationships and help children thrive socially and emotionally.

High expectations are central to the culture at St Bede's. Growth, effort and excellence are fostered and celebrated,

giving children the opportunity to shine in both academics and personal development. The school welcomes families of all faith denominations, embracing diversity and creating a place where every child feels a strong sense of belonging.

Practical considerations also make St Bede's a standout choice. School buses service a wide range of areas, including Araluen, Bombay, Bungendore, Captains Flat, Krawarree, Majors Creek, Manar, Mongarlowe, Reidsdale, and Tarago, making it accessible to many families across the region.

What sets St Bede's apart, however, is its heart. Walk through the gates and you'll find a welcoming environment where students are supported by dedicated staff and embraced by an active parent community. Whether it's through playground laughter, classroom learning, or parish connections, St Bede's is a school where children are known, valued and encouraged to live out their full potential.

Families interested in enrolling their child are warmly invited to book a tour and experience St Bede's firsthand. To find out more, contact the school on 02 4842 2413 or visit stbedesb.nsw.edu.au.

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BreastScreen NSW changes date for Braidwood visit

Changes to the BreastScreen NSW mobile clinic schedule will make it easier for Braidwood women to prioritise their health and have a breast screen close to

home. Bookings are now open for the BreastScreen NSW mobile clinic, when it visits Braidwood

Community Centre (Keder Street) for two weeks from 2 February 2026. Director of BreastScreen Greater

Southern, Veronica Scriven, said previously the van visited during the busy holiday season of November and December, making it hard for women to prioritise their mammogram.

“Life gets busy and we want to make it as easy as possible for Braidwood women to make the most of this life saving screening,” Ms Scriven said.

“By moving our biennial visit into the New Year, it’s likely more women will be at home rather than on holidays, and the timing will be less stressful for women who need further assessment.

“This change also gives us the opportunity to expand the length of our visit, as the local population increases.”

The mobile clinic visiting Braidwood is equipped with a lift system to support women with

health conditions or disability to have their mammogram. Women with additional needs are encouraged to let us know when booking their appointment.

Women are invited by BreastScreen NSW to screen every two years from age 50-74. BreastScreen NSW recommends Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women screen from age 40.

An appointment with BreastScreen NSW is free, takes less than 20 minutes and no doctor’s referral is needed.

Anyone with breast symptoms should contact their GP or health worker without delay.

To book a free mammogram with BreastScreen NSW, visit book.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au or call 13 20 50.

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Queanbeyan Uniting Church Jumble Sale: this Saturday 27 September

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
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Businesses call for better communication as Crawford Street redevelopment begins

The major development at 202 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan, has begun. The project: construction of a seven-storey shop-top housing development with 58 apartments, a landscaped communal open space and eight retail tenancies at ground level is expected to take just over two years to complete.

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) confirmed that the development was publicly notified in January 2022, with adjoining property owners advised at the time. During that period, local businesses – already struggling after COVID – raised strong objections, warning that construction noise, dust and truck movements would deter customers and threaten the viability of Ciao Café. They urged Council to require vehicle access from Fallick Lane rather than Crawford Street and stressed the importance of keeping pedestrian flow open. Concerns were also raised about potential damage to café ventilation pipes and NBN connections during demolition, the exposure of an unfinished wall, the placement of a fire hydrant

near outdoor dining, and the risk that excavation for underground parking could undermine the adjoining heritage building.

The Development Application was approved by QPRC on the 14 June 2023. In considering the submissions, the business paper noted:

Issue: Traffic related impacts – Construction traffic has the potential to adversely impact the café accommodated within 200 Crawford Street. Vehicle access from Crawford Street has the potential to create conflicts with pedestrians.

Comment: Construction traffic management measures will be adopted to prevent impacts to adjoining properties and the surrounding road network. Vehicular access will be provided from Fallick Lane during the operational phase to minimise potential conflicts with pedestrians

Sally Brumley, owner and operator of Queanbeyan Health Foods, which has been a local destination for more than 20 years, said communication from Council

had been poor. “I am extremely disappointed with the lack of communication provided to by council,” Sally said. “Access is a major problem, the closed footpath is dangerous, people are walking around it, walking on the road,” she added.

A council spokesperson confirmed that closing the footpath was not their insistence, but a safety requirement. They said multiple alternatives were explored – including using Fallick Lane, a one-way system on Crawford Street, overhead pedestrian protection, and temporary barriers – but none were considered safe or workable without creating greater disruption.

Council held a meeting with business owners on 11 August 2025. A council spokesperson said, “This was a Council initiative to bring all stakeholders together to share information and to provide a forum for questions about the development to be answered by the developer and their builder. This included the rationale for the closure of the footpath.” Several business owners said the meeting offered little reassurance and their



concerns remained unresolved. The signage remains another frustration for businesses. “There is no signage to say we are still open,” Sally said. “We have the Monaro Street roadworks beginning soon and now this development – we have it from both sides.” She added that signs directing pedestrians to “use other footpath” simply force people to cross the road past their businesses, while the detour signage has been confusing. Council said all temporary traffic management signs must comply with Australian Standards and stated that staff had “explored multiple options to ensure the best outcome for the safety of pedestrians.” It also noted that temporary traffic arrangements fall

under Section 138 of the Roads Act 1993 and are not normally assessed by the Local Traffic Committee, despite being a requirement in the business paper. “I’m not against this development at all,” Sally said. “When finished it will be great for people who want to live in the centre of town. However, I think that better communication and better signage would help all the businesses along here.” As construction continues, locals are being urged to support affected businesses by making the extra effort to recross the street and visit – buy a coffee and cake, check out the Health Food store’s extensive range, or visit Debbie Maree’s Fashion Boutique. Sharon Baxter-Judge

Bungendore CWA Raises \$5,000 for community causes

Bungendore CWA hosted a hugely successful Spectacular Trash and Treasure and Plant Sale last Saturday morning. The room was buzzing, the plants were glorious, and the cake stall and barbecue proved true crowd-pleasers, with the egg and bacon rolls a particular favourite. The Granny Square competition dazzled with more than 300 colourful entries.

The event raised approximately \$5,000 Of this, around \$4,000 will

go to HOME in Queanbeyan and \$1,000 to the State Association—an outcome that reflects the strength of the community.

Bungendore CWA President Donna Bush said, “Thank you to everyone who grew, baked, stitched, lifted, counted, rostered, and smiled. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for showing up, pitching in and giving your best. The true winner was community spirit, and it was on full display.”

Manager of HOME, Anne Pratt, expressed her appreciation: “HOME in Queanbeyan would like to thank the Bungendore CWA for their very generous donation from the Trash and Treasure and Plant Sale. HOME would not exist without the support of an incredible community. The money raised will go towards caring for our residents who live with an enduring mental illness. We are so grateful to everyone involved over the weekend.”



Bungendore CWA AGM

The Bungendore CWA AGM will be held on Sunday, October 19. Members are being sought to fill vital positions, and role requirements are available on the CWA members portal.

The Association would love to fill some of the more fun roles, like International and Cultural, which were sadly vacant this year.

The full list of roles is as follows: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice Presidents (2), International,

Handicraft, Land Cookery, Cultural, Ag & Environment, Publicity, Group Councillors (2), State Conference Delegates (2).

Enquiries can be made via bungendore.secretary@gmail.com
Congratulations to all involved
Sharon Baxter-Judge

Mystery object

The below mystery object was bought at the Bungendore CWA Trash and Treasure on 20th September by an early bird

treasure hunter. It’s a weighting device about 20cm tall made from some perishable metal with a weighing cup that would hold a teaspoon or two.

It isn’t made of brass, and it isn’t a precision device like a balance beam so it probably not for pharmaceutical use.

Anybody have any clues about what it was used for. If you know please email CWA on bungendore.secretary@gmail.com



Community News

Queanbeyan train station upgrade now complete

Work to upgrade Queanbeyan train station has been completed as part of a statewide initiative to improve safety and accessibility for all commuters.

The \$4 million upgrade, provided under the Safe Accessible Transport (SAT) program, has delivered a station precinct that is accessible to people with disability, limited mobility, parents/carers with prams and passengers with luggage.

The SAT program aims to make public transport safe, inclusive and easy to use for all passengers.

Jenny Aitchison, Minister for Road and Minister for Regional Transport, said, "This investment at Queanbeyan Station has delivered a new accessible ramp, stairs and a footpath. With upgrades to the



pedestrian crossing, station platform, carpark, toilets and waiting spaces, we are making sure our public transport is as safe and inclusive as possible. "These upgrades are about making journeys and

connections easier for all commuters." Steve Whan, Member for Monaro, said "This is a great outcome for our community. The upgrades at Queanbeyan Station mean that everyone - whether you're travelling with a pram, luggage or using a wheelchair - can get around safely and with ease. "We listened to local feedback and these improvements reflect what the community told us was important. From safer crossings and upgraded platforms to new parking and bike racks, these changes will make daily travel simpler and more comfortable for residents and visitors alike.

Queanbeyan station is a little heritage jewel in our town, we all love its charm and history. But it is important that it is also a practical and modern transport facility, this project has achieved that balance." The funding was provided as part of the NSW Government's \$800 million election commitment to ongoing accessibility upgrades across the network. For more information call 1800 684 490, email projects@transport.nsw.gov.au or visit the website at https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/queanbeyan-station-upgrade. Photos supplied

Locals warned to brace for higher pollen levels

We are being warned to prepare for a stronger grass pollen season in 2025, according to the Canberra Pollen Count and Forecast, run by The Australian National University (ANU) and AirHealth. Wetter soil, greener pastures, and forecasts of above-average spring rainfall are creating conditions that could drive grass growth and increase pollen levels across the Australian Capital Territory (ACT).

"This year's grass pollen season has the potential to be much stronger than 2024," ANU Professor Simon Haberle said. "September and October will be critical. If conditions stay wet, we can expect higher pollen levels. If it's dry, the season could remain closer to average." Grass pollen is the major allergic pollen type in Canberra, with the worst days typically occurring in November when hot northerly

winds carry pollen into the city from pastures in surrounding areas. The Canberra Pollen Forecasting Team uses advanced machine learning models combined with satellite data and climate forecasts to provide location-specific predictions across the ACT. "With the potential for a heavier pollen season, there are some simple steps people can take to prepare," Professor Haberle said. "If you experience hay fever or asthma, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before the season begins. People in this group are strongly encouraged to have a written Asthma Action Plan. "You can download the Canberra Pollen app or follow Canberra Pollen's Facebook page to receive alerts. We'd also encourage people to visit the ACT Government's pollen information page for practical tips."



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The best regional Arts Trail kicks off Thursday October 2nd

The Queanbeyan-Palerang Arts Trail will be launched on Thursday 2 October from 5:30pm at the Nellie Hamilton Centre Forecourt, 257 Crawford Street Queanbeyan. Our launch is threefold, featuring recently installed First Nations Art Projections, the official opening of the new LinQ Gallery, and music by Jerikye Williams. Join us in celebration with the festivities and complimentary refreshments. The Arts Trail will then be in full swing over three weekends in October, showcasing beautiful

ceramics, glassworks, paintings, textiles, jewellery, performances and much more. It all begins in Braidwood October 4-5 and, for the first time, in Captains Flat on October 4. Bungendore and Queanbeyan follow on subsequent weekends. With over 40 venues participating in this year's Queanbeyan-Palerang Arts Trail, visitors will be spoilt for choice by our region's creatives and their artistic offerings. When you join us in Braidwood on Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 October, you

have the choice of twelve different venues around the township including galleries, studios and entertainment hot spots. For the first time, historic Bedervale Farm joins the Arts Trail, hosting the Queanbeyan and Region Plein-air artist group who will create works onsite of the beautiful gardens, capturing rural vistas and the historic homestead. Artworks by the group will be for sale on the deep colonial verandas and there will be opportunities for small group tours of the homesteads National Trust Collection. Other firsts for the Arts Trail include Michael Simics performance - In the belly of the Whale, at the Old Sunday School Hall, and a high energy music performance by Claudio Rabe at Smokey Horse. Other pop-up street performances from groups such as The Gypsy Jazz Project, will add a musical flavour to the trail from the verandas of cafés along Braidwood's main street. On Friday evening 3rd of October, BRAG - Braidwood Regional Arts Group's Paper Trail exhibition market launches from 6-8pm, all are welcome. Picking up the Trail in Bungendore on Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 October, you can enjoy the Top Small Tourism Town in the nation, a title which Bungendore was recently awarded. Enjoy 9 different arts and crafts venues showcasing the latest regional creative endeavours, including 2 new offerings in town from The Artist Shed Nostalgia and

the Bungendore Quilters, who will open their doors to the public. An old favourite, the Woodworks Gallery, re-imagines itself under new ownership as an Artisan Market, offering more than the usual wooden wares. Bungendore has a host of food and beverage options to top out your day. We round out the Arts Trail in Queanbeyan and surrounds on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 October, with more than 20 different galleries, pop-ups, performances and artist studios to explore. In 2025, the Arts Trail coincides with the Diwali Lantern Festival being held at the Queanbeyan Showground, hosting a multifaceted celebration of culture. This year marks the final opportunity to visit Queanbeyan's long-standing Sculpture Studio, especially honouring co-founder Berendina de Ruiter who passed away in March this year. You can view her and Wojciech Pietranik's immense contribution as both artists and mentors of sculpture. Adding to the creative experiences, the Queanbeyan Arts Society is partnering with Cartel Taqueria Restaurant to combine art, food, music and cocktails outdoors by the Queanbeyan River. Just up the hill, Rusten House Art Centre will host 4 artists' exhibitions, on Saturday Echo Theatre will conduct open air rehearsals of A Midsummers Night Dream in the Rusten House garden. If you want a hands-on



experience, get yourself to The Hive in the heart of Queanbeyan, where you are invited to participate in an onsite mural painting project. With the Arts Trail blossoming in every direction, the possibilities are endless. Whether you're drawn to paint, sculpture, performance, or something entirely unexpected, there's

a moment of inspiration waiting for you. Explore the full program on our website, and pick up a brochure around town to map out your own creative adventure and plan your perfect trail. Full list of participants below, and head to treasuretrail.com.au/arts to learn more. Photos supplied



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Creativity and Community Thrive at Bungendore Crafters' Co-Op

Laughter, conversation, and the quiet rhythm of busy hands filled the room at Thursday night's DIY

Craft Evening, hosted by local women's craft group, Bungendore Crafters' Co-Operative. Now a much-

loved fortnightly tradition, the group offers a cosy and safe space for women to gather, share stories, swap skills, and simply enjoy the process of making something by hand—no matter the experience level.

With creativity in full swing, projects on the go included crochet, knitting, embroidery, sewing, watercolour painting, and even some sparkling work on bedazzled burlesque costumes. This week saw yet another rise in attendance, with several new faces joining in and an extra table needed to accommodate the growing number of crafters.

The group prides itself on being an inclusive, pressure-free space where it's not about the end result, but about crafting together, connecting, and supporting

one another through the joys (and occasional frustrations!) of handmade projects and everyday life. There is definitely an emphasis on fun as well, as the laughter emanating from the craft room attests.

The craft evenings are held every second Thursday and always welcome new members—whether you're picking up a craft for the first time or have been crafting for years. The Co-Op will meet again on Thursday 2nd October at 55 Gibraltar Street from 6-8pm. For further information and to check out the Co-Op's upcoming craft workshops open to all members of the public, check out the Bungendore Crafters' Co-Operative on Facebook. Happy crafting!

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Maria's Community Corner

Maria Porreca
I hope all you amazing fathers

and father figures had a great Father's Day and got spoiled
This fortnight commenced with a group of 10 of us attending a trivia event at the

'Top Pub' on Saturday 6th September in support of First Steps Pregnancy Support (FSPS) organisation. It was so much fun. There was a live auction as well as a silent auction, jokes being told and karaoke to end the evening. The event was a huge success, and they

reached their target - the money will be used to help first time mums and bubs who need help. FSPS welcomes Baby Shower Hampers (for both baby and mum), Hospital Essential Packs and ready-made meals that can be frozen and then handed out to mums in

need. Contact@fsps.org.au for more information.

Dr Sarah Jensen, obstetrician and founder of First Steps Pregnancy Support was the Guest Speaker at the CWA Queanbeyan Evening Branch meeting on Tuesday 9th. It was inspiring to hear

her speak of her vision, mission, work and setting up of FSPS. She also announced that FSPS will have more space soon as they will also occupy the area next door to them. Fantastic news for them!

Queanbeyan Senior Citizens held their annual fete on Saturday 13th September. A little earlier than last year but still a HUGE success. There was so much on offer, such as the White Elephant stall, plants, cakes and homemade goodies (including a really nice citrus sauce) and lots and lots of craft - both completed items and kits to 'make your own'. There was also an array of brand-new items that were ideal for Christmas presents. A good opportunity to get some early shopping done. Their Mega Raffle was also drawn at the finish of the Fete. It consisted of 8 superb

prizes, including an amazing Queen size quilt lovingly handcrafted and donated by Queanbeyan Quilters. There were also some vouchers, June Licorice and chocolate hamper and some homewares. A list of all winners is elsewhere in the paper.

On the second Thursday of every month the Queanbeyan Health Walking Group celebrates the birthdays of the month by going out to lunch to a local club or restaurant. This month we went to the Queanbeyan Leagues Club for a very delicious lunch. The Group meets at 8.50am every Thursday at the BBQ area in Queen Elizabeth Park and after the walk for a coffee at Café Veloce in the Riverside Plaza. Welcome to join us!

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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 21st October 2025.

Riverside Plaza Stall - monthly - We will be in Riverside Plaza on Saturday 25th October. Our FETE was a huge success. Winners

contacted.

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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Barber's pole worm warning for livestock producers

Livestock producers are being reminded to monitor their stock for barber's pole worm, with the recent wet and warmer weather increasing larval pasture burdens, making stock more vulnerable.

Barber's pole worms (*Haemonchus contortus*) are about 1.5 to 2.5 centimetres long and are blood feeders, which attach to the lining of the stomach of livestock including sheep, goats, alpacas and cattle, causing anaemia.

The current conditions across much of NSW are ideal for egg

hatching, larval survival on the paddocks and reinfection of stock.

Integrated control programs, including paddock management, worm monitoring and quarantine drenching, can help reduce the negative impacts of barber's pole worm, according to Local Land Services Principal Program Manager Animal Biosecurity and Welfare, Lyndell Stone.

"Producers should be doing worm tests to work out how high their worm burdens are," Dr Stone said.

"Talk to your Local Land Services

District Veterinarian or private veterinarian about doing a worm test as they can advise on the timing and type of testing and help interpret the results to guide a treatment and management plan, keeping in mind a long-term strategy is best.

"Proactive producers who have worm tested regularly, understood their property's drench resistance status, used effective drenches only when necessary and utilised the environment to kill larvae, have had low egg counts, which is

pleasing."

Clinical signs of stock that are affected by barber's pole worm may include:

- pale gums and conjunctiva (inside the eyelid)
- bottle jaw (fluid collecting in a pouch under the jaw)
- lacking stamina, for example they want to lie down when being mustered or moved
- losing body condition and stock deaths.

If you have any concerns about



barber's pole worm, or you notice unusual symptoms or stock losses, contact your Local Land Services District Veterinarian on 1300 795 299.

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How much will your pension change?

National Seniors Australia

Any change to pension payments on 20 September will depend on your personal circumstances. Try our simple estimator to give you an idea of the impact.

Recently, National Seniors Australia (NSA) reported that Age Pension payments will be adjusted on 20 September 2025 to account for indexation and deeming rate changes.

The maximum rate of increase to the Age Pension from indexation could be up to \$29.70 for singles and \$22.40 each for couples.

However, with deeming rates increasing by 0.5%, the amount your pension increases could be lower, and in some cases your pension may reduce slightly.

The change to deeming rates have been announced as the freeze has been lifted to better reflect the returns older people receive for their investments. Rates have been on hold for a number of years and this has meant pensioners have been spared lower payments as interest rates increased rapidly.

In a win for common sense, the Minister for Social Services, Tanya Plibersek, listened to organisations like NSA and increased deeming rates modestly in the short term.

That said, there will obviously be some who are disappointed that the freeze was lifted at all, given this will lead to lower pension payments.

The million-dollar question is: How much will individual pensioners be impacted?

Firstly, deeming rates only affect the Age Pension Income Test, so it is only those subject to the income test who will be impacted.

Secondly, because deeming estimates the income a pensioner could receive from certain savings and investments, the impact will vary depending on a pensioner's personal circumstances.

How much pension will you now get - use the estimator

National Seniors Australia (NSA) has created a simple tool to help you see the possible impact on your pension payment, from the deeming rate adjustment on 20

September, which also takes into account indexation.

This is just a guide and is based on assumptions, so cannot accurately reflect individual circumstances. Only Centrelink will be able to accurately tell you the impact, but this only after 20 September.

The Deeming Estimator is available on the NSA website. <https://nationalseniors.com.au/resources/calculators/age-pension-indexation-estimator>

NSA will continue to fight for a modest return to higher deeming rates, that does not unfairly punish older people by raising rates too quickly or too high.

If issues about pension adequacy are of concern to you, consider joining our Fix Pension Poverty or Retirement Income campaigns.

Each of these campaigns have different policies that NSA is pushing for, so join the one that best reflects your thinking.

Better still, if you are not already, consider becoming a member of NSA.

Which financial assets are deemed?

These include ASX shares, international shares, bonds, cash at the bank, and some superannuation income streams.

Some financial assets, like investment properties, are not subject to deeming rules. Instead, you simply report the net rental income.

According to the Department of Human Services, by treating all financial investments the same, deeming rules:

- Encourage people to choose investments on their merit rather than on the effect the investment income may have on the person's pension entitlement
- Provide an incentive to invest in higher return investments, as any interest rate achieved above the deeming rates doesn't count as income
- Create a simple way to assess income from financial assets, increasing predictability and reducing fluctuation in payments.

From 20 September 2025:

• The first \$64,200 of your financial assets will be deemed to earn 0.75%

• Anything over \$64,200 will be deemed to earn 2.75%.

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

What is the key benefit of deeming your income?

The benefit of deeming rates is that it avoids pensioners having to constantly report earnings and encourages them to put their savings into an investment that earns a higher rate of return.

So, putting savings in a low-yielding savings account is not a generally a good idea, but having it in higher yielding investments like super could provide a better outcome overall because deeming rates are generally lower than the returns from this type of investment.

That is especially true as current deeming rates sit much lower than returns on savings held in superannuation.

Community News

The Bungendore-Queanbeyan road by mail coach, 1861

Travelling from Bungendore to Queanbeyan by road is today an easy, and for many enjoyable, short trip by car or bus. It has not always been so, however!

The late historian Errol Lea-Scarlett describes a trip taken by Mr (later Sir) Thomas Allwright Dibbs (1832-1923) and his wife Laura (1834-1904) in 1861. Dibbs was an officer of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney. He became its General Manager in 1867, a post he held until his retirement in 1915.

The Kiandra goldfield had been proclaimed in 1860, and the gold rush was on. There was no bank at Kiandra, but lots of gold. Dibbs was asked by the bank officials to travel from Sydney to the goldfield to open a bank branch there. He chose to take the overland route all the way, rather than travel by ship to Eden then overland to Kiandra. Among his luggage were two heavy bags of cash, and some stationary, to use to open the Kiandra branch of the bank. He also had 'duelling pistols and a six-shooter'.

The trip from Sydney to Goulburn, mostly by coach

and dray, was horrendous, owing to the flooding of the rivers and creeks along the way. In the 1860s there was nothing that we would recognise as a road from Sydney to Queanbeyan and beyond to Kiandra, just bush tracks with no bridges over the many watercourses that had to be crossed.

Then, as Lea-Scarlett puts it, '...the road from Goulburn to Queanbeyan [via Bungendore] now afforded the most terrifying experience of the whole journey'.

Dibbs described the trip in the mail coach as follows:

A ROUGH TRIP. During the first few miles the near wheels on three occasions sank up to the axles, and I was obliged more than once to jump from the box seat and catch my wife in my arms to prevent her from falling. Within four miles of Queanbeyan another flooded river (the Molonglo) had to be crossed—no easy task with horses that had come a severe stage of about thirty miles. The driver was disinclined to make the attempt, but, having once descended the steep bank, it was found impossible to



turn back; so, after giving the tired horses a brief respite, he gathered up the reins and whipped them into the stream. When half-way over we came to a standstill, and I had to jump off the coach and up to my shoulders in water in order to coax the leaders to move. At the same time two passengers put their shoulders to the wheels. The wife of one of them

protested that her husband, a burly Scotchman, would get his death of cold, and strongly advised 'Jemsey', as she called him, to return to the coach. I fear I rather incurred her displeasure by suggesting that Jemsey would have to stay in the river if he did not do his share of the work. After a big effort we got to within twenty feet of the bank, but the horses could drag us no

further, and we had to carry the mail bags and baggage to the river banks on our heads. My wife I carried on my back, with her feet dragging in the river. Another effort; the horses pulled Her Majesty's mail coach out of the stream, and we arrived at the pretty town of Queanbeyan just after dark on Wednesday evening without further adventure.

unquote

Source: Dibbs, cited in Lea-Scarlett, EJ 1968, Queanbeyan: district and people, Queanbeyan Municipal Council, Queanbeyan, NSW, p. 84. David McDonald Photo: Horse drawn mail coach Object No. 85/1284-338 c. 1884-1917 Powerhouse Museum

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Queanbeyan Senior Citizens Mega Raffle Results

The Queanbeyan Senior Citizens have been holding a raffle in conjunction with their annual fete which was held on Saturday 13th September and was a great success.

I believe the Junee Licorice & Chocolate hamper was a great hit and several of the seniors were really wishing that they would win it.

The results of the raffle draw are:

1st - Exquisite handmade quilt by Queanbeyan Quilters - Anna D., Queanbeyan

2nd - \$200 Coles Gift card - Norma H., Queanbeyan

3rd - \$100 Bunnings Gift card - Sonia P., Jerrabomberra

4th - Ice Cream Maker - Jenny W., Queanbeyan

5th - Junee Licorice & Chocolate hamper - Danita B., Queanbeyan

6th - \$25 Harris Scarfe Gift card - Brette M., Queanbeyan

7th - Electric knife - Marlene W., Karabar

8th - Gaming Headset - Ross M.

The Queanbeyan Seniors member who prepared the lolly jar guessing competition kept the number count very secret and although I tried as hard as I could to get it out of her she did not cave. At the draw I was told that the number of lollies was 217 and Noa, with her guess of 213 was the closest.

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!

A huge 'THANK YOU' to all our supporters who bought tickets and to the businesses who donated some of the prizes. Without your generosity this would not be possible.

Maria Porreca
Qbn Senior Citizens

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Consultation Now Open on Major Mobile Coverage Reform Across Eden-Monaro

Residents, businesses and community groups across Eden-Monaro are invited to have their say on a major reform that aims to dramatically improve mobile coverage in regional and remote areas.

The Australian Government has released draft legislation for the Universal Outdoor Mobile Obligation (UOMO), which will require mobile providers to deliver outdoor voice and text coverage almost anywhere Australians can see the sky.

This includes many parts of Eden-Monaro where mobile black spots continue to impact safety, productivity and connectivity.

This is a real opportunity for people in Eden-Monaro to help shape how mobile coverage is delivered in our region. From the coast to the mountains, we know how frustrating black spots can be, this reform is about fixing that.

The proposed reforms are expected to expand mobile coverage by more than 5 million square kilometres, using a combination of existing infrastructure and emerging Direct-to-Device technology delivered via Low Earth Orbit Satellites.

The legislation is part of the Government's response to the 2024

Regional Telecommunications Review, which identified the need for stronger, more reliable mobile services in areas like Eden-Monaro.

The consultation is open until 19 October 2025, and feedback is being sought from industry, stakeholders and the public.

The Government is also reviewing how best to structure future mobile coverage programs, supported by the release of the Mobile Black Spot Program Evaluation.

Submissions can be made via the Department of Communications website at: <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/have-your-say>

Improved connectivity means safer roads, stronger businesses, and better access to services. I encourage everyone to have their say, because reliable connectivity isn't just a want for our community it's a necessity.

If you have any questions, or I can assist with a federal issue please get in touch.

Kristy McBain MP
Member for Eden-Monaro
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Bungendore Seniors

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

Get Togethers

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

Enjoy great conversation, a few laughs, some games and morning tea. We meet at 10am at the Bungendore Sports Hub ammentities building (parking near the netball courts).

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

See right for dates.

Everyone's welcome!

Seniors Chair Yoga

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

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

All welcome to attend

2025 Membership

Yearly membership is only

\$10.00 per person. We welcome everyone over the age of 55.

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

THURSDAYS

Thursday 25 September
Thursday 9 October
Thursday 23 October
Thursday 6 November
Thursday 20 November

FRIDAYS

Friday 3 October
Friday 17 October
Friday 31 October
Friday 14 November
Friday 28 November





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Staying Smart in a Digital World

10.00am October 30th



Kyliee Dennis – Two Face Communications

Former NSW detective and current investigator Kyliee Dennis combines her 14+ years in law enforcement, intelligence & child protection with real, hands-on investigative work to help you protect your heart, identity and money. Drawing on romance scam & catfishing cases, she'll expose how scammers use stolen photos, deepfake identities, love-bombing, and emotional manipulation.



Katharine Routh – NBN

If you've ever been worried about online scams or you're simply looking to upskill your digital safety, this is the session for you. Learn tips on how best to avoid online and phone scams, discover helpful advice on what to do if you're ever a victim of a scam, and find out where you can go for more information.



Scan this QR code to reserve your free ticket

Bungendore Community Centre, Bungendore



Community News

The 30-second health hack that could save your life

More than 110 Australians fall victim to stroke every day, with one-in-four attributed to atrial fibrillation (AF). This week, leading heart charity Hearts4heart's new director and spokesperson for Atrial Fibrillation Awareness Week, Dr Geoff Lester, is helping to raise awareness about this condition, which is known to result in the most debilitating strokes and twice as likely to result in death.

Dr Lester is passionate about raising awareness of AF, including symptoms, early detection and management, to prevent related strokes. With his personal experience of four open heart surgeries before he turned 40, Dr Lester hopes to draw attention to cardiovascular diseases like AF. He believes that equipping Australians of all ages with simple tools to detect possible signs of AF early is key.

"Atrial fibrillation should no longer be considered a heart condition that impacts only people over the age of 65. The younger you are, the more you're likely to think atrial fibrillation won't impact you, and the more likely you are to ignore the early symptoms like a rapid heartbeat or palpitations, dizziness, tiredness or shortness of breath.

"In my new role as a director of Hearts4heart, I want all

Australian adults to learn how to take their pulse. This can be a simple way to identify an irregular heartbeat in 30-seconds, one of the possible signs of atrial fibrillation," said Dr Lester.

Atrial fibrillation is a heart condition in which the heart's upper chamber, the atria, beats erratically. It occurs when there is a disturbance to the heart's electrical system, resulting in an irregular pulse or irregular heartbeat.1 This means the heart is not pumping blood around the body as well as it should, often leading to increased risk of stroke.

AF impacts more than 500,000 Australians, with up to 30% unaware they are living with the condition. AF-related mortality rates have doubled over the last two decades, costing the health system more than \$1.4 billion dollars annually. It is the second most expensive cardiovascular condition in Australia, and a major public health issue.

Cardiologist and best-selling author, Dr Warrick Bishop, emphasises that early diagnosis of AF is crucial – it enables timely access to treatment, slows disease progression, reduces the risk of stroke and can support overall quality of life.

"Many people are unaware they have atrial fibrillation until they

have a medical incident. We can avoid this by empowering Australian adults to monitor their heart through quick and simple checks that they can do at home or work or while commuting.

This Atrial Fibrillation Awareness Week (22 - 28 Sept), Dr Geoff Lester, Hearts4heart CEO, Tanya Hall, who lives with AF, and experts across the country are helping to raise awareness about prevention, symptoms, diagnosis and complications related to AF.

"Although the consequences of unmanaged atrial fibrillation are serious, debilitating and often life-threatening, what we do know is that managing atrial fibrillation can be quite simple if it's detected early.

"Because some people living with atrial fibrillation don't experience symptoms, it's really important all Australians – even those with excellent physical fitness – proactively and regularly check their heartbeat through a pulse check, a stethoscope check with their GP, or using a wearable device," said Ms Hall.

If you think your heartbeat may be irregular, talk to your GP about atrial fibrillation.

To access resources and information about atrial fibrillation, please visit www.hearts4heart.org.au.

Elm Grove Estate

Bungendore NSW

Only 30 minutes from the heart of Canberra lies a piece of country paradise offering a wholesome lifestyle the entire family will enjoy.

Nestled in the fast-growing and historic Bungendore township, Elm Grove Estate in Bungendore is 20 minutes to Queanbeyan and close to 30 minutes to Canberra, giving you all the benefits of the city being just a stone's throw away while living in a relaxed country town.

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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Community News

TAWS October News

Tarago Are Women's Shed

August and September were very busy in the Shed with our members, particularly the new ones, producing some really interesting work.

Jenni ran another enjoyable pyrography workshop. She was able to buy some very well priced wood-burning kits so no one had to share. After practising on scrap timber, they made and coloured, beautiful designs on a wooden spoon and wool felt. They results were very good but the smell of burning wool is not something that you would seek out. Jenni says that pyrography can be used successfully to decorate rabbit felt such as in an Akubra hat without the offending aroma.

Bunnings Goulburn held another of their special nights in September, this time for Father's Day. Sabina, Jenni and Kerrie attended and displayed examples of the work done at the Shed. Sabina also made a new friend - Hefner the

alpaca.

We were pleased to be able to offer our lathe for the use of the Men's Shed, as their one was irreparably broken. It's good to see our lovely equipment from our old Shed being used rather than languishing in storage.

Bearta is retiring soon and plans to travel Australia in a van. She has spent several weeks building or modifying bedding and cupboards for the internal fitout. It will be cosy but looks very comfortable.

Debbie has paused the metalwork for a while and is making wooden stands for her artwork so it can be suitably presented. We look forward to seeing the finished product.

Leanne has completed several lovely wood and metal figurines of fishes and birds. They have a lot of character. Each of us has a favourite but they are all very beautiful.

Cherrie's interest in calligraphy has

given her the inspiration to make wooden stands for the inks and brushes she and her fellow artists use. Loose bottles of ink and paint on the table can be potentially very messy so small stands with various sized holes bored keeps them safely under control. As always, even the simplest project idea requires a lot of planning but the finished product will be very good and practical. The pedestal drill press and Forstner bits once again proved invaluable.

We will be holding our AGM on November 6, 2pm at the Loaded Dog. We will be having lunch first at about 12.30pm after bingo. Please RSVP to email at taragoarea.womensshed@gmail.com.au if you wish to have lunch at the Pub.

Our next scheduled workshop will also be in November "Painting with watercolours". Details will be announced soon.

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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.australianskincancerfoundation.org/bendigo-bank>

Together we can tackle skin cancer head on!



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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DATES AND STOPS

- 23 SEPT - PAMBULA	- 24 SEPT - BEGA	- 26 SEPT - BATEMANS BAY	- 29 SEPT - MILTON
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Re-veg, Re-Gen, Re-Connect and re-bird!

Damon Oliver, Team Leader, Ecosystems and Threatened Species, NSW DCCEEW and Andy Taylor, Senior NRM Advisor SE LLS

Did you know a lot of our small woodland bird species are in decline. But why? Studies on woodland birds have found the smaller insectivores and granivores (seed eaters) to be the most vulnerable to extinction. There are two key reasons for this. Firstly, the loss and simplifying of natural habitats from historic clearing, frequent fire, too much grazing by native and introduced animals, removal of fallen timber by humans and development has reduced the amount of habitat for these birds. Humans have a natural tendency to want things to be neat and tidy but nature and our small woodland birds like things messy and complex to provide shelter and food sources. This general loss of habitat and shelter has exacerbated the second key threat to many small birds and that's

predation by feral cats and foxes. Without enough trees, shrubs and ground cover protection, our small birds find it hard to feed, breed and move from place to place without getting eaten by predators. Many of the common larger native birds we see in rural and urban landscapes have become overabundant as a result of human activities like agriculture and urban development. Sometimes referred to as 'bully birds', they like living in landscapes where natural habitat has been reduced or modified to create increasingly open woodlands and pastures. They also benefit from increasing availability of standing water and foods found in gardens, crops and livestock feed. These are often the large, noisy and aggressive native birds like Ravens (Crows), Magpies, Sulphur-crested Cockatoos, Little Corellas and Noisy Miners. Because of their size and adaptability, they have outcompeted many of the smaller bird species that

require specific and more complex habitat niches for breeding and survival. We now have a long list of small woodland bird species that are listed as threatened or declining and they urgently need our help if they are to survive as a species. Most of the birds in trouble breed and feed in the lower shrub and ground layers. One of the bird groups in decline are those we call insectivores. They feed on insects and other small invertebrates often amongst leaf litter and fallen timber. These include the wrens, robins, thornbills, treecreepers, warblers and thrushes. Another suite of species in trouble are the granivores that feed on seeds from shrubs and ground cover plants, like native grasses. These are the finches, parrots, pigeons and doves. It all sounds very bad, but there are lots of things we can do to help these amazing and precious birds to survive and flourish. Three simple strategies can make

the world of difference: **Re-vegetate** - plant a mixture of native shrubs, mid-storey and trees in strategic locations to provide habitat connectivity. **Re-generate** - protect and manage existing native woodlands by controlling how much grazing they get to allow natural regeneration from the seed bank. Keep dead standing trees and fallen timber to help maintain complex habitats and enhance with shrubs and mid-storey plantings. **Re-connect** - Join patches of existing woodlands with wide corridors or stepping stone plantings across your property to allow birds to move safely across the landscape. This is particularly important for dispersal and survival of young birds after they fledge from the nest. Some of our most beautiful and loved birds like the Scarlet Robin, Flame Robin, Diamond Firetail, Hooded Robin, Brown Treecreeper, Speckled Warbler and Dusky



Woodswallow are some of the species threatened with extinction - so these actions (and others) will help secure their existing local populations and support the 'Re-birding' of the broader landscape. But we need to act now. Local Land Services and many other organisations offer support to farmers and landholders on ways to design habitat protection and strategic revegetation on their properties and how to maintain them. The strategic creation of habitat, through revegetation, can also benefit farms by providing shade and shelter for livestock, protection of crops, soils and pastures

and improvements to water quality and resilience against extreme climatic events. Local Land Services runs a range of workshops and field days, including Property Planning, Revegetation, Wildlife Monitoring and Weed ID and control which can help you with your property management. You can register for these on our events page by scanning the QR Code (see page 21). And keep an eye out for our bird watching events during the Aussie Bird Count week 20-26th October. Contact Andy Taylor, Senior NRM Advisor, for more details: andy.taylor@lls.nsw.gov.au Photo supplied

Theileria in non-endemic areas: what cattle owners should know

Dr Lou Baskind, District Veterinarian

A diagnosis of Theileriosis in autumn in cattle in our region surprised me recently. While this tick-borne disease is endemic along the NSW coast, it remains rare in this area—this is the first confirmed case I've encountered here in years. Theileriosis is caused by a blood parasite that lives in both red and white blood cells. It is transmitted by the bush tick (Haemaphysalis longicornis), which picks up the parasite while feeding on infected cattle and can pass it onto other animals. These ticks don't just feed on cattle - they can also feed on kangaroos and deer, making them highly mobile disease vectors. This means the disease can transmit without direct cattle-to-cattle contact and is not limited by fences or roads. **Why did this happen this year?** Historically, cattle movements in our region have been fairly local, and our cold, dry winters have likely limited tick survival. Along the NSW coast, milder, more humid conditions allow the tick to survive year-round and spread the disease. However, changing climate conditions and more frequent cattle movements mean this risk is evolving. Cattle brought in from coastal areas may carry both

the blood parasite and the tick that transmits it into our district. What's the risk? Cattle from endemic areas often have the disease in a carrier state—they may look healthy but can still infect bush ticks, which then spread the disease to naïve cattle. While carrier cattle are generally not sick themselves unless severely stressed, they may pose a risk to local herds that have never been exposed, if they arrive carrying the bush tick vector with them. There are newer strains of Theileria—introduced to Australia around 2006—that cause more severe disease than previously seen. Clinical signs include lethargy, pale or yellow mucous membranes, laboured breathing, reduced appetite, reproductive failure, and in some cases, sudden death. There is no registered treatment or vaccine. The number of ticks around usually relates to how bad the disease is. However, the bush tick only stays on the host for a few days before dropping off, so the number of ticks on the cattle doesn't really give a clear idea of the total tick population. There could be more ticks in the environment that we don't notice. While our tableland climate is less favourable to bush ticks—meaning a large-scale outbreak is unlikely—the cost of even a few sick or dead cattle is too high to

ignore. Prevention is far more effective and economical than dealing with the consequences. Naïve cattle in the third trimester of pregnancy and young calves are particularly at risk, as their immune systems are either under strain or not yet fully developed. These animals are more likely to develop severe clinical signs if exposed. Most producers are aware of the risk of moving naïve cattle into endemic areas. But fewer realise the danger of moving carrier cattle into non-endemic areas like ours. While there's no legal obligation, being mindful of the potential to spread disease and ticks helps safeguard the broader farming community. **What can you do?** • Consider the source of bought in cattle: are they coming from the Theileria endemic zone? • Time introductions wisely: If you must bring cattle from endemic areas, consider doing so during the cooler months when tick activity is naturally lower. • Use effective tick control: Treat introduced cattle with a product that kills bush ticks within 24-48 hours. Ideally, treatment should be administered before transport, but if that isn't possible, do it immediately



upon arrival. • Note that not all tick treatments—particularly pour-on and injectable formulations—are registered for managing bush tick. It's worth seeking veterinary advice about appropriate products, including potential off-label use and its implications. • Monitor stock closely: Especially around calving or during stressful periods such as transport. Theileria can cause disease in vulnerable animals even if they've been carriers for some time. • Even if cattle are not showing clinical signs, your veterinarian can test a small number of animals in the herd to determine whether they are naïve or already in a carrier state. This can help inform your biosecurity management plan for the farm. If you suspect Theileria or want to discuss your herd's risk, contact your Local Land Services District Vet on 1300 795 299. Photo supplied

Bringing new layers into your backyard flock this spring

Lou Baskind District Vet Braidwood

Spring is a great time to add new layers to backyard flocks. Longer days and warmer weather help boost egg production but bringing in new chickens can also bring disease. Even birds that look healthy can carry infections or parasites without showing signs. Respiratory diseases, mites, lice and Marek's disease are common risks. These can spread quickly between birds and, once they take hold, can be hard to manage and may cause deaths. That's why it's important to quarantine new birds for at least 30 days. This gives time for any hidden problems to show up. Once birds are mixed, the decision can't be undone, so it's worth waiting the quarantine period. Buy healthy looking birds from trusted suppliers who follow good biosecurity practices and ask them about their vaccinations. Vaccinated birds can still spread disease, even if they're protected from getting sick. For example, it is risky to add Marek's-vaccinated birds to unvaccinated flocks. Choose a quarantine area that's well separated from the established flock. Consider wind direction and use a solid barrier

as a "sneeze guard" to stop airborne spread. Use separate equipment for feeding and cleaning. Always care for the established flock first, then the quarantine group, to avoid spreading secretions, droppings or feather dander. Wild birds can also carry diseases and parasites between groups. Use bird netting over feeding areas to stop wild birds from sharing feed with your flock. Watch all birds daily for changes in behaviour, appetite or appearance. If any birds seem sick, don't integrate any of the new birds with the established flock until the disease is treated and completely gone. Speak to a vet for a diagnosis, treatment plan and advice on when it's safe to mix birds. For more information on keeping poultry safe from serious diseases, visit the Australian Government's page on 'protecting domestic poultry and birds from emergency animal diseases'. Or you can always speak to your District Veterinarian at Local Land Services for advice on backyard poultry biosecurity.



Turn your product into \$\$\$: Join the Palerang Landscape Impact Program

Melissa Henry, Natural Capital Advisor

Are you a producer in the Palerang area looking to tap into new markets?

Then don't miss this exciting opportunity to be guided through the ins and outs of environmental markets and how to unlock financial returns from Natural Capital!

Environmental markets are emerging as powerful tools for landholders to diversify income, enhance landscape resilience, and contribute to national climate and biodiversity goals. Whether

through carbon farming or biodiversity stewardship, these markets reward landholders for managing their properties in ways that regenerate ecosystems and store carbon.

The Palerang Landscape Impact Program invites landholders from across the region—including Bungendore, Carwoola, Primrose Valley, Braidwood, Harolds Cross, and surrounding areas—to take part in a hands-on learning journey into environmental markets. Delivered by South East Local Land

Services in partnership with Regen Farmers Mutual, the program features five interactive workshops, including on-farm site visits, and provides direct access to expert guidance on carbon and biodiversity market opportunities.

Participants will gain insights into schemes such as the Biodiversity Stewardship Agreements, Environmental Plantings under the ACCU Scheme and the Nature Repair

Market. The program also connects landholders with

potential investors, offering practical insights into project feasibility and potential returns of environmental market participation.

Being a member of this group means you won't be navigating this space alone. You'll learn alongside other landholders, share experiences, and build local case studies that strengthen regional knowledge. The program also includes tailored support such as Natural Capital Profiles and feasibility assessments to help you take the next step.

If you're curious about how your property could benefit from environmental markets, this is your chance to explore the possibilities in a practical, locally relevant way.

Registrations are now open via the QR Code. For enquiries about this program, please contact Melissa Henry, LLS Natural Capital Advisor on melissa.henry@lls.nsw.gov.au or 0438 452 109.

The Palerang Landscape Impact Program is supported by the Australian Government through funding from the



Natural Heritage Trust under the Climate-Smart Agriculture Program and delivered by Local Land Services, a member of the Commonwealth Regional Delivery Partners panel with support from Regen Farmers Mutual.

Where have all the giants gone?

Andy Taylor, Senior NRM Advisor

Paddock trees are the oldest living things in our landscape!

They are those old giants branching out over the paddock providing:

- shade for livestock on a hot day,
- a stepping-stone for birds to navigate open farmland,
- a home for tree dwelling wildlife and
- important cover for our soils, pastures and grasslands.

Unfortunately, they are a diminishing feature across our rural landscapes as there is little to no regeneration of new trees to replace them. Because they can be hundreds of years old, if they are lost, it will be a long time before we see

the benefits they offer again.

If you have giant old paddock trees, it's likely they were once part of a woodland of equally large trees. Together they supported an abundance of life and provided important ecosystem-services that created a highly productive landscape.

Factors contributing to their decline and the recruitment of new trees include:

- over clearing
- grazing
- firewood collection
- fertilising and
- drought.

But farm management options to protect existing trees and encourage the regeneration of new ones, is easy and will benefit our farms, livestock, wildlife and natural environment for

years to come.

Retain the benefits of paddock trees with these actions:

- Protect them from livestock camping, spray activities and ploughing with a fence, wider than the canopy drip line.
- Plant mid-storey and shrub layers at the same time to enhance the benefits.
- Incorporate them into a larger revegetation project that can extend the benefits to more livestock, water quality, soils and pasture.
- Put an individual solid mesh guard around any natural regenerating trees you find to encourage the next generation.

Look out for new regeneration of trees across your paddocks this spring and take a tiny step towards



keeping these giants in our landscape for future generations.

Paddock trees and other remnant native vegetation are an important feature of our landscape and should be considered in your property plan and goals.

You can register for our upcoming Property Planning workshops at Gundaroo or Michelago this October/ November via the QR code link to our events page.

Or call your nearest Local Land Services office for more information about how

to manage native vegetation on your land on 1300 795 299.

Photo supplied of paddock trees disappear when threats against their regeneration are not managed.

Weeds to watch this spring

Bella Hart Land Services Officer

One year of seed, many years of weeds!

Weeds wreak havoc with both environmental and production systems, and if not addressed, they will become a bigger and more costly problem to manage. With spring here, most weeds are susceptible to control, and it is an ideal time to stop them in their tracks before they produce seed.

Here's what you can do now:

- Monitor - regularly inspect your entire property, especially areas where seed may have been introduced in stockfeed or on vehicles. Record new and old infestations on a map and take photos. Also map where you have removed weeds to remind you to monitor these sites over time.
- Manage land responsibly - avoid overgrazing by

livestock and native and feral animals and regularly clean your vehicles and machinery to prevent seed spread. Weeds often take advantage of bare soil, especially when seed is being spread around, and good land management can often prevent infestations.

- Integrated weed management - the most successful weed control happens when multiple control methods are used and are followed up each year. Chemically control weeds when they are susceptible, physically remove them when you can, and use other tools like fire and grazing when and where appropriate.

Our top weeds to watch this spring are:

- Serrated tussock (Nassella trichotoma) - a grassy weed that is inedible to livestock and seeds profusely during spring and summer.

- Gorse (Ulex europaeus) - an invasive shrub with distinctive spines that forms dense thickets and produces seeds that can remain viable for up to 30 years. It germinates late spring to early summer and typically flowers in spring and autumn.
- Scotch broom (Cytisus scoparius subsp. scoparius) - a long-lived, toxic shrub with bright yellow flowers that can harbour many feral pest animals like rabbits, foxes and pigs. Flowers from late winter to late spring and drops seed anytime from spring to summer.
- Cape broom (Genista monspessulana) - similar looking to scotch broom but can also be confused with similar looking native species. While this invasive shrub is not toxic, it forms dense thickets, tolerates infertile soil and is very competitive. It is susceptible to chemical



control now and will start dropping seed from spring to summer.

- St. John's wort (Hypericum perforatum) - a herb with bright yellow flowers that is poisonous to livestock, with the toxin levels changing throughout the year that flowers from late spring to summer.

For more information about any of the weeds listed here,

including identification and control tips, please visit the NSW WeedWise website.

Above photo supplied of Scotch broom



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Check out our upcoming events on our new Humanitix site



PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Tha amazing and delicious cake, by Kate and Paul English for the official opening of the Burra Community Shed

PET OF THE WEEK



Name: Maisie
Age 4 months old.
Loves exploring the house and garden and playing with our granddaughters.
Hates staying on her mat unless she's totally zonked!
Claim to Fame: She's brought us so much joy!

Letters

An Open Letter to our Community from the Captain of Bungendore Rural Fire Service

As we approach the high-risk weather season, I want to take a moment to reach out to you - our valued community - and remind you of the importance of preparation.

Each year, our region faces the increasing threat of grass fires, bush fires and extreme weather events. The safety of our homes, families, and livelihoods depends on the steps we take now. I urge all residents to review their fire plans, clear vegetation around their properties and stay informed through official channels. Now is also a good time to clean chimneys following the peak winter season and our transition to warmer weather. Preparation is not just a personal responsibility - it's a community effort.

Permits are required from 1 October 2025. If you need further information on permits or how to prepare, please visit www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information.

I also want to extend my heartfelt thanks to you all for your ongoing support of our brigade. Your encouragement, cooperation and resilience make our work possible and meaningful. In particular, I would like to acknowledge the generous support of the Bendigo Bank. Their support and kind donations in the lead-up to this season have enabled us to upgrade essential equipment and enhance our readiness to respond when the community needs us most.

We are proud to serve this community and we are committed to standing with you through whatever challenges this season may bring. Please stay safe, stay prepared and continue to look out for one another.

With gratitude,

Rob Allard
Captain, Bungendore RFS
www.bungendorerfs.org



On Time, space and whatever (edition,443, 10 September 2025)

I was dismayed to see the speculative physics article by Larry King in the 10 September issue of Regional Independent, as it starts with an inaccurate premise and contains a lot of supposition that is not supported by current expert theories. I would not like readers to think that it represents mainstream physics thought.

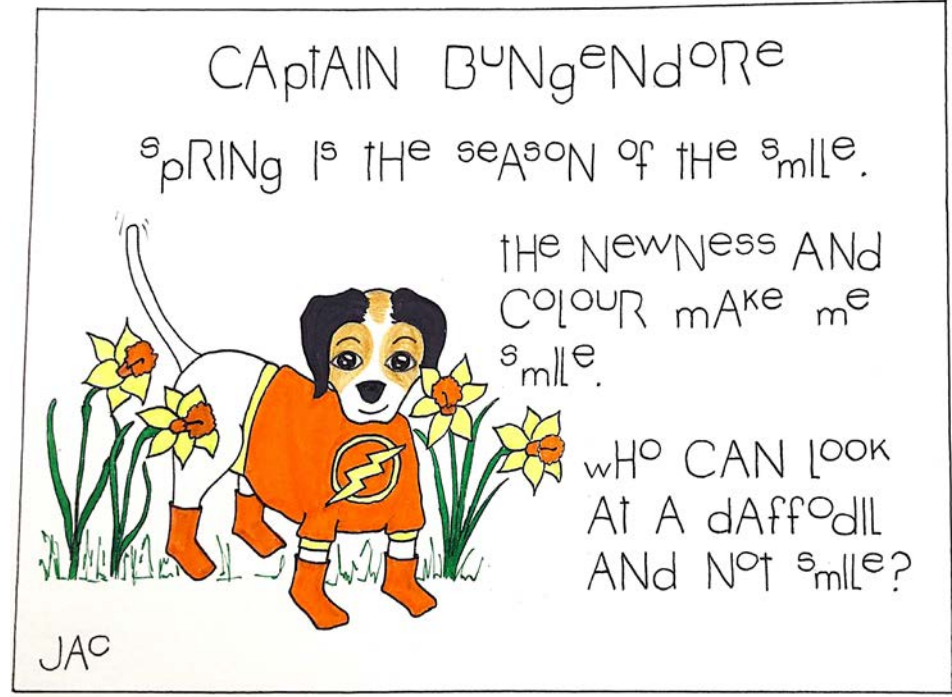
Firstly, "Einstein's ... Relativity doesn't work at the quantum level" is inaccurate and misleading. What has been known for the best part of a hundred years is that Relativity and Quantum theory are incompatible. Relativity assumes that the things it describes, for example gravity, are smooth in nature - that is, they can have any value within a certain range. Quantum phenomena, such as the energy levels or spins of subatomic particles like electrons, can only have discrete values; they can't have values in between these.

Physicists have found this annoying - they would like there to be a 'theory of everything' which would unite gravity and quantum theory, but despite lots of attempts, gravity has so far refused to be quantised. Indeed, there is now a growing group of physicists who are relaxed about there being two different types of fundamental forces - that gravity is like the backing of a tapestry, on which quantum theory weaves the tapestry's pictures.

Mr King rightly points out that the rest of his article is supposition. It contains questionable assertions. For example: "That the big bang created its own space is a causal absurdity." No, it isn't, and indeed it is currently thought by most physicists not only to have done this, but to have created its own starting point for time.

I commend to Mr King, and to all readers interested in science broadly as well as in physics, that they read New Scientist magazine. It comes out weekly and can be borrowed from the QPRC Libraries.

(Dr) John Scheduling
Queanbeyan



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Arts Trail 2025

The Queanbeyan-Palerang Arts Trail is back next month, giving you the chance to explore the workspaces, studios, and galleries of talented local artists across our region.

The Arts Trail weekends are:

- Braidwood - 4 & 5 October
- Bungendore - 11 & 12 October
- Queanbeyan - 18 & 19 October

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Are you spring cleaning and have bulky items you need to get rid of? Our kerbside collection service is available twice a year to urban residential properties with a 3-bin service. You also have the option of using a voucher to take waste to the transfer station yourself. Find the voucher in the QPRC Waste Info app.

Accepted kerbside collection items include:

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- Damaged furniture that can be lifted by two people
- White goods
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- Metals
- Broken tools and toys
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Have Your Say

Projects & initiatives open for community comment	Closing Date
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
Design Captains Flat Total Flood Warning System	13 October

► 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:

- 8 October (Braidwood)
- 22 October (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.



Mocktails & Masterpieces under 25s Paint and Sip event

We are holding a paint and sip event for young people aged between 16-25 on Friday 3 October from 6-9pm at The Q Exhibition Space, Queanbeyan. You'll have the opportunity to paint a portrait of a pet or animal while having fun with friends.

The facilitating artist will lead you through the process, step-by-step, so that you have a unique piece of art to take home with you.

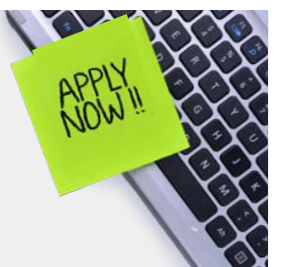
This is an alcohol-free event.

► Register now at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/mocktails-and-masterpieces

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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:

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- Have support from Council's Heritage Advisors
- Have approved Minor Works application
- Have two quotes for proposed works
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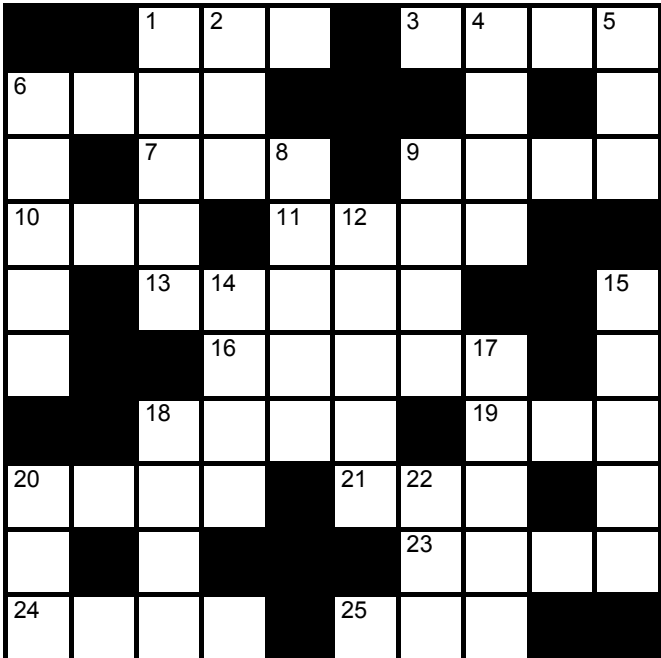
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Puzzles

Quick Time Crossword

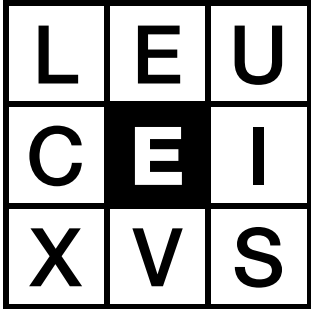


- Across
- 1 Secret agent (3)
 - 3 Story (4)
 - 6 Blackthorn (4)
 - 7 Headland (3)
 - 9 Wash (poet) (4)
 - 10 Astern (3)
 - 11 Filament (4)

- 13 Direct a course (5)
- 16 Long detailed stories (5)
- 18 Hindu garment (4)
- 19 Garden tool (3)
- 20 Eternally (4)
- 21 Compass point (init) (3)
- 23 Snakelike fish (4)
- 24 Matured (4)
- 25 Kitchen utensil (3)

- Down
- 1 Classifies (5)
 - 2 Vegetable (3)
 - 4 At a distance (4)
 - 5 Before (poet) (3)
 - 6 Make long cuts in (5)
 - 8 Cut wool (5)
 - 9 Former Italian monetary unit (4)
 - 12 Shield of Zeus (5)
 - 14 Russian emperor (4)
 - 15 Emits fumes (5)
 - 17 Lustre (5)
 - 18 Dry and withered (4)
 - 20 Greek letter (3)
 - 22 Briny (3)

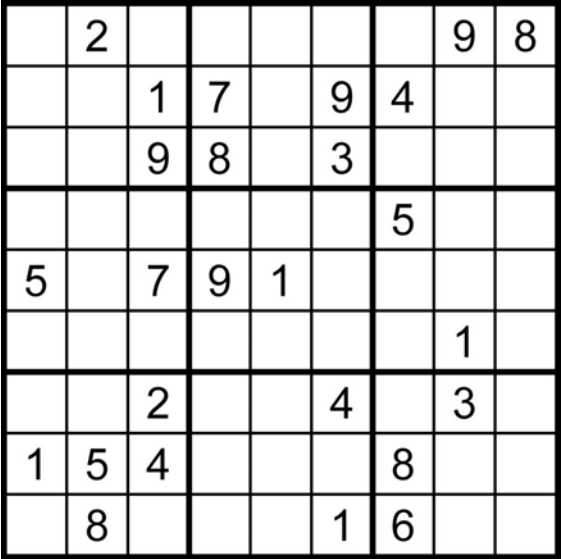
Target Time



Target: Average - 10, Good - 14, Excellent - 18+

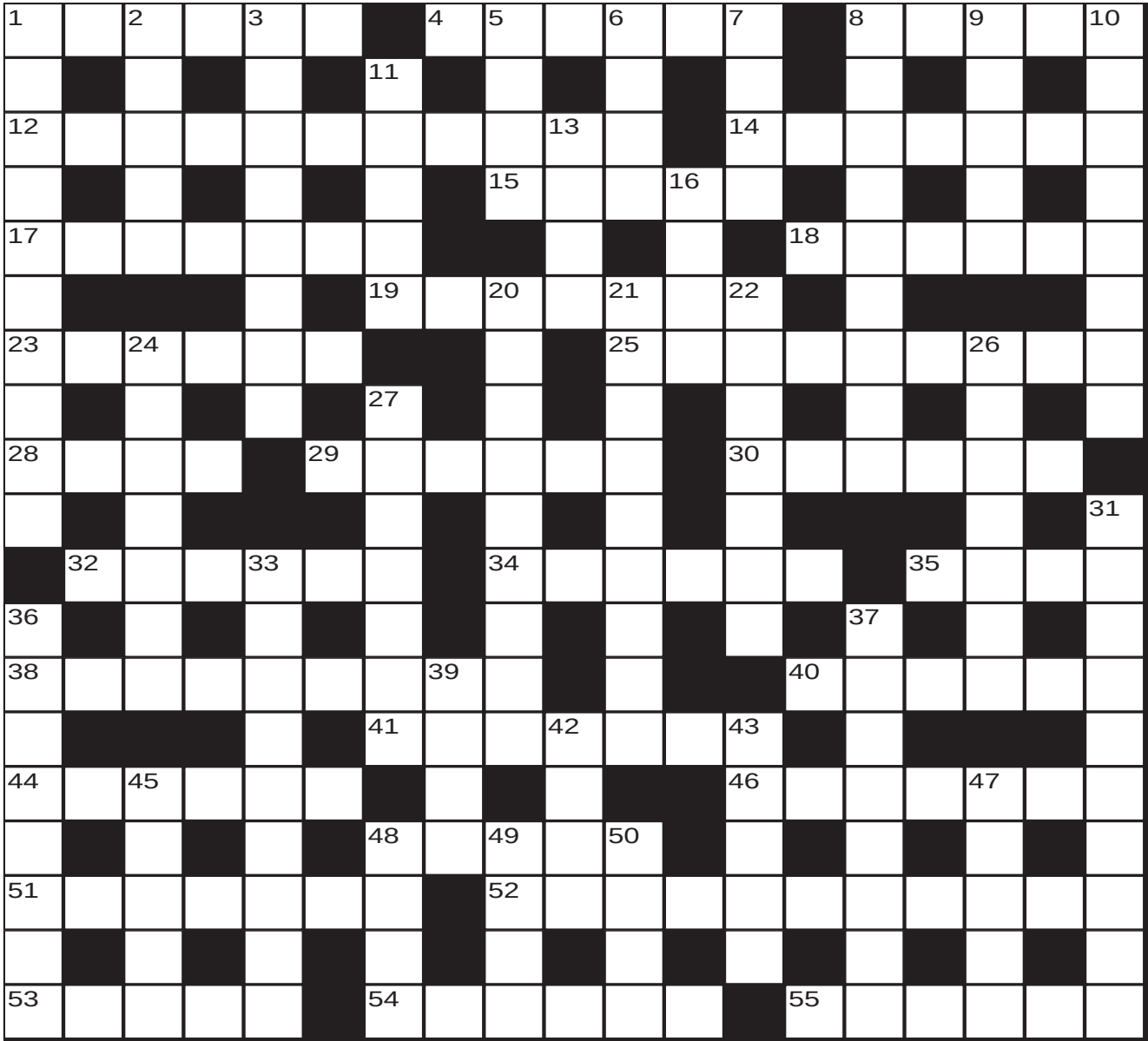
Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you make? The centre letter must be included and be used only once. Find at least one nine letter word.

Sudoku



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

Crossword



- Across
- 1 Legitimate
 - 4 Headstrong
 - 8 Parody
 - 12 Skilful
 - 14 Crockery drying rack
 - 15 Sleek and smooth
 - 17 Bewitch
 - 18 Strange person (coll)
 - 19 Aroused
 - 23 Guard
 - 25 Functioning
 - 28 Flood survivor
 - 29 Tracked down
 - 30 Boil
 - 32 Juice box (tm)
 - 34 Suit
 - 35 Glum (coll)
 - 38 Star-based prediction
 - 40 Former Indian leader
 - 41 Pivot about which a lever turns
 - 44 Tame
 - 46 Hair growing on a lid
 - 48 The jaw (coll)
 - 51 Vehicle-cleaning device (3,4)
 - 52 Finished (coll) (8,3)
 - 53 Shelf
 - 54 Restart
 - 55 Flowery
 - 8 Actor's pseudonym (5,4)
 - 9 Possessor
 - 10 Leave of absence from duty
 - 11 Relative
 - 13 NZ bird
 - 16 Retain
 - 20 Acrobatic action
 - 21 First-class (coll) (3-6)
 - 22 Thickness
 - 24 Taste
 - 26 Drew breath
 - 27 Car accessory
 - 31 Lovely
 - 33 Grazing ground
 - 36 Tangible
 - 37 Goodbye
 - 39 Jostle
 - 42 Guitar bridge
 - 43 Unkempt
 - 45 Opened to view
 - 47 Love affair
 - 48 Blacken
 - 49 Composition
 - 50 Bang

Brain Alert

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

Word Find 143

Find the following words in the grid.

R	T	E	S	T	O
I	U	E	A	R	P
D	I	G	N	T	E
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Pan Pie Rid Rug Slit Son Tent Test

Top Wit Yawn

Word Sudoku 144

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



Scrambled 144

Unscramble the following letters to reveal café-related words.

1. sairtab	4. peepraswns
2. ceisrev	5. neum
3. umsg	6. cansks

Word Find

Word Sudoku

Scrambled

Public Notices

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.



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!

Donate Today:

- Direct Transfer
- Cheque
- Deposit at Braidwood Community Bank
- Online

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

Braidwood & District Education Foundation

Bungendore Dementia Alliance

INVITES PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA AND THEIR CARERS TO

Morning Tea

When: Monthly 3rd Monday of the month

Time: 10:00 to 12:00

Where: Bungendore School of Arts

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

Come for a Cuppa, Chat and sing along with Vivian

For More Information Phone: 0411 746 293

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

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Tarago Area Women's Shed Inc (TAWS) will be holding their A G M on Thursday 6 November 2025 from 2.00pm @ Loaded Dog Hotel, Tarago. Lunch beforehand from 12.30. Pls RSVP. Taragoarea.womensshed@gmail.com



Fresh North Queensland Mangoes from the farm to you!

Support the Bungendore Scout Group Mango Fundraiser

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

Cost per Tray is: \$30.00.

Scan the QR code to place your online order:

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

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

For further information contact Penny on 0401 819 277.

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

Tech Help every Friday

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

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

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

STALL HOLDERS WANTED

Car-boot sale on the Garage Sale Trail

Burra Community Association (BCA) is holding a community Car-Boot Sale at Burra Park (cnr of Lagoon and Burra Rds, Burra) on Sunday 9 November from 9am to 1pm.

We are looking for stall holders to make it another great event for the region.

We have had the largest Car Boot Sale for the last 3 years in the Canberra Queanbeyan Region.

We will also have food and drink stalls.



Burra Rural Fire Service will be in attendance.

A donation of \$10 to the BCA from each vendor would be appreciated.

To book a stall contact John on 0417 676 664.

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



Queanbeyan-Palerang Arts Trail

Sat, 4 Oct to Sun, 19 Oct 2025. The Queanbeyan-Palerang Arts Trail will be held during October with the doors of local galleries and artist studios opening to celebrate a variety of art forms. The event will be held over three big weekends in October. Join us in:

- Braidwood - 4 and 5 October
- Bungendore - 11 and 12 October
- Queanbeyan - 18 and 19 October

For Arts Trail participation enquiries, contact cultural.services@qprc.nsw.gov.au

Mayor's Column



Congratulations to the Bungendore Tigers on their grand final win over the weekend! What a great achievement and testament to all the hard work of everyone at the club.

Our Animal Management Facility is reopening this Saturday 27 September and we're having an open day to celebrate! Join us from 11am to 3pm to tour the facility, collect adoption and microchipping discount vouchers, meet our team, and browse stalls from local pet rescue and other supporting groups. Learn more at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Animal-Management-Open-Day

The 2025 Queanbeyan-Palerang Arts Trail starts next weekend! Over three weekends in October, you'll have the chance to explore the workspaces, studios, and galleries of talented local artists across our region. Make sure you get along to Braidwood on 4 and 5 October, Bungendore on 11 and 12 October, and Queanbeyan on 18 and 19 October to support and learn more about our local arts community. Find out more about Arts Trail 2025 at treasuretrail.com.au/arts

We're holding our Diwali Mela Lantern Festival for the third year in a row next month and I can't wait to see you all there! We have partnered with the Queanbeyan Multicultural Festival again to put on this spectacular event that celebrates the victory of light over darkness. Come along to the Queanbeyan Showground on Saturday 18 October from 5pm to enjoy beautiful performances, delicious food, a best-dressed competition and the all-important lantern parade! The parade will kick off at 8:30pm and everyone is invited to join in with your own battery-operated light or lantern. If you want to make your own lantern, Southern Tablelands Art will be hosting a free lantern making workshop at the event from 6pm. Find out more at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Events/Diwali-Mela-Lantern-Festival

Applications for the 2025 round of Local Heritage Grants close at the end of October. These grants can be used towards minor works that will enhance the heritage character of your property. The grants provide support on a dollar-for-dollar basis and applicants must own a heritage-listed property or be in a listed conservation area, have support from Council's Heritage Advisors, have an approved Minor Works application, and have two quotes for proposed works. Learn more and apply by 26 October 2025 at bit.ly/local-heritage-grants

We are holding tonight's Council meeting in Queanbeyan. Some of the items on this week's agenda include the proposed sale of 19-21 Gibraltar Street in Bungendore, submissions on two rock quarries, Investment Report August 2025, and eight policy reviews. Find the meeting agenda and livestream link at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Business/Council-meetings

Cr Kenrick Winchester, Mayor

Target Time

Target: Average - 10, Good - 14, Excellent - 18+

ceil, culex, clevis, clue, eddo, else, elusive, evil, excel, excise, EXCLUSIVE, excuse, exile, ileus, ilex, isle, lice, lieu, lieve, live, luxe, seel, sild, sieve, slice, slue, sluice, veil, vesicle, vice, vile.

Sudoku

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

Quick Time Crossword

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Crossword

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Classifieds

Local Markets

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

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

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

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

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

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

NEED HELP LEARNING TO READ?

I have helped people, 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 25 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

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Premium yellow box, well seasoned, thoroughly clean. All wood sieved prior to delivery. 2.5 tn load \$1050. C.O.D.
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VINTAGE & RETRO

Vintage, retro, secondhand shop. 144 Uriarra Road Crestwood, Queanbeyan 6297 8636. Open Friday, Saturday, Sunday 10.00am to 4.30pm - Lots of new stock in. Open Public Holiday Monday 6th 10.00am to 4.30pm
ART BY ANDERS

-BUNGENDORE-
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SPRAYING
RURAL CONTRACTING
David Sillis - 0428 265 111

POSITIONS VACANT

Eric's at the Malbon
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

CHOOKS FOR SALE

Layer pullets, 22 weeks, Isa W, B, R, LS, BTR, SLW. Order today for delivery to Bungendore Friday 24 October. Phone Jim on 0428 194 105

LIONS COMMUNITY BOOKSHOP

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

Business Classifieds



CodeWarrior Code Camp Bungendore, Oct 6-10 (Spring holidays). Places still available – but filling fast! For students (in yrs 3-12) ready to level-up coding skills and create something awesome. Mentor opportunities for experienced coders. codewarriors.laudwords.com | Simon 0424 458 38

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The Design Construct C/PL NSW Lic - 217551c. ACT Lic - 2020948
Ph – 0410 698 734

HAROLD BRADLEY TRANSPORT

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



RSPCA: As of 20 Sept all these animals are available for adoption.
For an up to date list of available animals click on this link: rspca-act.org.au/adopt-pet

SIMBA American Staffy Approx 3 months rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn000008Cwd81AC	BELLA American Staffy Approx 3 months rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn000008lb4LIAQ	TIMON American Staffy Approx 3 months rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn000008CwdAIAS	BRUCE Staffy Approx ?? rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn000008IQgalAE
KELSEY Staffy Approx 5 years rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn000006bsKXIAY	BOOF Cane Corso Approx 12 months rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn0000083sorIAA	BINDI Staffy Approx 12 months rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn00000879ZpIAI	ROXY Mixed Breed Approx 18 months rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn000007KbaTIAS
CHLOE Staffy Approx 8 months rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn000004AM4ZAG	HERBIE Staffy Approx 1 year rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn000006ZRZIIAO	BUDDY, DSH Approx 5½ years rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aj30000004KKhIAM	TWEED, DSH Approx 3 years rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn000007eVc9IAE

CLYDE Flemish Giant rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aj30000004lgKIAQ	HULK, American Show Racer Pigeon rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn000008L9TVIAO	BILBY Pigeon rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn000007ZISfIAO	HEWIE Pigeon rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn000008WDIVIAW
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FREDDIE Chinese Silky Bantam Rooster rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn000007VoCblAK	Every pet deserves a loving, safe home. Shelter address: 12 Kirkpatrick Street, Weston Animal Viewing Hours: Mon-Sat: 10am-3pm The Shelter is closed to the public the first Wednesday of each month. Contact: (02) 6287 8100		

Eight special animals are currently doing time at the QPRC AMF (20 Sept)
Six cats -- Bonnie, Clyde, Mary, Andy, Bo Peep & Monday
Plus 2 dogs – Butters and Maxi
More info: <https://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Services/Animals/Find-Animals-For-Sale-Adoption-and-Lost-Pets> Ph 6285 6269
Note: Animal Management Facility **OPEN DAY Sat 27 Sept 11-3pm**
Come and join in the fun!

Sport

Wamboin Golf - September 2025

Sunday, 7 September. Spring! Are you enjoying the seasonal change? The end of the Winter sports has left your correspondent wondering what that Cooma Alpine Hotel mob were drinking at half-time and if there should be an inquiry. Golf, however, knows no season. We therefore saddled up for the 2025 Spring Trophy sponsored by Joan and Lofty Mason whom we thank for the prizes and eats including Joan's celebrated Spring Rolls. As a change of pace the sponsors nominated a three sticks par event. Basically, you aim to beat your own par for each hole.

Back in the marquee as the A/g Captain Googled 'par event' we discussed other events. Productivity was on our minds in the light of the recent Economic Roundtable. It seems that investment is the key. Land and labour will always be there but you need capital to start the engine of growth. Even Marx knew that. It kick starts production, employment, income, consumption (no, not TB), profits and savings (which are someone else's investment). Whether the roundtable will produce a visible investment cycle is a hard call. Government can increase corporate and personal disposable income (i.e. investment capital) by reducing taxes, charges and regulation. Or they can spend like hell as they did in the Depression and the GFC. They can't do that now because of the level of debt. I doubt they admire the spectacular liabilities of Victoria's centrally-planned economy. When Mr Shorten introduced the NDIS he said it would pay for itself. It hasn't: apparently no dividends from the 'insurance' side. Mr Butler proposes to take the majority of spectrum kids out of it but if 'Thriving Kids' sucks up the gains it'll be a zero sum and a new



'independent authority'. Or worse. At the last count there were 1,331 federal quangoes alone. Most of them waste our time and money without adding to the greater good while slowing things down and driving us mad filling in forms. The scales have fallen from my eyes. Everything has become clear. I no longer see Trump as a dim-witted megalomaniac. I now see him as the Mother of all Autocrats, providing a benign balance to the axis of evil autocracies - Russia, China, Iran and North Korea and Victoria. Of course to do this he must first control US institutions such as the Congress, Judiciary, Federal Reserve and all other departments and agencies of state. It's the price of eventual stability. No wonder Elbow and Mr Marles are relaxed

about the strategic alliance and all those Orcas. We'll soon be under the big star-spangled umbrella with Greenland, Canada and Gaza. The world gets crazier by the day. A South Australian health official is worried about the impact of miscarriage on the intersex and trans community and demands they receive appropriate counseling and support. This is straight out of The Life of Brian where the 'Judean Front' agrees to assert Stan's right to have babies even though he can't. Think about it. Does it get crazier? Yes it does. Yemeni Hooters, the lunatic fringe of the macabre theocracy of Iran, incensed by the IDF's retaliatory bombing, abducted some UN employees - the only remaining group with any sympathy for them. But wait, there's more! Those old



funsters at the NSW Dept of Silly Number Plates thought it would be a jolly good wheeze to flood the market with copies of ACT plates. If Chris is thinking of a turkey shoot he could do worse than start there. The A/g Captain's threatened use of the cattle prod restored order. He introduced our guests including Andrew Huggett, a new resident of Wamboin's best road (or should I say Way), Cal Gooley and Gunnar Dahr. Joan Mason brought along her old friend John Quills for the prize-giving. Ted's joke featured advice on how to be a winner. The googly ball was bisected and awarded to Vicki Still for hitting a succession of trees, and Pete Harrison for something that took a long time to explain. The dummy spit went to Vicki Still for complaining about hitting lots of trees. She flick-passed it to Paul Griffin and Keith France for various infractions of etiquette and decorum. The encouragement award and juniors comp winner was little Scottie Mason. NTP and

LD ball winners were Tim Barter 2, Rob Gorham, Pete Harrison, Samuel Urquhart, Vicki Still, Matt Hawke and Scott Mason. Winner of the nine hole comp was Rob Gorham +2 from runner-up Chris Hansen +1 and Scott Mason -2. Winner of the 18 hole comp was Tim Barter +4 from runner-up Samuel Urquhart +3 and Vicki Still 0. Well done all players. Next month we compete for the Oktober Stein. Grab your lederhosen and join us at the Hall at 12.15pm on Sunday, 5 October for the 12.30pm schrotflinte. Meanwhile, some more bureaucratic 'newspeak' came out of the productivity colloquy: 'inclusive incrementalism'. It means do nothing, but do it slowly. Yes, of course it's a non sequitur but it adequately describes Ms Patterson's next 30 years. Larry King, golfer
Photos: Pete Harrison

Sport

Mountain Biking & Principal's Cup

Bungendore High School

Bungendore High School proudly entered three teams into this year's ACT Schools Mountain Bike Championships, joining 467 riders from 36 schools in a huge day of racing, collectively completing 1361 laps (8220 km—the distance to Hawaii or across Antarctica).

Our Junior Boys - Supreme Picklers (Noah, Harry and future BHS student Wolf) completed 9 laps to finish 41st overall, a solid effort in a large competitive field. The Senior Boys - Handlebar Heroes (Alex, Fred, and Year 7 student Nate stepping up into the senior division) also secured 41st place.

The standout result came from our Junior Girls - Mud Maidens, who overcame setbacks to claim an impressive 3rd place. With many setbacks, Comet injuring herself in the days before the race, Ellie unable to start after an accident during the training lap, ex-student Bonnie stepped in and joined Aida to race as a duo. Aida smashed out 5 laps—over 36km—the highest lap count of any female rider across all categories and equal third most laps overall across the entire event.

Term 3's Principal's Cup was a round robin of Oztag. There were multiple teams across most years, with all competitors setting out to give their best during Break 2.

This eventually led to a final between the Secret Teacher Team



and the returning champions, Zinger Box. Despite a close game, the champs managed to score a final try in the last few seconds.

Congratulations to our mountain bikers and Principal's Cup winners!

Photos supplied



Bungendore Park Tennis Club's grand opening this Saturday - all welcome

Bungendore Park Tennis Club celebrates official opening of its new Multi-Purpose Facility on Saturday 27 September 2025.

Our much-anticipated grand opening will kick off at 1pm with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, officiated by the Hon. Steve Whan MP, Member for Monaro.

Guests, club members, tennis enthusiasts and members of the public are invited and welcome to stay on after the formalities to celebrate our beautiful new

building with a free sausage sizzle and refreshments.

"Come and Try" tennis and pickleball will be free on the day from 12:30pm-3pm.

The building project, completed earlier this year, was generously supported by NSW Government, Community Bank Bungendore - Bendigo Bank, Veolia Mulwaree Trust and Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council, and many club member volunteers and other local clubs.



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