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It's Show time!



With the 2025 Community Bank Bungendore Show this Sunday, excitement is building for what promises to be a great day out for families, friends and visitors of all ages – including those of the four-legged variety.

Bungendore Pastoral, Agricultural & Horticultural Society (BPAHS) President, Ashley Meyer-Dilley, said the Show offers a full day of activities and entertainment while keeping things affordable for everyone. "The grounds are looking great, and we are all set up ready for Show Day", said Ashley.

"There will be something for everyone at the 2025 Community Bank Bungendore Show, and we look forward to seeing you there," Ashley said. "We're looking forward to welcoming competitors, exhibitors and patrons alike for a fun day out with family and friends."

Ashley said organisers wanted to ensure cost wasn't a barrier to enjoying the event.

"The BPAHS wants to make sure everyone can join us for a great day, without worrying about breaking the bank - so we have organised a range of fabulous entertainment options that are either free of charge or involve a small fee or donation to a local

community group or charity."

She said this year's Show continues to highlight the region's strong agricultural roots and community spirit.

"The 2025 Bungendore Show is all about celebrating agriculture and our local community," Ashley said.

You can still help if you have a spare hour or two this Saturday as the committee would very much appreciate some volunteers from 9am on Saturday to help set up tables and chairs and those last minute jobs.

The BPAHS are very grateful to the Bungendore Lions Club and Rotary Club for managing ticket sales, entry and parking on the day - so please be sure to thank them and have a friendly smile ready for all their hard-working volunteers at the gate!

The 2025 Community Bank Bungendore Show is on this Sunday 26th October 9am to 4pm. For more information see pages 3 and 9.

Tickets will be available at the gate or can be purchased online at www.bungendoreshow.com.au

Sharon Baxter-Judge
Photo supplied of BPAHS Chief Pavillion Steward - Jamie, Vice President Lara and President Ashley, ready for Show Day.



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New end-of-life and bereavement resource launched

Southern NSW Local Health District (SNSWLHD) has launched a new resource on end-of-life, death and bereavement to support patients, families and carers, marking World Hospice and Palliative Care Day on 11 October.

The resource brings together essential information about what to expect when an adult dies, whether death is expected or unexpected, and where to seek help and support.

The booklet 'End-of-life, Death and Bereavement: A guide for patients, families and friends', is co-authored by SNSWLHD's Palliative Care Bereavement Coordinator and Counsellor Sarah Shaw, and Palliative Care Senior Social Worker Beverley Bryant.

"Patients approaching end of life and families navigating early

grief often face an overwhelming amount of information during an already emotional time," Ms Shaw said.

"This booklet pulls together clear and reliable advice in one place, so people can access information as they need it. It provides a point of reference patients and families can revisit, helping them feel informed and supported throughout their journey.

"While much of this information is available in different places, we recognised the need for a single, practical reference that could be used consistently across Southern's health facilities.

"The booklet combines trusted advice from peak bodies and government sources with guidance drawn from clinicians' practical experience.

"It's not just about answering immediate questions. The booklet covers topics people might not even think to ask about, from what to expect in the hours after death to navigating grief over the following months."

Ms Bryant said the resource was informed by feedback from families.

"This resource assists patients, their families and friends with planning for end of life, death and bereavement and provides information about legal documents, legacy activities, living wakes, funerals, talking to children about death and who to notify after a death.

"This booklet will also help our staff to provide consistent support and information across the District.



"We hope this guide helps families feel less alone in what is often an isolating and confusing time. Clear and accurate information can make a big difference during such a difficult time."

For more information or to request

a copy of the booklet, contact SNSWLHD-YourFeedback@health.nsw.gov.au.

Photo supplied of: Beverley Bryant, Jacky Clancy (Palliative Care Program Manager) and Sarah Shaw with the new booklet.

QPRC calling for nominations for the 2026 Australia Day Awards

This year introduces two new categories – Senior Citizen of the Year and Community Organisation of the Year – which join the existing Young Citizen of the Year, Citizen of the Year, and Community Event of the Year.

Awards will be presented at ceremonies held in

Braidwood, Bungendore, Captains Flat and Queanbeyan on Australia Day in January 2026.

The awards recognise individuals and organisations who make outstanding contributions to the community. Last year's recipients included Majorie Lemin, Citizen

of the Year in Braidwood for her service to the community and leadership of the Braidwood Book Fair, and Anthony Rayner, Bungendore's Citizen of the Year, acknowledged for his quiet dedication and selflessness, particularly with the Bungendore Tigers.

In Queanbeyan, Jerikye Williams was named Young Citizen of the Year for his work in music and with young First Nations people, inspiring others to stay in school and pursue their goals. Details about previous award winners are available on Council's website for inspiration

when considering a nomination.

Nominations are open now, and the process is simple – complete the online form on Council's website by Monday 1 December 2025.

- Eligibility
- Nominees must be Australian citizens.
 - Young Citizen of the Year: Ages 16-30
 - Citizen of the Year: Ages 31-65
 - Senior Citizen of the Year: Ages 65+
 - Individuals who have previously won an Australia Day Award are not eligible to be nominated again in the same category.
 - Previous nominees who did not win are eligible to be nominated again.

More information, eligibility criteria and nomination forms can be found at: www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Australia-Day-Awards

Photo supplied of 2025 Braidwood recipients..



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Community News

Draft Unsealed Council Road Policy (2025) on council agenda

On the agenda for council’s Wednesday 22 October meeting is a new draft policy for the management of unsealed roads.

The draft Unsealed Council Road Policy (2025) replaces the current Unsealed Road Grading Policy adopted in 2022 and introduces major changes to how Council decides which gravel and dirt roads it maintains.

One of the most significant changes is that all unsealed public roads are now classified into two groups:

Maintained Roads - These are roads already on Council’s maintenance schedule. They are graded and inspected at regular intervals based on traffic volume.

This system of categories (from monthly grading for busy roads to once every three years for lightly used roads) remains unchanged.

Unmaintained Roads - This is a new formal category. These roads will not receive scheduled grading or maintenance. Council will only consider work on them if there is confirmed damage, a safety hazard or blocked access. Even then, Council has full discretion to decide whether, when and how it responds, depending on available resources, risk and cost.

In brief:

Previously, roads in this category were referred to as “Category 10 - not maintained,” but the new policy expands the rules around how

these roads are managed.

Under the draft policy, Council states it is not automatically responsible for carrying out work on all unsealed public roads. It can decide not to act, and is not obliged to investigate every report of road damage.

Before undertaking any work, Council will consider safety risks, available funding, road condition, environmental impacts, number of residents affected and whether the road has been built to Council’s minimum standards.

If residents or developers want a road added to the maintained network, it must first be built to Council’s specifications. These include:

- Gravel surface at least 6 metres wide and 125mm deep
 - Proper drainage systems and culverts
 - Compliance with Australian standards for signage and safety
 - The road must sit entirely within a surveyed public road reserve
 - Any water crossings or heritage/ environmental issues must be addressed
- To upgrade a road from unmaintained to maintained, the policy requires a resolution of the elected Council. It must consider construction quality, costs (both upgrade and ongoing maintenance), number of dwellings served and whether the road was

previously maintained before 1 April 2018.

Council may make minor changes to grading frequency (by up to three categories) without needing to go to a Council vote.

This new policy will affect thousands of residents who rely on unsealed roads for school transport, emergency access, farming operations, any deliveries and daily travel.

To view the draft policy and business page head to <https://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Business/Council-meetings/22-October-2025-Ordinary-Meeting>

Sharon Baxter-Judge

2025 Community Bank Bungendore Show this Sunday

9am the fun begins

10am - FLYBALL demonstration

11am - The official Show welcome

Competitions through the day include: Pavillion, Equestrian Events, Sheep and Cattle

All day entertainment includes jumping castle, giant obstacle course, inflatable toddler play space, outdoor garden games, EPA Dance, performance, zip line, face painting and the Treasure Hunt

Events throughout the day include Mechanical Bull competition with

competition rounds will be held at 11:45am, 12:45pm, 13:45pm, Tug-O-War, Dog Jump, Dog Dash, Pet Parade - commencing at 1:30pm and the Mascot Race.

Demonstrations and displays include Vintage Machinery Display Capital Country Woodchopping display, Reptile Awareness Display and a performance by Bungendore High School dance

Please note: All times are approximate and subject to change on the day so listen to the public announcements to ensure you don’t miss your favourite event!

ONLINE TICKET SALES

We encourage everyone to buy their entry tickets online to speed up entry on the day. If you can’t purchase your tickets online, you can buy them at the gate.

Ticket prices:

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Remembrance Day Commemoration 2025: Bungendore

Part 2 - Royal Australian Air Force in Korea

Number 77 Squadron RAAF was part of Australia's contribution to the British Commonwealth Occupation Force in Japan following their surrender at the end of World War II. No. 77 had operated P-40 Kittyhawks and was now equipped with P-51D Mustang fighters. 77 Sqn had arrived in Japan in February 1946. Occupation duties proved uneventful for 77 Sqn, however the Korean War broke out as they were preparing to leave Japan for Australia.

77 Sqn was committed to action over Korea as part of the UN forces and came under control of US 5th Air Force. The squadron flew its initial escort and patrol sorties from Iwakuni, Japan on 2 July 1950, becoming the first non-American UN unit to start operations.

The next two months saw 77 Sqn support UN troops in their retreat before the North Korean advance. No. 77 Squadron was presented the Gloucester Cup in August 1950 by Prime Minister Robert Menzies as the RAAF's most proficient unit of the past year. That month, the squadron claimed thirty-five tanks, 212 other

vehicles, eighteen railway engines or cars, and thirteen fuel or ammunition dumps destroyed. No. 77 Sqn did not encounter enemy aircraft in the opening phase of the war but often faced intense ground fire.

No. 77 Sqn was transferred to Pohang, South Korea in October to support the UN advance into North Korea after the UN amphibious landing at Inchon

China entered the war in mid-October 1950, attacking advancing UN troops as they closed in on the Yalu River. No. 77 Sqn undertook its first sorties against Chinese ground forces on 1 November. The squadron flew its first missions supporting the Australian Army on 5 November, when it attacked Chinese troops opposing the 3 RAR, at Pakchon.

No. 91 (Composite) Wing was established in October 1950 to administer RAAF units deployed to the Korean conflict, the wing consisted of No. 30 Communications Flight, No. 491 (Maintenance) Squadron, and of course No. 77 Sqn. All remained in Iwakuni, Japan with the exception of No. 77 Sqn who moved from Pohang to Yonpo airfield near Hamhung on 16

November, this move would be short lived as the Chinese and North Korean advance saw No. 77 Sqn withdraw to Pusan on 3 December.

The communists operated MiG-15 fighters unofficially flown by soviet pilots. The MiG-15 were superior to all but the US F-86 Sabre, thus No. 77 Sqn operating P-51 Mustangs were at a distinct disadvantage. The Squadron was withdrawn to Japan in April 1951 to re-equip with Gloster Meteor jet fighters and returned to action with these new aircraft in July, where they met with greater success against the Soviet MiG-15 pilots. However, the MiGs were still superior to the Meteor.

Battle of Sunchon

The air Battle of Sunchon was fought near the city of Sunchon on 1 December 1951, 12 Gloster Meteor jets of No. 77 Sqn were attacked by 40-50 Chinese MiG-15s. Despite the Meteors having inferior manoeuvrability to the Soviet-built MiGs, the RAAF pilots managed to score their first air victories of the Korean War, for the loss of three aircraft the Australians claimed at least 10 MiGs shot down, but Chinese and North Korean sources stated it was only one.



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At the end of 1951, due to the superiority of the MiGs in air combat, RAAF commanders had No. 77 Sqn return to ground-attack. In February 1952, more than a thousand ground-attack sorties were flown and these continued until May 1952, when 77 Sqn switched to fighter sweeps. The last encounter between the Meteor and the MiG-15 was in March 1953, during which a Meteor

piloted by Sergeant John Hale recorded a victory.

By the end of the conflict No. 77 Squadron had lost thirty-five pilots, a further seven pilots became prisoners of war. Aircraft losses totalled almost sixty, including over forty Meteors, mostly to ground fire. The squadron flew 18,872 sorties: 3,872 in Mustangs and 15,000 in Meteors. It was credited with shooting down five MiG-15s and destroying 3,700

buildings, 1,408 vehicles, ninety-eight railway engines and carriages, and sixteen bridges.

Please join the Bungendore War Memorial Committee for the Remembrance Day Commemoration, on Tuesday 11th November commencing at 1030 at the Bungendore War Memorial on Mick Sherd Oval.

Bungendore War Memorial Committee

QPRC: agenda for meeting 22 October 2025

The Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on 22 October 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 Policy Review - Unsealed Council Road Policy
- 9.2 DA.2025.0211 - 38A Forster Street Bungendore - Construction of a Dwelling House - Two Storey

- 9.3 DA.2025.0110 - Construction of Temporary Workers' Accommodation Ancillary to Woodlawn Mine, 1634 Taylors Creek Road, Tarago
- 9.4 Post Exhibition Report - Naming of Ellerton Drive Bridge

- 9.5 Procurement of NB-IoT Water Meters
- 9.6 Investment Report - September 2025

- 9.7 Your Healing Space Bungendore - Category H Grant
- 9.8 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Charter - 2025 Review

- 9.9 QPRC Climate Change Projections for 2030, 2050 and 2070

- 9.10 Roads to Recovery - 2025-26

Reports To Council - Items for Information

- 10.1 Faster Assessment Incentive Program
- 10.2 Summary of Road Renewal and Maintenance Activities - 1st Quarter 2025/26
- 10.3 HSEQ Quarterly Report - 1 July to 30 September 2025

- 10.4 Protection of Southern Greater Glider - Minister Response
- 10.5 Councillor Workshops

Reports Of Committees

- 11.1 QPRC Arts & Cultural Development Committee Minutes - 4 September 2025

- 11.2 Queanbeyan Showground Advisory Committee Minutes - 8 September 2025
- 11.3 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Minutes - 15 September 2025

- Notices Of Motions
- 12.1 Notice of Motion - Bungendore Youth Hub

- Notice Of Intention to Deal with Matters in Closed Session 38

- Confidential - Not for Publication

Reports For Closed Session

- 16.1 Queanbeyan Sporting Gallery Minutes - 29 September 2025

- Item 16.1 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (a)

of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors) and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

- 16.2 RFT 2024-75 Bulky (Hard) Waste Kerbside Clean-up

Item 16.2 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public

- interest.
- 16.3 General Manager's Annual Performance Review 2024/25 and Performance Agreement 2025/26

Item 16.3 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (a) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors) and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

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Council Meeting Summary - 8 October 2025

QPRC
Here is the summary of the resolutions made at the Ordinary Council meeting of 8 October 2025.

The archived recording of the meeting is now available at: <https://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au/archive/video25-1008.php>

Council heard from 10 members of the public who made presentations about items on the agenda, including renaming of Ballalaba Bridge; Barina Quarry; and Renewal of 88 Wallace Street and New Braidwood Carpark - Concept Design

Council objected to the Modification of State Significant Development Application for Barina Quarry at Collector and noted key matters that have been included in a preliminary submission to the Dept of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure on the proposal

Council received reports about reclassification of 88 Wallace St and 41 Ryrie St, Braidwood from community land to operational land, endorsed the final planning proposal, and requested relevant changes to the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Local Environmental Plan 2022

Council endorsed the revised concept design for 88 Wallace

St and new Braidwood car park and will progress the Development Application for the demolition and remediation of the site. The Development Application will be lodged when final designs and architectural drawings are completed.

Following recent community feedback, Council will not proceed with renaming Ballalaba Bridge at Bendoura to Alma Bridge. Council will seek further community feedback for an appropriate landmark to name in honour of the Braidwood and District Heavy Horse, Alma

Council accepted the petition received on 24 September 2025 regarding Mathews Lane, Bungendore, noting this is an exemption from Council's Petition Policy. Council endorsed the operational process to change grading frequency of Matthews Lane from Category 7 to Category 5 in accordance with the updated traffic volume data and Council's Unsealed Road Grading Policy

Council granted conditional consent for the construction of a proposed netball pavilion at 15 Halfway Creek Road, Bungendore

Council granted conditional consent for the construction of new change rooms on Freebody

Recreation Reserve, 71 Richard Avenue, Crestwood

Council endorsed a Category H Grant to hold a memorial service for Jim Snow at the Bicentennial Hall

Council endorsed the Special Rate Variation report as an addendum to the 2023-24 Annual Report

Following a recent period of community consultation, Council named the Bungendore Community Centre the Norah Starrs Community Centre

Council endorsed a draft QPRC Code of Meeting Practice to be placed on public exhibition for 42 days inviting submissions and will write to the NSW Local Government Minister objecting to the new Model Code of Meeting Practice 2025

Council delegated the powers, duties and functions set out in an Instrument of Delegation to the person holding the position of, acting in, or performing the duties of, the General Manager

Following recent community consultation, Council adopted: Road Names Policy; Equal Employment Opportunity Policy; Statement of Business Ethics; Green Cleaning Policy; Potable and Recycled Water Policy; Waterwise Policy; Sporting Gallery Policy; and Volunteering Policy

Council received information report about Councillor workshops on 1 October 2025 including: Collection of Sharps arrangements - Chemists and LGA, Public Spaces; Election Signage Policy Parameters; and Community Participation Plan

Council received information report about response from the Hon. Ron Hoenig MP, Minister for Local Government to Council's letter of concerns regarding LGNSW Cost Shifting Report 2025

Council noted the minutes of the Queanbeyan Sporting Gallery meeting held on 8 September 2025

Council noted the minutes of the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held on 11 September 2025 and adopted the recommendation in relation to DA.2025.0367 - that the Committee had no objections to the proposed pitch of the shed's roof and noted that it will not be visible from the street

Council noted the minutes of the QPRC Youth Advisory Committee Meeting held on 11 September 2025

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>

Queanbeyan Uniting Church Jumble Sale: this Saturday

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

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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.

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2025 Dates:

- 25th October
- 22nd November

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A living tribute: Jerrabomberra thanks Bill Dhall for 30 years of care

Jerrabomberra Residents' Association Inc.

Suresh Kumar "Bill" Dhall recently retired after more than 30 years of dedicated service to the people of Jerrabomberra. That's three decades of caring for families, offering trusted advice, and providing a warm smile at the counter – rain, hail, or shine. Bill wasn't just the local chemist; he was a constant presence in Jerrabomberra residents' lives – someone who could be relied on when residents needed help, reassurance, or even just a friendly chat.

Bill's contribution went far beyond dispensing prescriptions. He dispensed kindness, wisdom, and compassion in equal measure. He cared for the elderly, comforted new parents, and watched generations grow up under his watchful eye. He helped shape the spirit of community that makes Jerrabomberra what it is today.

The tree planting at the Jerrabomberra Community Centre on Saturday, October 11, was the residents' way of saying "thank you". The beautiful flowering cherry tree is a symbol of everything Bill gave to Jerrabomberra. Something that will continue to grow and flourish, just as his legacy will in

this community. It will stand as a living testament to the care and dedication that he has given, which has helped Jerrabomberra flourish.

The Jerrabomberra Residents' Association, Jerrabomberra Rotary, and the Jerrabomberra community wished to express its heartfelt appreciation for Bill's many years of service'. He made a difference in countless lives, and the planting of the tree celebrated that with deep respect and affection.

After the ceremony, the attendees enjoyed morning tea in the Community Centre and shared stories, laughter, and maybe a few memories of visits to Bill's pharmacy over the years.

The Jerrabomberra Residents' Association thanked David Hope and Jerrabomberra Rotary for organising the plaque, Old Cooma Road Holcim Quarry for the stone – personally selected and shaped for the task, Edan Wheeldon, Asset Tree Officer and the QPRC team for the tree and preparation of the site and laying the stone, and for installation of the new watering system that will ensure this area always looks fantastic, year-round.

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Halloween in Bungendore

Is that a Trick or a Treat?

Bungendore Village is getting all spooky this Halloween, Friday evening of the 31st of October with a trick or treat trail around the village businesses and sausage sizzle. Beetlejuice will be making an appearance at Santas Secret on Malbon St from 3.30pm through to 7.30pm for photos so put together your scariest costume and see if you can win some of the great prizes on offer across a variety of categories,

- Best Dressed Baby
- Best Dressed Pet
- Best Dressed Adult Female
- Best Dressed Male
- Best Dressed Kids (1-18)
- Best Dressed Group (Football, Netball, Dance for Example)
- Best Dressed Family

(Have your picture taken to be eligible, and prizes will be announced the following day on Facebook)

A variety of businesses are staying open across the village to welcome all trick or treaters, to keep updated check out @santassecretbungendore or @christmasinbungendore closer to the 31st.

All that spooky fun creates an appetite, Bungendore Lions Club will be having a sausage sizzle at Village Square from 3:30pm to 6:30pm. Make sure you bring your friends, family, even your sporting team for loads of spooky fun.

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Message from Kristy McBain MP

As the weather gets warmer, it's been good to see more people out and about in the mighty Eden-Monaro. The school holidays are over, and Year 12 HSC exams are underway - good luck to all our students sitting their HSC!

October is the start of the Show season - the Bungendore Show is on 26 October, and the Queanbeyan Show 8-9 November - these are fantastic community events, and I would encourage everyone to get along and support your local Show! You can find a full list of shows on the AgShows NSW website at: www.agshowsnsw.org.au/shows/all-shows

October also saw the Australian Government deliver on its promise to provide more support for first home buyers and it now easier to buy your first home. Every first home buyer will only need a 5% deposit, and you won't have to pay a single dollar in mortgage insurance. This will take years off the time it takes to save for a deposit, helping you into your own home sooner.

The Australian Government is also taking world-leading action to reduce online harms experienced by young Australians, by introducing a minimum age for social media.

From 10 December 2025, social media platforms will need to take reasonable steps to prevent Australians under 16 from having a social media account. Importantly, the onus will be on the social media companies to follow the law and ensure their users are over 16.

Delaying access to social media until the age of 16 will protect young Australians at a critical stage, giving them three more years to build real world connections and online resilience.

Thank you to members of the community who have made their concerns about the proposed Tarago incinerator loud and clear. I fully support the concerns raised and have made my own submission to the NSW Government Select Committee Inquiry on Proposed

Energy from Waste Facilities.

I reiterate that I am categorically opposed to waste to energy in our region and have contacted the NSW Premier and Planning Minister on several occasions to voice my concerns. Sydney's waste is Sydney's problem. Regional NSW cannot be the default location for facilities that metropolitan areas reject.

This project has no social license, no regard for health or environmental risks, and is at-odds with the move towards circular economy.

Submissions are due by 31 October 2025, and I encourage anyone in the community who is concerned about this issue to also make a submission via the QR code below.

And finally, my latest Seniors and Pensioners Kit is now available. The Kit is filled with clear and up-to-date information on health concessions, financial assistance, and local services to support you, your family, and your friends. You can pick one up from my Queanbeyan Office or contact my office and I will pop one in the post to you.

If you need assistance with a federal issue, please contact my office on 02 6284 2442 or email me at Kristy.mcBain.mp@aph.gov.au - my team and I are always here to help.

Photo supplied of Kristy McBain meeting with Tarago residents earlier in the year.



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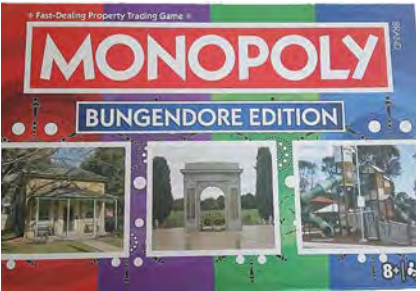
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Many have laughed, many have enjoyed, and likely some have cried over the Bungendore boardgame and now is your last chance to purchase this game as at the end of the year that will be it! No more, no reprints, no Monopoly man watching you around our community!

All proceeds from sales go to projects for our community - watch this space as we have one in the wings that we are working on.

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CWA Southern Tablelands Group celebrate AGM and 100th Birthday

The Southern Tablelands Group of CWA of NSW celebrated its 100th birthday and AGM on Saturday 11th October at the Goulburn Worker's Club.

Special guests included Ms Tanya Jolly (CWA State President), Ms Ruth Cargill (CWA Honorary State Treasurer), Ms Wendy Tuckerman MP and Ms Nina Dillon, Mayor of Goulburn. Other official guests in attendance were members from Hume, Central Western, Monaro, and Wollondilly Groups. Unfortunately, members from

Far South Coast and South West Groups were apologies on the day. CWA Branch members from Bungendore, Braidwood, Collector, Crookwell, Goulburn, Majors Creek, Marulan, Queanbeyan Evening, Tarago and Taralga were also in attendance. Almost 80 amazing women in attendance to participate in the celebrations.

The Conference was officially opened by Ms Tanya Jolly (CWA State President) and she was our Guest Speaker as well. Ms Jolly has been in the position of State

President for a short time, since May 2025 in fact. She spoke of her background and her aims and objectives during her 3-year tenure but also ventured to point out that she feels she is currently on her 'L' plates. Although sometimes it creeps up to a red 'P' plate. She was amazing to listen to.

All ST Group Office Bearers presented their reports as did all Branches within the Group. It was inspiring to hear all the amazing things the Branches do in their community and region.

Then the election of Office Bearers took place. Ms Tanya Jolly presided over the voting process, and a guest from Monaro Group and Wollondilly Group were the scrutineers. Nearly all positions filled with the top three being -

- Group President - Maria Porreca;
- Group Secretary - Nicole Lyons and
- Group Treasurer - Karen Pavey.

The two positions not filled were Agriculture and Environment and Publicity Officer Bearer positions.



Hopefully these will be filled at Group Council's meeting in December.

A few motions were passed, Bylaws ratified and the Group's suggestions to State Office for Country of Study and Product of Study for 2027 were announced.

Outgoing Office Bearers were thanked most sincerely for all their hard, tireless work and presented with a gift. Trophies were presented for Largest Average Attendance at monthly meetings; Best Branch Report; Best

International Report; Increased Membership; International Fund Donations and the Alison O'Brien Community Service Award.

It was a very enjoyable and successful day and there was also a lucky door prize and a raffle with some lovely prizes to be won. Congratulations to the lucky winners!

Maria Porreca
CWA of NSW
Southern Tablelands Group
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First Impressions Count: retail expert to offer merchandising tips to local businesses

As NSW celebrates Small Business Month this October, QPRC is offering a free Visual Merchandising workshop to provide fresh ideas and practical skills to enhance physical presence and drive sales in our local businesses.

"It is an increasingly competitive market, particularly with the surge in online retail over the past five years," said Tracey Lamont, QPRC's Specialist - Place Management. "The success of these businesses is crucial to ensure we have vibrant and thriving town centres across Braidwood, Bungendore and Queanbeyan."

Recognising that first impressions are everything, this workshop is designed to help business owners master the art of visual presentation. The session will be led by Ching Ching Lee, the

founder and Creative Director of Pop Creative Collective. With over 20 years of experience supporting small businesses, Ms Lee is an expert at delivering focused, cost-effective solutions to ensure that main streets flourish.

The workshop will delve into local and global examples of best-practice retail design. Attendees will explore topics including brand identity, shopfront presentation, window displays, in-store merchandising and techniques to encourage increased browsing and buying.

The goal is to equip local traders with the knowledge to create engaging shopping experiences that can have a direct influence on foot traffic and sales. From retail stores to cafes to galleries, the principles of good merchandising can make a significant difference.

As an added bonus, all attendees will receive a complimentary Visual Merchandising booklet.

This is the final business workshop in the QPRC Economic Development team's calendar of events for 2025, with plans underway to launch Shop & Win in Bungendore and Braidwood in the coming weeks.

The free Visual Merchandising workshop will be held on Wednesday October 29 at The Q - Queanbeyan Performing Arts Centre. Doors open at 5pm for a 5.30pm start, concluding at 7.30pm.

Registrations are free at treasuretrail.com.au/industry.

Photo supplied (LtoR) of Debbie Maree Carvolth (Small Business Owner) and Tracey Lamont (QPRC Place Management Specialist)



See you at the
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Kristy McBain MP
Member for Eden-Monaro



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Craft, Conversation and CapriZ's Italian: A Night of Creativity and Connection

Laughter, chatter and a love of craft filled Bungendore Learning Hub's craft room last night as local women gathered for a night of craft and connection. The atmosphere was cosy and welcoming – a true celebration of creativity, friendship and community spirit.

Everyone brought along their own projects to work on, and the tables quickly filled colourful and inspiring creations. Some knitted soft baby clothes and warm cowls from beautiful yarns. Others beaded delicate pieces, crocheted bright red poppies to remember fallen soldiers, or stitched together pincushions and table runners from the most beautiful fabrics. There were handmade journals crafted from repurposed materials and a crocheted beanie taking shape as stories and laughter filled the room.

The night was about much more than just craft. It was about connecting – sharing ideas, swapping stories, and chatting about life and local happenings. New friendships were formed, old ones strengthened, and plenty of encouragement and inspiration flowed across the tables.

As if the night couldn't get any better, CapriZ's pizza van was parked right out the front, providing the perfect dinner option for busy hands and creative minds. The smell of woodfired pizza drifting into the craft room only added to



the cheerful, relaxed vibe.

If you're a local crafter looking to connect, create, and unwind, we'd love to see you at our next meet-up on Thursday 30th October 6-8pm. We meet at Bungendore Learning Hub: 55 Gibraltar Street. It's just \$5 to attend- bring along your own craft project, enjoy a cuppa, and be part of a friendly, creative community. Follow Bungendore Crafters' Co-Operative on Facebook for the latest Co-Op events and news, to share craft inspiration and connect with locals.

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Have a Rotary Halloween in Bungendore

Rotary Club of Bungendore

Fancy a sausage whilst you are out with the kids for Trick or Treat? Come by the skate park around 5pm and enjoy a bite to eat - sausage on bread, with or without onions, with or without sauce only (no drinks).

Last year the Rotary Club of Bungendore held a free BBQ at the Skate Park, and we learnt a lot so this year we have decided to change the way we provide this sausage sizzle to the community. This we hope will mean "trickatreaters" will still wander around the streets and visit all the willing participating houses before and after their sausage.

So, what does that mean? We



will have sausages "for sale" at the skate park from around 5pm until sold out. As October is Mental Health month all funds raised will go to an organisation supporting mental health. And we will be handing out some "treats" for the kids.

We look forward to seeing you at Halloween.

Photos supplied of last's year BBQ



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SES Commissioner Visits Bungendore Unit

NSW SES Commissioner Mike Wassing, Superintendent Tom Jory (South Eastern Zone Commander) and Chief Inspector Rob Cunneen (Local Commander Queanbeyan Palerang) recently visited Bungendore Unit on our regular Monday night training. As this was his first visit since becoming commissioner, Commissioner Wassing talked about his previous experience in other emergency service organisations, and how he sees his role in NSW SES.

We chatted about our unit's skills and future intentions. Our unit has a broad range of skills, including:

- safe chainsaw operations
- storm operations
- doing temporary repairs when needed
- flood rescue operations
- large animal rescue operations.

Commissioner Wassing and Superintendent Jory complemented the unit on our contribution to major emergency operations in other parts of New South Wales. This year we've sent teams to events such as Cyclone Alfred, floods in northern NSW and floods and storms in the Illawarra and Shoalhaven.

We have a growing number of qualified and skilled flood rescue operators trained to support the evacuation of residents and rescue people and animals from floodwaters. Flood rescue operators use a range of techniques including flood boats and rope work. The flood rescue levels 3 levels are:

- land-based (supporting swiftwater and floodwater rescues from land)
- on water (boat operator)

- in water (getting into the water to perform rescues)

Our unit also supports Fire and Rescue NSW during large animal rescues. Unit members are trained in safely working close to large animals. We help relocate and rescue large animals using a variety of rescue techniques.

The Bungendore unit has a diverse range of volunteers who support the unit based on their experience and capabilities. If you're interested in joining our unit, go to <https://www.ses.nsw.gov.au/volunteer> and apply online.

If you're interested in learning more about the variety of roles in the NSW SES, go to <https://www.ses.nsw.gov.au/volunteer/unit-volunteer>.

Bungendore SES.
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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 amenities building (parking near the netball courts).

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

See right for dates. Everyone's welcome!

Seniors Chair Yoga

Chair Yoga: Tuesdays at the Bungendore Scout Hall. Chair

Yoga is held during school terms



only. One class during the winter months at 2.30pm

Cost: \$13 per session for members, \$18 for non-members. All welcome to attend

2025 Membership

Yearly membership is only \$10.00 per person. We welcome everyone over the age of 55.

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

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Donations delivered to Papua New Guinea

After months researching and preparing for our trip to the remote region of Louisiades Archipelago in Milne Bay Province, Papua New Guinea, we set sail from Bateman's Bay on 6 May in our Lagoon 440 sailing catamaran. We leisurely sailed up the east coast of Australia, arriving in Cairns on 25 July with family and friends joining us along the way as our crew.

In Cairns, we were joined by Mike and Lyn and spent the week getting the boat ready for the next five weeks. This included last minute boat jobs, catering and packing 15 large boxes of donations that had so generously been provided by the families of the Bungendore Scout Group, Phil's Emporium Op Shop, Priceline Pharmacy Bungendore and other individuals. Thanks also to COPE for transporting these to Cairns.

After clearing Customs, and with a mixture of excitement and trepidation, we sailed 600 nautical miles northeast to reach Kokolumba, an uninhabited island around 100 nautical miles south-east from the mainland of PNG. We sailed with the genoa and one reef in the main for three days and three nights, only turning on the motors to charge the engine batteries, and dropped anchor at 8.30am on 7 August.

The Archipelago stretches over 160 km comprising 10 volcanic islands fringed by coral reefs, and 90 smaller coral islands, sand cays, lagoon reefs, limestone outcrops and continental islands. In the time we were there, we visited several hamlets (1-2 families) and villages (ranging from several families to a few hundred people) on 20 of the islands. Most people lived a subsistence lifestyle in raised huts on stilts made from woven sago palm leaves with no power, and surviving on what they could grow and catch. The fertility of the soil varied considerably, and most villages had limited access to fresh water, using a community well for drinking water and bathing and washing clothing in salt water. One island we visited, Sabara, had no fresh water nor decent soil and sailed every day to another island to collect water and grow

vegetables. From the moment we sailed close to an island, naked children would run excitedly to the beach, waving and yelling hello, and once anchored, canoes would start to appear at the back of our yacht. The dugout canoes and sailing canoes were carved out of a mangrove or kwila (merbau) trunk while the sails were made from old tarps, rice bags or material patched and sewn together. Many of the canoes would have several very young children (under 6 years of age), or a mother and her young children, or sometimes an older fisherman - all with exceptional paddling skills (and usually one person bailing water).

They would paddle out to say hello and to trade their local produce - yams, sweet potatoes, taros, papayas, bananas, coconuts, eggs and greens. Some would also trade crafts such as clay pots, exquisite wood carvings and Bagi, long necklaces consisting of hundreds of pierced and polished Spondylus shells and decorated with tiny cowrie shells and other ornaments; some would offer to catch lobster; and some would not have anything to trade and were just curious to meet us 'dim dims' (white people).

We traded fishing line, hooks, sinkers, rice, pencils, biro, soap, hats and clothing. Shortly after anchoring, we'd take the dingy ashore to seek permission to anchor in the village waters, to provide a bag of donations and to empty our food scraps for the pigs. The donations comprised clothing, shoes, fishing gear, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, spectacles and rice. All the items were gratefully received, especially the spectacles - the look of amazement and joy on faces at the difference the glasses made is something we'll never forget.

We found that schools in this remote region were not supported by the government. Villages on the larger islands would build their own schools with whatever materials they could fundraise, find, make or trade while the teachers would need to fund all the resources and teaching supplies. Many of the schools had dirt floors, no



tables and chairs, very few books, writing material or other learning materials, and little or no access to drinking water. At every school we would donate a box of educational supplies (reading books for various ages, reference books, exercise books, teaching resources, lead pencils, biro, sharpeners, erasers, rulers, colouring books and pencils and textas). At one relatively new school on Gigila Island, we were invited to attend assembly to present our donation and talk to the students about ourselves. It coincided with the birthday of one of our crew so the students sang happy birthday in English and in their native language.

Another of our donations that were extremely popular were soccer balls, although we ran out in the first week! Soccer and netball are the two sports played everywhere, however, only a few islands had sufficient flat land for an oval, so people from surrounding islands would sail to these to play every Saturday. It was a great cultural experience to attend one of the soccer and netball competition days on Motorina Island. Sailing canoes laden with villagers arrived all morning with games commencing once everyone had arrived. When all the matches were finished, they would sail back home in the dwindling light. It highlighted how incredible their



navigation and sailing skills were. Our remoteness was reinforced when confronted with the stark realities of healthcare in the region. We were constantly asked to help with a myriad of medical conditions and injuries including machete and axe wounds, boils, cuts, infections, tropical ulcers, skin conditions, chronic back and other pain. We'd administer first aid wherever we could and had to pre-make bottles of sterilized saline solution to clean wounds. Several people needed antibiotics or a visit to hospital for appropriate care but there was only one health clinic, on Nimoa Island, which was predominantly set up to handle maternity issues. For many, it was too difficult to visit due to the distance, availability of a sailing canoe or person to take them, weather conditions, being away from their village for any length of time, not having money to pay, worry about accessing food (as no food provided at the clinic) or thinking their condition wasn't important enough. The occasional village had a 'banana boat', a powered fibreglass dinghy, but fuel and access to it when needed was limited. It also meant we had few options available to us should we have a medical emergency onboard.

We visited the Nimoa Clinic to provide them with wound dressings, island dressings, gauze swabs, steri-strips, bandages, gloves, face shields, iodine, alcohol and antiseptic wipes,

burnaid, emergency blankets, surgical tape, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, baby formulae, baby clothing and maternity bras. The clinic was clean and busy, with two nurses on duty, but lacked sufficient medicines and supplies. A list of medications needed was pasted on the outside of the clinic's entrance. The clinic and the work of Dr Harry, who travels around the islands, have significantly reduced maternal mortality in the region.

In addition to providing donations and administering first aid, we often found ourselves repairing various things such as canoes, sailing canoes, water tanks and a very old guitar owned by a Pastor. We gave away all our sandpaper, needles and cotton and some spare tools but additional sandpaper, needles and cotton and hand tools would have been extremely useful donations.

After four weeks of sailing around this beautiful region, we made the three-day crossing back to Cairns arriving on 6 September. It was an amazing experience, albeit heartbreaking at times, and we will always have fond memories of how friendly, humble, respectful, resourceful and resilient the people were.

A sincere thanks to all those who donated items - every item had a positive impact on someone's life in the Archipelago.

Deb Simms
Photos supplied



Community News

City Meets Country: the 128th Queanbeyan Show set to be the biggest yet

The Queanbeyan Show has long been the highlight of the local social calendar for kids and adults alike, and the 128th instalment will be no exception. The 2025 show promises a fantastic mix of attractions with every square inch of the Showgrounds jammed backed with action, making it the biggest and best show this city has ever seen. Showgoers can revel in the rich agricultural aspects of what make country shows so fantastic, exhibiting some of the most impressive cattle you will ever see, livestock, woodchopping, the farmers challenge and heart stopping fast-paced horse

competitions, showcasing some of the finest riders in the region as they take on a range of competitions including the wildly popular Brumby Challenge. Of course, what show would be complete without chunder inducing, adrenaline pumping rides such as the Cha-Cha or The Music Trip? Sideshow Alley is the place to be for all thrill seekers and adrenaline junkies and will feature all your favourite rides and games. The Bendigo Bank Barnyard returns and is full of fun activities for the younger generation of showgoers, featuring free face painting, a petting zoo full

of their favourite animals, and the Wiggles Big Red Car. Also making a very special appearance, all the way from Adventure Bay is the heroes of TVs PAW Patrol - Ryder, Chase and Marshal will be live and centre stage throughout the weekend. Our real-life heroes from the emergency services will also be showcasing their talents with interactive demonstrations and practical safety advice. The NSW Rural Fire Service are returning with their popular 'smoke house' demonstration which shows you what the inside of a house fire could be like and how to safely find your way out. The NSW State Emergency Service will be on hand with boats, rescue equipment and a very special surprise, joined by the NSW Police Force, NSW Ambulance Service and Fire and Rescue NSW there will be plenty to see and explore.

The Pavilion will be bursting with creativity, craftsmanship, and community pride. From vibrant produce and floral displays to intricate quilts, photography, and wool entries, each exhibit tells a local story and highlights the creativity in our community. The men's cake competition again returns. Fellas, drop the trowel and pick up the spatula, entries are still open. Find the full schedule on our website at www.queanbeyanshow.com.au/competitions

Saturday night will be nothing short of epic, as anticipation



crackles through the crowd, the roaring sound of engines fills the darkness as the gravity defying riders of Aussie FMX come into view to captivate with a wild motorbike spectacular. Each rider pushing the limits with daring flips and heart-stopping jumps. The night culminates with a dazzling explosion of colours as fireworks

burst above Queanbeyan ensuring an unforgettable finale to an electrifying evening.

Where the City meets the Country, see you at the show!

Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th November 2025

Queanbeyan Show Committee



WHO'S COMING TO Bungendore

Beetlejuice is on the prowl for the most mischievous, haunted & downright spookiest ghosts in Bungendore, Friday 31st Oct. Meet Beetlejuice at Santa's Secret between 3:30 - 7:30 pm and grab a photo.

Come in your finest Halloween costume Prizes up for grabs. Further details can be found in the QR code or by following Santas Secret Bungendore FB & @santassecretbungendore & @christmasinbungendore

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	Brave Buddies Playgroup	- 10am to 12pm
	Heart-Muscle-Balance	- 12:45pm to 1:30pm
THURS:	Open Arms fortnightly Coffee Catchup	- 10am
	Tailored Yoga Therapy	- 2pm to 3pm
FRI:	Mindful Movement Tai Chi	- 9:30am to 10:30am

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Tuesdays

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Monday Yoga & Tuesday Zumba at AXIS Centre, 22 Campbell Street (building next to the

Lions Community Bookshop in Queanbeyan Town Park). ZUMBA & YOGA OPEN TO EVERYONE (not just seniors)! Monday and Tuesday Yoga and Zumba classes during school terms.

TUESDAY and THURSDAY EXERCISE CLASSES (falls prevention, balance, strengthening) Times - 9.30-10.30am at 1 Farrer Place, Queanbeyan -\$10 for members

Wednesdays

Mat Yoga - 9.30am

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

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

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

Monday

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

Craft and Chat - 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 - Saturday 25th October and Saturday 22nd November.

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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Stall holders wanted for the huge Burra Car Boot Sale: Sun 9 Nov



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

Come for a drive to the beautiful Burra Valley (only 20 minutes from Queanbeyan).

We are looking for more 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 Bungendore Region and possibly NSW. (This was confirmed by Liz at the Garage Sale Trail last week). Lookout Australia here we come.

Last year we had 65 stalls, let's beat that record.

We will have our own Burra Cafe from 8am with egg and bacon rolls, sausage sandwiches, tea, coffee, soft drinks, juices.

(All funds raised go to run further events for the Burra Community.)

Cameleon Icecreamery will also be there with HomeMade ice cream,

thick shakes and milkshakes.

Burra Rural Fire Service will be in attendance with a fire engine and activities for adults and children to participate in.

Stalls are \$10 each. Country size stall not a city postage stamp size stall.

A chance to clear out the house and shed of unwanted "stuff" and pass it onto another good home.

You can sell anything that is legal. We even have a horse float and possibly a kitchen sink or two.

To book a stall contact John on 0417 676 664.

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Community News

Bungendore Fine Art Gallery: November Exhibition

“Rural Heartland”

Featuring Lyn Angus

Lyn Angus studied art full time at the Gordon Institute of Technology in Geelong in the 1960s.

After many years using different mediums her work is now focused on the changing seasons, broad acres and big skies of Cootamundra on the southern tablelands of NSW

Her medium is gouache on paper and her style is graphic, with clean lines and clear colours.

Opening Saturday 1 November

All Welcome



Bungendore Fine Art, 42b Ellendon Street, Bungendore
Email: artist@bungendorefineart.com.au

www.bungendorefineart.com.au

Phone 02 6238 1640

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Capital Country Cavy Club Show

Upcoming Purebred Cavy Show

The Capital Country Cavy Club is excited to announce that it will be hosting a show dedicated to purebred cavies, also known as guinea pigs, on **Sunday, 26th October at the Bungendore War Memorial Hall**, public welcome from 9.30. This event will showcase a diverse range of purebred cavies, providing an excellent opportunity for enthusiasts and the general public to observe these wonderful animals.

Show Format

The event will include two parallel competitions: one for boars (male cavies) and another for sows (female cavies). Cavies are evaluated based on breed standards, with attention to condition, hygiene, and coat integrity.



Public Attendance and Activities

There won't be a public pet show at this event, but all are welcome to attend. Guests can see the competing cavies, meet breeders, and learn about purebred cavies, including how to show your own pet at one of our future pet shows.

Cavies for Sale and Merchandise

There will be cavies available for purchase from registered breeders, ensuring the highest standards of health and pedigree. In addition, related merchandise will be on offer for those interested in further supporting or learning about cavies. Further information can be found on our website or facebook page.

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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

Starting price: \$548,000

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Visit Elm Grove Estate Sunday 11am to 3pm, follow the signs to Charlotte Place Bungendore.

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Maria's Community Corner



Maria Porreca
A group of 9 of us attended 'A Chorus Line' performance

on Tuesday 7th. We made a night of it as we had dinner before the show. The show was very enjoyable, and it was wonderful to catch up with friends you haven't seen for a while.

On Wednesday 8th I attended the QPRC event 'Bloom and Unwind'. These events are part of QPRC's adult learning programme and are so much fun. This time we created a beautiful timber lily flower, quite an achievement if you have arthritis in your hands. I

did have to ask for some assistance which both Joanne and Emma were only too willing to provide. These ladies are amazing. They, not only organise, teach, help on the night but also give up their family time to provide enjoyable and fun-filled activities for us adults. Thank you, Jo and Emma.

In the Country Women's Association (CWA) world October is when all Branches and Groups hold their AGM's. The first one I attended was Braidwood Branch on Friday 10th. They have elected some new ladies to their Executive and Office Bearer roles. Congratulations ladies, well done.

I then went from Braidwood

to Goulburn to attend a meeting there and I stayed overnight as I had to be back there at 8.00am on Saturday 11th for the CWA Southern Tablelands Group's 100th birthday and AGM, which was held at the Goulburn Worker's Club. Ms Tanya Jolly (CWA State President), Ms Ruth Cargill (CWA Honorary State Treasurer), Ms Wendy Tuckerman MP and Ms Nina Dillon, Mayor of Goulburn were some of the Official Guests in attendance. Ms Tanya Jolly chaired the voting process, with nearly all positions filled - except for Agriculture and Environment and Publicity Officer Bearer positions. Hopefully these will be filled at Group Council's meeting in December. It was a very enjoyable day and there was also a lucky door prize and a raffle with some 4 lovely prizes to be won.

Back in Braidwood on Sunday to celebrate the CWA Braidwood Branch's 100th birthday and launch of their new cookbook. There was a delicious afternoon tea spread, open to everyone, and a great flow of people all afternoon. The weather was glorious,

although a bit windy later in the day. Happy Birthday CWA Braidwood and wishing you many more.

The Queanbeyan Seniors, me included, went for a day trip to Cooma on Tuesday 14th. It was a packed bus, and our first stop was the Cooma Car Club and we had morning tea there, as well as inspecting all their beautiful classic cars on display. Next, we were taken to the lookout and amazing to see snow still on the mountains, lunch at the Ex-Serviceman's Club and then a tour of the Corrective Services NSW Goal Museum. What an exhilarating day, even though we didn't get to do any shopping! All seniors are eagerly waiting for the next trip.

Also, on Tuesday evening the CWA Queanbeyan Evening Branch held their AGM. A very successful evening with an almost completely new group of ladies being elected to the Executive and Office Bearer positions. Ms Shiloh Middlemiss is the new Branch President. Congratulations everyone. Looking forward to another



successful year.

CWA Hume Group held its AGM in Cootamundra on Wednesday and Ms Tanya Jolly, CWA State President, was Guest of Honour. She also presided over the election of their new Executive. It was a great day, lovely to catch up with amazing ladies that you get to see every now and then.

At these AGM's it's so inspiring to hear of all the different amazing community work that Branches do for their region and it's great to see younger ladies put their hand up for positions.

And in case you are wondering - I have driven more kilometres in 5 days

than I usually do in a whole month.

So, it was good to finish the fortnight with a zoom meeting, at home, with the CWA Publicity Support Forum, of which I am currently a member. We are a group of ladies who hold 3-4 webinars a year to help CWA Group and Branch Publicity Officers with their role. That said I think I'm learning more than I'm helping. The next webinar is on 15th November, and it will delve into 'What is Publicity'.

Till next fortnight, take care, stay safe and well everyone.

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Before You Light That Fire

Why you must request and register a fire permit with NSW Rural Fire Service

Lighting even a small fire on rural land is not a trivial act in New South Wales. A fire permit is required for all burning activities in NSW RFS districts during the Bush Fire Danger period (1 Oct - 31 Mar). A well-prepared, permitted and controlled burn reduces the

chance of a fire escaping and causing unintended loss and keeps you, your neighbours and firefighters safe.

Why Register?

- Legal compliance - a fire permit is required for all burning activities during the Bush Fire Danger period (1 Oct - 31 Mar) in NSW RFS districts.

- Public safety and risk management - permits let the RFS know when and where burns will occur so crews can manage risk.

- Environmental considerations - permit conditions help reduce smoke, protect neighbours and minimise impact.

Steps to obtain a Fire Permit

2. Apply online using the

NSW RFS website (www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify), it's free and easy!

If you can't notify online, contact the Queanbeyan Fire Control Centre on 02 6128 0600.

3. Provide details of the proposed burn, including its location, purpose, fuel type, contact information, and a description of safety

measures to be undertaken.

A fire Permit Officer will contact you to organise a time to come and inspect your burn. Once approved, please notify your neighbours and the RFS at least 24 hours before burning, and follow all permit conditions carefully.

Registering a fire permit isn't unnecessary bureaucracy

— it's responsible land management. It protects lives, property and the environment, ensures legal compliance, and helps the NSW RFS coordinate resources so everyone stays safer.

For more information check out the NSW RFS permit portal at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify





RFS

Planning a burn on your property?

You need to notify: rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify



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We invite you to attend our free community event

Staying Smart in a Digital World

10.00am October 30th



Kylee Dennis - Two Face Investigations

Kylee Dennis is a former NSW Police detective turned scam-fighter and the founder of Two Face Investigations. With decades of experience in law enforcement, she now uses her skills to expose digital predators, educate communities, and protect Australians, particularly older women, from romance and online scams. Her mission is simple: to empower, educate, and eliminate scammers, one story at a time.



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 Bungendore High School Buzz

Bungendore High School

A small group of lucky Bungendore High School students got to experience a range of allied health perspectives when they visited Queanbeyan Hospital late last term.

We joined up with Queanbeyan High School to delve deep into our own personal superpowers and compare these with what makes a hospital hero to see where our skillset might predispose us to working in Allied Health.

Then we took a behind the scenes tour of the hospital, meeting up with a range of practitioners such

as the stenographer, nurses, emergency care team and rehabilitation staff. A panel of allied health professionals explained what they do and why they love their jobs and then we headed off to experience first-hand the fast-paced world of paramedicine at Queanbeyan Ambulance Station's Appreciation Day.

Thanks go to the staff at Queanbeyan Hospital for hosting us and sharing your experiences so generously and to the Queanbeyan High School Careers Adviser for coordinating the day.

Our Stories and Skills Across

Generations program has started for 2025. The project brings Year 9 students together with older adults through BaptistCare, to share stories and bridge the gap between generations.

Students collaborate on a presentation based on the life of the older adult they're working with, which is ultimately presented to the community. Last year's Intergenerational project was a huge success, and we look forward to forging powerful connections yet again.

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Celebrating children for Children's Week 2025

FREE festival for kids !

The children of Queanbeyan and surrounding towns are in for a treat this October, with a huge party being thrown in their honour.

To celebrate Children's Week, different organisations are coming together to put on a

FREE festival, with fun activities for young children.

Being held on **Saturday the 25th of October from 10am-1pm at Queanbeyan Town Park**, the event is open to all children from across our region, and their

parents and carers.

The 2025 theme of Children's week is: "Everyone should know about Children's rights".

The Children's week National Theme is based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, Article 42. Organisers have worked hard to make sure the activities reflect this theme.

Children will lead an Acknowledgement of Country at the start before enjoying some fabulous activities.

Aboriginal story time, nature play, stories, yoga, music, healthy snacks, scavenger hunts, obstacle courses, sensory play, exploring

native plants, loose parts play, craft time - these are all important activities to boost children's wellbeing.

FREE Facepainting!

There will also be food for sale and the all-important coffee van for the parents and carers!

This event is being organised by representatives from: Queanbeyan Schools as Community Centres, Schools and NSW Department of Education, QPRC Council, NSW Health, Campbell Page Helping Hands Program, Queanbeyan Multicultural Centre, Treehouse, Queanbeyan and District Preschool Association, Barnardos, Gecko Sport, Simple Connections, St Benedict's Queanbeyan and the Queanbeyan Micro-Forest Project.

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NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into Proposed Energy from Waste Facilities
Submissions open until 31 October 2025
Speak up now - Your Voice Matters!!



Make your voice heard and lodge a submission

This is a critical moment for everyone in Tarago, Bungendore, Currawang, Goulburn, Collector, Gundaroo, Canberra, NSW, Australia and beyond to speak up against Veolia's proposed toxic waste-to-energy incinerator at Woodlawn and others across the state!!

While multi-national corporations like Veolia have the ear of government ministers and direct access to decision makers, our community's only leverage is through opportunities such as this inquiry to make it clear there is no place for burning Sydney's rubbish in our region.

Anyone, anywhere can lodge a submission

Every response helps demonstrate the depth and breadth of opposition to incinerators, particularly in regional areas like ours where people rely on tank water, grow food and live close to the proposed site.

What to put in your submission

The Inquiry will only count submissions that are at least 250 words and not identical to another submission - so please take the time to put your thoughts into your own words.

You don't need to be an expert

Speak from your perspective. Perhaps you are concerned about health impacts, air pollution, impacts on farming and beekeeping, risks to water catchments, or the unfair targeting of rural communities. Whether your focus is environmental, health, social or economic, what matters most is that you make your concerns clear and specific.

Feel free to lodge something similar to what you may have provided during the public exhibition of Veolia's incinerator proposal, or take some ideas from the information available here (scan the QR code) on our website.



How to lodge your submission

- 1 Go to the Inquiry's web page <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/listofcommittees/Pages/committee-details.aspx?pk=337> Select: Committee on Proposed Energy from Waste Facilities
- 2 Click on the **Submissions** tab
- 3 Click **"To lodge a submission, click here"**
- 4 **Complete the form**, including your contact details and click the Next button (if you're concerned about these being made public, the Committee will not publish your personal contact details, and you can request that your name to be withheld at the next step)
- 5 Select the relevant button next to whether you would like your name and submission to be made public
- 6 Either upload your submission (if it is in a separate document) or enter your submission's text in the box available, then click the **"Submit"** button



www.NoTaragoIncinerator.com

Queanbeyan Senior Citizens On the Road Again!

True to the words of Willie Nelson’s song, on Tuesday 14th, the Queanbeyan Senior Citizens were ‘On the Road Again’.

A full busload of members went on a road trip and this time they went to Cooma. It was an early start for some but well worth it as a big day had been planned for their enjoyment.

The first stop was the Cooma Car Club where they were treated to a delicious and moorish spread for morning tea, as well as an amazing collection of beautiful classic cars on display. The majority of seniors leisurely inspected the cars in great detail and shared nostalgic memories of moments of their youth and their special car. My very first car was a 1960’s Volkswagen beetle and sure enough there was one on display.

Next we were taken to the lookout where the view was amazing and extraordinary and it was surprising to see snow still on the mountains.

By now it was time for lunch, and we headed to the Cooma Ex-Serviceman’s Club bistro. It was a great place, and the food was de-li-cious! Because we were such a large group, the Club set up a room just for us. Very special.

Our next stop was the Corrective Services NSW Gaol Museum. Well, we nearly entered the gaol itself, where there are some 250 inmates housed there. Fortunately, the tour guide saw us through the window and called us over to the museum building to give us our guided tour. He was very informative and knowledgeable about all things ‘crime and punishment’ related. He explained the use of

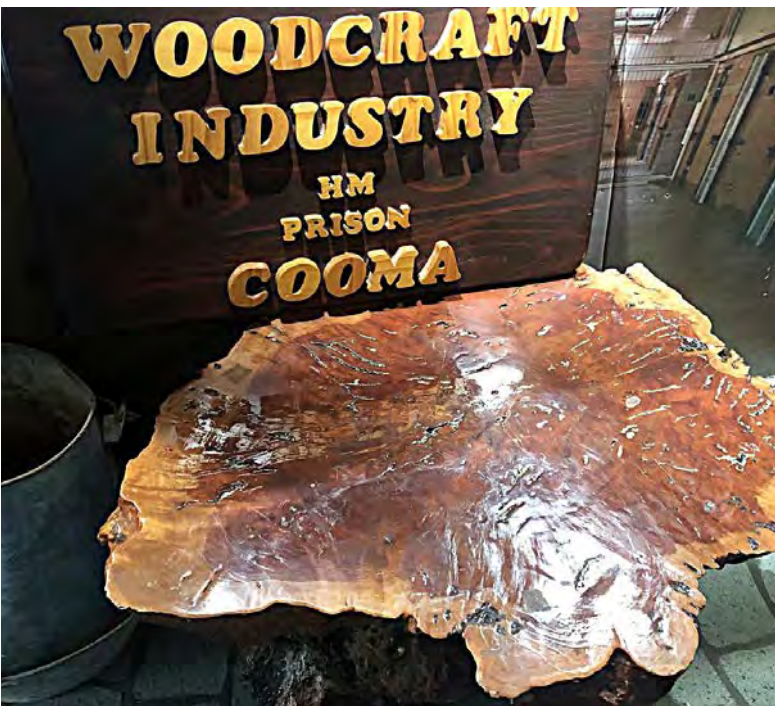
some of the items on display and demonstrated how the gallows (used for a hanging) worked. We also had some time, on our own, to look around at all the exhibits and the souvenir shop, where all the item on sale are produced by the inmates at the gaol. Cooma gaol is a ‘working gaol’. They have some amazing artworks and woodworks. Yes, some purchases were made.

And all too soon our outing was over.

What an exhilarating day, even though we didn’t get to do any shopping!

All seniors are eagerly waiting for and asking ‘when will the next trip be’. Well soon(ish).

Maria Porreca
Qbn Senior Citizens Association
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Women’s retirement savings run out faster under traditional investment plans, new study finds

A new Monash University study found that women were at higher risk of exhausting their retirement savings than men when relying on the traditional 60/40 investment mix of equities and bonds for a comfortable lifestyle.

The report, titled The Future of the 60/40 Allocation: Modelling the Performance of the 60/40 Portfolio in Retirement, used computer simulations to examine retirement outcomes in Australia and the United States.

The study tested how well the classic 60/40 strategy, which allocates 60 per cent of savings to equities for growth and 40 per cent to bonds for stability, could support retirees over a 25-year period, either at a comfortable lifestyle of \$53,289 a year or a modest lifestyle of \$34,522 a year for single retirees, as defined by standard benchmarks in Australia.

The research was led by experts from the Monash Centre for Financial Studies (MCFS) at Monash Business School in collaboration with the US-based CFA Institute.

The researchers found that women, who typically retire with lower superannuation balances in

Australia and lower Social Security benefits in the United States, faced greater financial strain under the traditional 60/40 investment approach.

MCFS Senior Research Fellow and lead author of the study, Dr Bei Cui, said since women have fewer external income streams, they were more likely to run down their savings earlier, especially if aiming for a comfortable lifestyle.

“The 60/40 strategy only works well when several conditions align, such as higher savings balances at the start of retirement, modest lifestyle expectations and positive early returns,” Dr Cui said.

“Many believe the 60/40 portfolio provides a safe balance, but in practice it does not deliver the same security for everyone, particularly for women who begin retirement at a disadvantage.”

The report calls for retirement planning that is flexible and tailored to individual needs, including savings levels at the start of retirement and lifestyle goals.

The study concluded that a single investment formula, such as 60/40, would not be enough and called for more flexible retirement planning. It recommended withdrawal

strategies that adjust to market conditions and greater financial literacy to help retirees, particularly women, understand the risks and trade-offs.

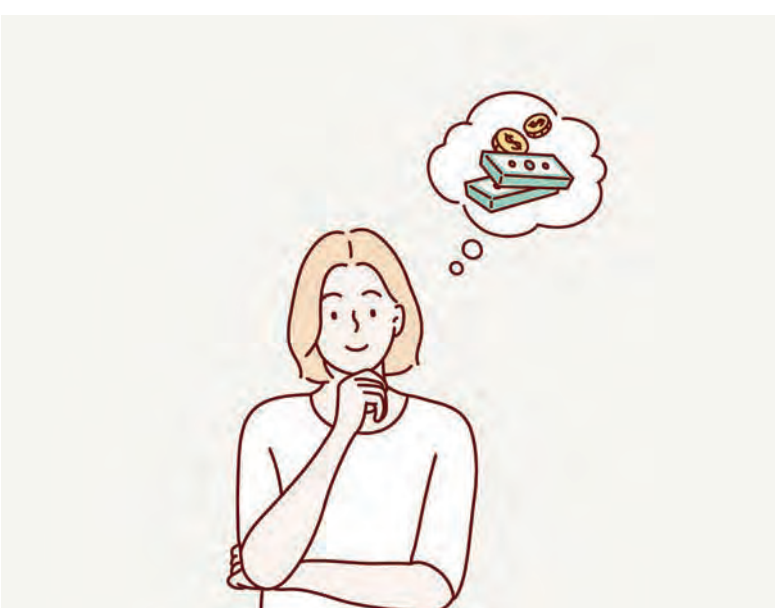
MCFS Deputy Director and co-author of the research, Associate Professor Ummul Ruthbah, said that retirement outcomes depend heavily on when you retire, your starting balance, and your spending needs.

“Portfolios for both men and women are hit hard if investment returns are poor in the first years of retirement, but since women’s balances are typically smaller, their portfolios are likely to deplete faster,” Associate Professor Ruthbah said.

The research called for integrating additional financial resources, government benefits, and tax considerations into retirement planning, and better government policies to improve financial literacy among retirees regarding the complexities of retirement income planning.

Another co-author of the study, Associate Professor Nga Pham, noted that women’s retirement security requires special attention.

“Our study showed that female



retirees are more vulnerable because they often start with lower balances and lower ongoing benefits. This puts greater pressure on their portfolios and increases the risk of running out of money,” Associate Professor Pham said.

The study was financially supported by the CFA Institute under its Research and Policy Center.

Lead author of the study, Dr Bei

Cui from the Monash Centre for Financial Studies, is available for interviews to discuss the research findings and their implications for retirees in general and women in particular.

To read more about the project, <https://www.monash.edu/business/mcfs/our-research/all-projects/retirement-and-superannuation/pension-research-collaboration>

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Community News

Fan favourites The Listies return to Queanbeyan this weekend

For over a decade the award-winning Listies, as seen on ABC Kids The Listies Work For Peanuts and Art Blast, have toured the world doing shows for children and their families. Now, it's time for them to return to The Q in Queanbeyan after their fantastic show Make Some Noise! thrilled families last year!

This brand-new show, 110% Ready, is all about the joys of the average morning routine: sleeping through the alarm, not having any milk, fishing dirty clothes out of the hamper, burning the toast, and then finding the front door is glued shut, the shower won't switch off, and the house is filling with water.

Featuring a poop-load of puns, silly slapstick sight gags, and a splash of improvisational idiocy, 110%

Ready sees Melbourne's masters of mirth do what they do best for 55 solid minutes of full family lols.

Artistic Director Jordan Best says it's no surprise this hilarious duo have been so good, for so long. "I've been watching The Listies with my son since he was 3, and they still make me laugh just like they did the very first time. I think the best kids theatre are the shows where the adults and the kids are laughing at the same jokes, and enjoying the same show, and The Listies are masters at this."

Coming direct from the Melbourne International Comedy Festival earlier this year, 110% Ready is dedicated to anyone who has ever been in charge of someone who is impossible to get out the front door in the morning!

This high-energy, fun-loving show has won praise across the world, garnering ★★★★★ reviews from Time Out, Fest Mag UK and Herald Sun, with The Age remarking that it "...wouldn't surprise [them] if The Listies became the first children's comedy act to win top gong at the Melbourne Comedy Festival." High praise indeed!

For the enjoyment of anyone from the age of 4 to 4 million (dinosaurs are allowed!), 110% Ready! is full of playful and chaotic moments sure to make the whole audience burst into fits of laughter - kids and adults alike!

To book your tickets head to <https://theq.net.au/>

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BirdLife Australia's Aussie Bird Count has began

The 2025 Aussie Bird Count, one of Australia's largest citizen science events, begins today. This national celebration of our unique and diverse birdlife will run to Sunday, 26 October 2025. BirdLife Australia invites 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. The

Rainbow Lorikeet, Noisy Miner, and Australian Magpie topped the charts in 2024. 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

BirdLife Australia is the national bird conservation charity behind the Aussie Bird Count which has grown in popularity over more than a decade.

"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 discovering something new about your local environment. The Aussie Bird Count shows how citizen science can bring families and communities together while deepening our understanding of Australia's unique

wildlife.

Whether participants are seasoned birders or people who simply enjoy spotting a kookaburra or a flock of lorikeets, the count offers an accessible way to engage with the environment and take part in protecting it.

Why join the count?

Australia's largest citizen science project, the Aussie Bird Count encourages everyone to get to know their local birds and help BirdLife Australia take an annual, national snapshot of the birds

around us.

It is also helping Australians to embrace the natural environment and sustainable thinking, through activations in classrooms, councils and even workplaces, with many embracing it as a learning tool, community activity and wellbeing initiative.

When: Monday 20 - Sunday 26 October 2025

Where: All across Australia

How: Download the free Aussie Bird Count app or visit www.aussiebirdcount.org.au to register

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Is Your Bull Ready to Work?

Lou Baskind - District Veterinarian Braidwood

In many pasture-based beef operations, the bull goes in with the cows and nature does the rest... right? Unfortunately, we often hear stories at pregnancy scanning and calving time of disappointing results.

Most producers know that cows need to be in good condition, on solid nutrition, and have enough time to recover from the previous calving. First-calf heifers must reach critical mating weights. But what about the other half of the equation – the bull?

Don't Set and Forget

A lot can change in a year. Just because a bull performed well last season doesn't mean he's ready to go again. Injuries, illness,

and poor body condition can all affect his success.

Now's the time to check your bull and make a plan. That gives you time to treat issues or find a replacement.

What to Look For

Make sure you have safe facilities before handling your bull for an inspection. Many standard farm setups may not be adequate to restrain bulls securely, and working closely with bulls can be dangerous.

In a safe and secure handling setup, check:

- Feet and legs - strong gait, no signs of lameness
- Testicles - both present, similar in size, firm to touch, no lumps or scabs
- Penis - no injury or abnormal shape

- Body condition - fit but not over-fat; adjust nutrition early if needed

Loan Bulls and Biosecurity

Many smallholders borrow bulls from neighbours or larger enterprises. If you're loaning a bull:

- Ask about his soundness and view him beforehand if possible
- Consider biosecurity risks – the bull could be a carrier of disease that might infect your herd. Some common diseases can cause infertility
- Vet checks, disease testing, and vaccinations should be done before the bull arrives

Vaccination programs for pestivirus, leptospirosis, and vibriosis (also known as campylobacteriosis) make a

big difference in protecting your herd. Vibriosis is a venereal disease of cattle that can cause infertility and pregnancy loss. Vaccines take time to take effect, so don't delay.

Fertility Takes Time

Even if a bull is keen to work, he needs to be producing fertile sperm. Illness or stress can cause temporary infertility, and it may take more than six weeks for sperm to recover.

The only way to be sure is a full assessment with a morphology and motility test. Your best assessment of fertility and breeding soundness is a professional reproductive examination by an ACV Bullcheck accredited veterinarian – it's a nationally recognised



standard for bull fertility evaluation.

Keep Watching

Once the bull is in with the cows, keep an eye on him for any signs of injury, illness, lameness, or significant loss of condition.

If something goes wrong, be ready to implement a Plan B – whether that's replacing the bull or adjusting the joining period.

You should also watch whether he's showing

interest and working. That said, don't panic if you don't see much action. Some bulls work quietly and still get excellent results.

Follow-Up Matters

Six weeks after the bull comes out, book a pregnancy test – ideally with an ACV Pregcheck accredited vet. It's the best way to confirm success and plan your next steps.

Photo: Nigel Jones / Bull, Hall Farm, Docking

Equine Acres: Land Management for Horse Owners

Simone Horn, Senior NRM Advisor

Do you own, or plan to own, horses?

Did you know that horses have one of the longest daily grazing periods of all herbivores?

Understanding this natural need and behaviour in horses is critical to managing their health and the health of your land. The two go together so here's what you should do.

By attending a Local Land Services workshops designed just for horse

owners, you can gain a deeper understanding of horse behaviours and how unwittingly this can lead to the degradation of your soils and pastures. You will also learn how to design and manage your property with these behaviours in mind which will help you to manage and maintain suitable pasture for horses whilst encouraging biodiversity and overall property health.

What we will cover:

- Management of soils, vegetation, water and manure

- How to design (or re-design) your horse property to get the best outcomes and save you money.
- We'll look at some of the key principles of best practice grazing management and how this aligns with natural horse behaviours to maintain ground cover and soil health.
- Steps to benefit your soils and pastures, biodiversity and waterways, and your horses.
- Practical solutions to common problems faced

by horse owners. At the end of the workshop, you will have a clear understanding of small changes you can make to strengthen your land management skills and build soil, pasture and horse health.

Equine Acres workshops are being held in two locations:

- Moss Vale on Wednesday 19 November 2025; and
- Murrumbateman on Wednesday 3 December 2025.

Register using the QR code link to our events page



(see page 21) and let your horse ownership be part of building a healthier and more

productive landscape. Photo supplied



Bella Hart, Land Services Officer

Whether you manage your land for conservation, production, or just to enjoy, serrated tussock (Nasella trichotoma) can impact you regardless of the size of your block.

Did you know:

- One adult plant can produce up to 140,000 seeds annually

- Serrated tussock can completely dominate a new area within 4 years, smothering all other groundcover vegetation
- Livestock and native animals will not eat it by choice as it has very low nutritional value. This puts extra pressure on surrounding groundcover species which leads to overgrazing and invasion by more serrated tussock.

Focus on serrated tussock this spring!

- If livestock have no other option than to eat serrated tussock, they will lose weight - and in some cases the fibrous material can form indigestible balls in the stomach, leading to further health issues or even death.

What does it look like?

Serrated tussock grows in dense upright clumps that can grow up to 50 cm tall and 25 cm wide at the base. Its colour varies seasonally; typically light green with brown or lighter colour tips, turning purple when seed heads appear in late spring and early summer, and golden yellow when frosted in winter.

It can be confused with native species like Poa tussock (Poa labillardierei), Snowgrass (Poa sieberiana), Wallaby grass (Rytidosperma pallidum), and Corkscrew grass (Austrostipa setacea), but can be distinguished by 3

key features:

- A white, hairless, approx. 1mm ligule (a collar-like structure or cluster of hairs at the leaf blade-sheath junction)
- White leaf base
- Rolled leaves

How does it spread?

Seeds are small - 1.5mm long - and primarily spread by wind and water. They are also spread by vehicles, machinery, people and stock feeds. Animals can also disperse seed when picked up in hooves, fleeces or coats, and the seed coating allows seed to survive digestion and still be viable.

What can I do about it?

The best management is prevention - maintain good weed hygiene and prevent seed spread by cleaning your boots, vehicles, and machinery regularly, and monitoring your whole property often for new plants.

If you are downwind of an infestation, planting a tree lane or windbreak creates a 'quiet zone' where wind slows, causing seed to drop in a concentrated area. Taller and wider plantings increase this capture potential and can contribute to biodiversity in your area. Use a mix of native shrubs, mid-story acacias and eucalypts for best results. This simplifies future serrated tussock control efforts as new plants will be in one place.

Serrated tussock seedlings establish best on bare soil as they don't tolerate strong competition, so maintaining groundcover with desirable species is best practice, and will also help prevent infestations from other weeds. Grazing management of livestock is critical to prevent the invasion of weeds like serrated tussock. Talk to us if you want advice on your pastures and stocking rates.

Other management techniques include physical removal (eg. chipping out) and chemical control, and is important to ramp up your control efforts in early to mid-spring before seed develops. This will lessen the seedlings you will have to deal with in the future.

When dealing with an existing infestation, always start on the edges and work your way in, prioritising areas that are more valuable or will impact others.

For more information, please visit the DPI WeedWise website using the QR code, or visit or call your nearest Local Land Service office on 1300 795 299.

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Get into Property Planning this Spring

Andy Taylor, Senior NRM Advisor

Property planning isn't just about farm productivity - it's about understanding your land is part of a larger ecosystem, and that healthy connections between soils, water, vegetation and wildlife help the landscape to function for the good of the environment and human society. Understanding these connections leads you to better decision making which can save you hours of effort and loads of money.

Local Land Services wants to take you on a journey, exploring your goals and the capabilities of your land. This spring, we kick off our Introduction to Property Planning Workshops - an exploration of the fundamentals of owning and managing a property,

helping tune you into your land and build a more resilient and productive property.

Whether your goal is to manage livestock, build biodiversity, or simply enjoy the lifestyle benefits of your land, these workshops will help you:

- Understand your landscape
 - Make informed decisions
 - Connect with local experts and fellow landholders
- Our workshops cover seven essential areas of property planning:
- Soil - Learn the importance of assessing and improving soil health
 - Water - Understand water management and catchment planning
 - Production - Explore



livestock ownership

- Biosecurity - Protect your property from pests and diseases
- Natural Assets - Identify and enhance ecosystem services on your land
- Community Collaboration - Build networks with neighbours and local groups
- Rural Resilience & Disaster Preparedness - Prepare for bushfires, floods, and other emergencies

Who Should Attend?

These workshops are designed for new landholders, and anyone interested in improving their property. We'll also guide you to additional Local Land Services workshops and services tailored to your stage in the land management journey.

Take the first step toward a thriving, resilient property and register for an Introduction to Property

Planning Workshop today! Use the QR code link (see right) to our events page and choose your location.

Workshop Dates & Locations

- Gundaroo - 24th October
 - Moruya - 30th October
 - Moss Vale - 7th November
 - Michelago - 14th November
 - Berry - 21st November
 - Windellama - 28th November
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Want to read more about what is going on in our region, sign up to the South East Circular to get newsletters delivered direct to your inbox. Scan the QR Code code to register.



Check out our upcoming events and to register:



H5 Bird Flu

Lou Baskind - District Veterinarian Braidwood

H5 bird flu (avian influenza) is a viral disease found in birds around the world. It mainly affects birds, but can also infect other animals—and in rare cases, humans.

Although H5 bird flu hasn't been detected in Australia, it could arrive via migratory seabirds, shorebirds, waterbirds or even marine mammals like seals.

Recent overseas outbreaks have shown that H5 bird flu can cause serious illness and death in wildlife and farm animals, especially poultry. Early detection helps protect both.

Australia remains free from H5 bird flu. The current strain of concern of H5N1 is highly contagious and has spread rapidly across the globe. Australia is currently the only continent free from this strain.

Please report any mass bird deaths—five or more birds—to the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888 or use the form on the NSW Department of Primary Industries website.

Signs of bird flu vary. Some birds show no symptoms, while others may have:

- Neurological signs (e.g. tremors, loss of coordination)

- Facial swelling
- Sudden death with no warning

Each year, many short-tailed shearwaters (also called muttonbirds) die at sea during their migration. Every few years, wind and tides wash them up on NSW beaches. This is a natural event—and sadly, even experienced wildlife carers are rarely able to save these birds.

However, we can't assume the cause without investigation. While most shearwater deaths are part of a known cycle, they could also be an early warning sign of H5 bird flu. Reporting helps rule out disease and



supports early detection.

When you report, the Department of Primary Industries will assess whether testing or further

investigation is needed.

Stay safe!

Bird flu can spread to humans, especially when handling sick or dead

animals. Please don't touch wildlife unless you're trained and wearing protective gear like gloves and a mask.

Photo: S Cohen DPE



ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO FIT EXERCISE IN TO YOUR LIFE?

Researchers at the University of Sydney are running a study to measure the impact of the Active Women over 50 program.

This **FREE** program is designed for women aged 50+ to help increase their physical activity. The program involves telephone health coaching from a physiotherapist, private Facebook group (optional), a website resource, and motivational SMS or email messages for 6 months.

To be eligible, you need to be a woman aged 50+, living in NSW, healthy enough to take part in regular physical activity, and have access to the internet.

For more information

- www.activewomenover50.org.au
- sph.activewomen@sydney.edu.au
- (02) 8627 6242

Or scan the QR code to learn more



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- Axxe Throwing and more!

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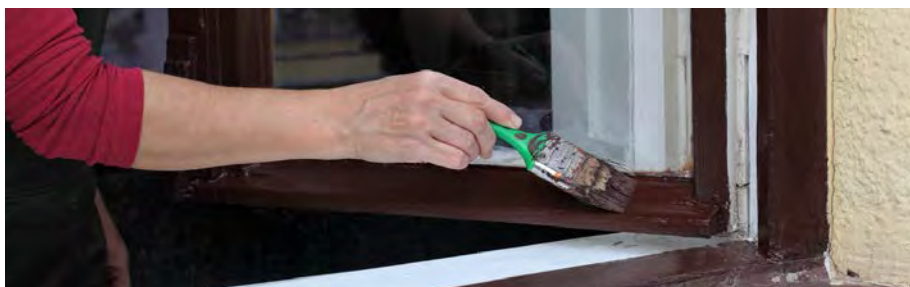
Nominate for the Australia Day Awards

Nominate for the Citizen, Young Citizen, Senior Citizen, Community Event of the Year, and Community Organisation of the Year for 2026!

Each year we celebrate the people in our community who are dedicated to making our region a better place, whether that's through volunteering, service to the community, holding community events or other achievements.

There are four regions for each award: Captains Flat, Braidwood, Bungendore, and Queanbeyan.

- ▶ Get your nominations in by 1 December at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Australia-Day-Awards



Local Heritage Grants applications closing soon

Applications for the 2025 round of heritage grants close 26 October. This provides support on dollar-for-dollar basis for minor works. To apply, you need to:

- Own a heritage-listed property or be in a listed conservation area
- Have support from Council's Heritage Advisors
- Have approved Minor Works application
- Have two quotes for proposed works
- ▶ Find out more at bit.ly/local-heritage-grants

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

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



Garage Sale Trail starts next month

Australia's biggest second-hand treasure hunt is back and you can be part of it!

Across 8-9 and 15-16 November, thousands of garage sales will be happening right around the country. For sellers, it's a great way to make some extra cash, and for shoppers it's a fun chance to score some bargains.

Whether you sell from home, join a local market or team up with neighbours for a thrifty street party, it's free to take part — and you don't need a garage (or even a front yard). From unit blocks to schools and community groups, anyone can get involved.

- ▶ Find out more and register for free at garagesaletrail.com.au/queanbeyan-palerang

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:

- 22 October (Queanbeyan)
- 12 November (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.

Community Meetings in November

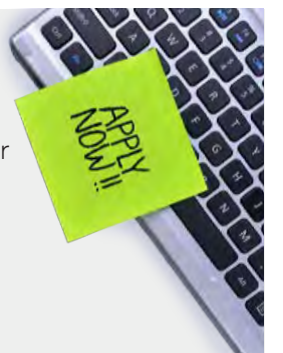
Meet your councillors and talk about the things that matter to you at our upcoming community meetings in:

- Braidwood - Tuesday 4 November from 6-8pm at the Braidwood Servicemen's Club Auditorium
- Bungendore - Wednesday 19 November from 6-8pm at the Norah Starrs Community Centre (Bungendore Community Centre)
- Queanbeyan - Thursday 20 November from 6-8pm in the WB Freebody Chambers at the Nellie Hamilton Centre
- Nerriga - Saturday 22 November from 10am-12pm at the Nerriga Community Hall
- ▶ Find more at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/events

Work with Council

Current vacancies include:

- Casual Recreation Facilitator
- HR & Organisational Development, Coordinator
- Gardener
- Utilities Spatial Analyst
- Water Industry Operator (Network)
- ▶ For more information and roles see bit.ly/QPRC-Careers



Cadet, Apprentice and Trainee Information Session

Are you interested in earning, learning, and gaining valuable on the job experience while you do your studies?

We are holding an information session on 10 November from 6-7:30pm over Zoom about our Cadet, Apprentice and Trainee Program.

If you have almost finished school, you're an interested parent, you're thinking of a new start or a career change, or you are a career advisor, come along and find out the benefits of working with Council.

- ▶ Learn more at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/CAT-info-session

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Spring colour

PET OF THE WEEK



Name: Graham
Age 6 years old.
Likes: chewing on unmentionables and loves the odd chicken foot treat!
Dislikes: having to wait for his food
Claim to Fame: having way more accessories than his owner!

Breast Cancer Awareness Month puts spotlight on screening and support

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month - a time to focus on the impact of breast cancer and the importance of early detection in saving lives.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in Australian women and the second most common cause of cancer-related death. One in seven women will develop breast cancer in their lifetime. The earlier breast cancer is found, the better the chance of surviving it.

Thanks to advances in detection and treatment, the five-year breast cancer survival rate has improved to 94 per cent. Between 1987-1991 and 2017-2021, 5-year relative survival increased from 75.1 per cent to 94.3 per cent for women who were diagnosed with breast cancer when aged 50-74.

Age remains the biggest risk factor, with most breast cancers occurring in women over 50. Nine out of 10 women diagnosed have no family history of the disease.

Participation rates for First Nations women in screening remain lower than non-

Indigenous women at 35.9 per cent. State and territory programs, and Aboriginal Community-Controlled Health Organisations have implemented a range of initiatives to support First Nations women to access culturally safe screening and improve cancer outcomes.

The federal Government is helping women take action through mammograms available every two years for all eligible women aged 40 and over through BreastScreen Australia, with women aged 50 to 74 invited to participate by state and territory programs.

Jointly funded by the Australian Government and state and territory governments, BreastScreen Australia offers services in more than 750 locations nationally, including purpose built mobile vans, buses and 4WDs. The Albanese Government is also investing \$193 million over four years in a new Australian Cancer Nursing and Navigation Program (ACNNP).

The Australian Cancer Nurse Navigation Program (ACNNP) ensures all

Australians affected by cancer, regardless of location or cancer type, receive high-quality, culturally safe care, while also supporting families, carers, friends and health professionals. Through this program, Breast Cancer Network Australia is funded to provide specialist information and support to breast cancer patients, and the McGrath Foundation is delivering 100 new government-funded cancer care nurses to support people with all types of cancer by 2026-27.

Information about BreastScreen Australia is available at www.health.gov.au/bsa.

First Nations women can access information about Screen with you Sistas here: <https://www.health.gov.au/breast-screen>



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

CAPTAIN BUNGENDORE

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I Am keeping AN eye ON the CALENDAR.

It is quite A BUSY time LEADING up to the end of the year!

JAC

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

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

Only your name and suburb will be printed

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NSW GOVERNMENT BreastScreen NSW

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Be a friend. Tell a friend.

Share why breast screening matters. Early detection saves lives.

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BRAIN TRAINING

Welcome to a puzzle fitness workout aimed at improving your brain power. Boost your mental agility with a session every day in the Mental Gym. Record the time you take to complete each puzzle and you can keep track of your ever increasing mental strength.

Mind the Gap

Can you complete the five words in each set by adding the same three-letter word? For example OUR in HLY, VIG, FTH (hourly, vigour, fourth), and so on.

- 1 INT WIS PRUT ACCIT CONSE
- 2 SE CAAL EOME DECRE HOSAL
- 3 BA RIG COU CUIE CERE
- 4 ASE ORIAL STER SUBSTIE STAORY
- 5 LOC STR TNT VTS DICT

Number Jig

Which one of the listed numbers won't fit in this mini grid?

470
497
704
747
904

4			

Memory Jog

Give yourself two minutes to memorise this list of words. How many of them can you recall on a separate piece of paper in another two minutes?

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| RIVER | THORNY | EFFECTIVELY |
| FAST | BANK | SITE |
| LOCAL | HERALDRY | THOUSAND |
| TREND | METRICAL | SCREWDRIVER |
| LIKE | ANGLE | WEIR |
| NETWORK | COVERING | HAZELNUT |
| POWER | WIDENING | SHAKE |

Quick Time Crossword

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- Across
- 1 Waistband (4)
 - 3 Analyse a sentence (5)
 - 7 Perform surgery (7)
 - 8 Ooze (4)
 - 9 Fixed gaze (5)
 - 11 Prescribed amounts (5)
 - 14 Domestic animals (4)
 - 16 Mitigate (7)
 - 17 Yielded (5)
 - 18 Laundry items (4)
- Down
- 1 Footwear (5)
 - 2 Operatic scene (5)
 - 4 A long time (coll) (4)
 - 5 Withdraw from federation (6)
 - 6 Foundation (4)
 - 10 From that place (6)
 - 11 Gramophone record (4)
 - 12 Trap (5)
 - 13 Appears (5)
 - 15 Unharmd (4)

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.

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Crossword

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Target Time

Target: Average 8, Good - 10, Excellent - 14+
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.

R	R	T
A	I	C
M	H	A

- Across
- 1 Sentimental
 - 4 Iced drink
 - 8 Scent
 - 12 Remade
 - 13 Pudding (7,4)
 - 15 Reproductive gland
 - 16 Forms ranks (5,2)
 - 17 Allocate
 - 18 Star sign
 - 19 Have fun
 - 21 Whip or lash
 - 23 Road divider, _____ strip
 - 24 Beat and bruise
 - 26 Regretted
 - 28 Officer's attendant
 - 29 Stipulated
 - 31 Dividers
 - 32 Projecting flat rim
 - 33 Mother (coll)
 - 35 Recent report
 - 36 Green Muppet
 - 37 Iraqi capital
 - 40 Show-off (coll)
 - 41 Dip (bread, etc) in liquid
 - 43 Hairstyle
 - 45 Detailed analysis
 - 47 Throw up
 - 49 Moneybags
 - 50 Pardon
 - 51 Prompt
 - 52 Elegant
 - 53 Seizes
 - 10 Express thanks for
 - 11 Cork
 - 14 Addressed a deity
 - 20 Rectifies
 - 22 Effluence
 - 25 Straightened
 - 27 Binoculars (5,7)
 - 28 Entrepreneurs
 - 29 Social classes
 - 30 Made a call
 - 33 Dairy cow
 - 34 Biblical father figure
 - 38 Thirst
 - 39 World power
 - 42 Turned white
 - 44 Produce a book
 - 46 Lubricating device
 - 48 Beverages
- Down
- 1 Leisuredly walks
 - 2 Of a city
 - 3 Whisker (5-7)
 - 5 In secret, sub _____
 - 6 Gambits
 - 7 Freed
 - 8 Optional items (3-3)
 - 9 Bay window

Public Notices

Expanding the Offensive. Help Landcare control European wasps

Are you concerned about European wasps? You are not the only one! European wasps are invading our backyards, impacting our lifestyle and can cause hospitalisation. We are also seeing an impact on our native invertebrates, especially our native pollinators. Control options are available, including poisoning nests, poison baits and pheromone lure traps. Like all pest control programs however, European wasp control is more effective when conducted at a landscape scale. Community control programs have proved successful at reducing European wasps across a region. The Braidwood European Wasp Offensive has been running for a number of years and recorded a dramatic reduction in wasps. This community driven program has proved so successful that Landcare, Bendigo Bank and QPRC have joined forces to expand the program across the Queanbeyan-Palerang region. To kick off the program we want to hear from you. What do know about wasps, are you concerned about them and what are you doing about them? By understanding what is currently happening in our community we can focus support to target European wasp control where it is most needed. The Landcare program aims to support coordinate wasp control across the region and supply subsidised wasp lure traps. Lure traps contain pheromones that are specific for European wasps, thereby minimising



any effect on native invertebrates and reducing the need to handle poison. Please complete our short 3 minute questionnaire and if interested, register in the program. The questionnaire is open until 24th October.

https://forms.gle/2QtgyHeDndWSEBP6



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Bungendore Tigers RLFC. Monday 27 October 2025 at 6pm. The George Bar & Dining, Bungendore NSW. All possitions are vacant, all are welcome.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Bungendore Community Aid AGM Bungendore Community Aid Inc. Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, 17th November at 7.00pm at the Bungendore Community Centre. New members are always welcome. For further information please phone Michelle (Secretary) on 0427 048 424 or Linda on 0439 381 359.

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

Bungendore Open Mic

The organisers of the community event "Bungendore Open Mic" will be running their monthly (November) open mic event on Saturday November 8 from 1pm to 5pm at the Royal Hotel

If you are interested in performing, or would like more information contact John on 0447069317, or email tomthumb1375@gmail.com

1st time performers are very welcome!

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

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 Dementia Alliance

INVITES PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA AND THEIR CARERS TO Morning Tea



When: Monthly on the 3rd Monday of the month: Monday November 17

Time: 10am to 12pm

Where: Bungendore School or 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 Ph: 0411 746 293

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



Queanbeyan Probus Club: next meeting Mon, 17 Nov

What are Probus Clubs? The word PROBUS is an amalgam of the words PRO-fessional and BUS-iness

Probus is an association of retired and semi-retired people, who join together in clubs. The purpose of which is to provide regular opportunities for them, to keep their minds active, expand their interests and to enjoy the fellowship of new friends.

There are men's clubs, ladies' clubs and combined clubs and is a community service of Rotary Clubs. They are not-for-profit making and non-denominational. The first club, established by Rotary, was in 1996 at Caterham, England. It is now worldwide with a global membership of over 2,000 clubs.

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

Mayor's Column



We held our third annual Diwali Mela Lantern Festival at Queanbeyan Showground on Saturday 18 October and it was a fantastic night out! We are so lucky to have such a vibrant and diverse community and this event is a great example of how we come together to celebrate unity and diversity.

There are so many ordinary people in our community who do extraordinary things to help others and make Queanbeyan-Palerang the amazing place that it is. Their hard work and community spirit often go under the radar, without commendation or celebration. Our Australia Day Awards are an excellent opportunity to shine a light on these local heroes and give them the praise and recognition they deserve. For 2026, you can nominate for Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year, and Community Organisation of the Year. Nominations can be made until 1 December at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Australia-Day-Awards

We have community meetings coming up next month and I'm looking forward to the opportunity to speak about the things that matter to you. We'll be in Braidwood on Tuesday 4 November at the Braidwood Servicemen's Club Auditorium from 6-8pm, Bungendore on Wednesday 19 November at the Norah Starrs (Bungendore) Community Centre from 6-8pm, Queanbeyan on Thursday 20 November at the WB Freebody Council Chambers, Nellie Hamilton Centre from 6-8pm, and Nerriga on Saturday 22 November at the Nerriga Community Hall from 10am-12pm. Find out more and register your attendance at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/events

Applications for the 2025 round of Local Heritage Grants close in a few days. 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 a review of the Unsealed Council Road Policy, procurement of electronic, connected water meters, allocation of Roads to Recovery 2025-26 funding, and some development applications. Find the meeting agenda and livestream link at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Business/Council-meetings

Cr Kenrick Winchester, Mayor

Puzzle Solutions

Target Time

Target: Average 8, Good - 10, Excellent - 14+

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Quick Time Crossword

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Crossword

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Classifieds

Local Markets

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

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

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

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

Southern Harvest Farmers Markets - Weekly on Saturday from 9 am - 12 pm, 23 Malbon St, Bungendore (Village Square) Contact: markets.southernharvest.org.au

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

VINTAGE & RETRO

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

BUNGENDORE SENIORS

Next get together will be Thursday 23 October, 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

HYUNDAI FOR SALE

2015 Hyundai ix35 SE. 210600km, 6 speed manual. Full size spare tyre, heated seats, tow bar. Full service history, rego to July 2026. \$8500. Contact Georgia 0409974931



MANGO FUNDRAISER

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.



Personalised care for your dog

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



Free legal advice appointments
A solicitor from South Coast and Country Community Law will be visiting your area for in person legal appointments.
When: Tues 28 October 2025
Where: The Hive, 274 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan
Times: Between 9:30am to 1pm
Appointments are essential - please call 1800 229 529
What problems can South Coast and Country Community Law help with?
Family Law - Separation, parenting, property, divorce, child support, Employment, Tenancy, Victims Support, Credit and Debt, Centrelink Issues, Power of Attorney and Guardianship documents, Consumer Issues, Penalty Notices, Court Attendance Notices for speeding, licence, registration or alcohol/drug driving, Neighbourhood Disputes, Domestic and Family Violence Orders, Personal Violence
To book an appointment, call 1800 229 529. Staff will complete an intake, and a solicitor will see you on your call back at your scheduled appointment time.

Business Classifieds

CARPENTER | BUILDER

ACT & Regional Areas
Pergolas - Decks - Fit outs - Cladding Maintenance - Residential & Commercial
Shed Builds - Stables - Farm Yards
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



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

RSPCA: As of 18 OCT these animals are available for adoption.

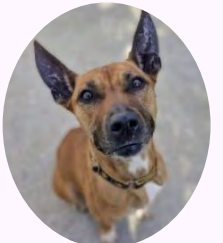
For an up to date list of available animals: rspca-act.org.au/adopt-pet

Animal Viewing Hours: Mon-Sat: 10-3 (except 1st Wed of each month)

Contact: (02) 6287 8100



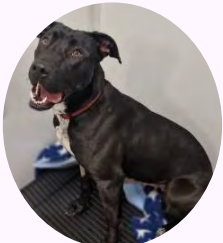
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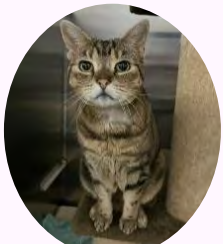
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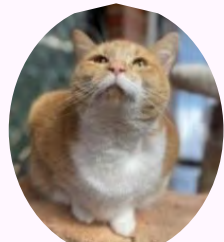
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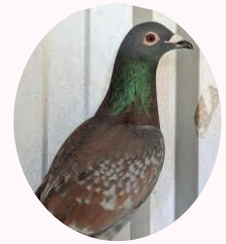
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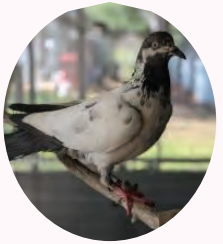
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SATURDAY 25 October

We're opening our shelter doors and you're invited!
10am to 1pm

Take a tour, learn how to make enrichment games for your pets, ask our staff questions and meet the animals.

A big day of fun. And it's free!

We'll have food, coffee, a retail shop and more. Circle the date!

The day is also the official launch of our Community Pet Pantry and we're asking for your help 🙏

Can you please bring either a bag of pet food (unopened) to be donated to community groups and people in need of help, or a plant for us to grow and beautify our shelter?

Shelter address:
12 Kirkpatrick Street, Weston

Serving up 140 years of tennis at the Queanbeyan Park

Queanbeyan Park Tennis Club
The Queanbeyan tennis community came together on 12 October to celebrate an extraordinary milestone: 140 years of tennis at the Queanbeyan Park.

The first recorded reference of tennis courts at the Queanbeyan Park was in the Goulburn Evening Penny Post in 1885. The Queanbeyan Park Tennis Club is likely to be one of the oldest clubs in NSW operating from the same site! The club's location in Queanbeyan Park has long made it a central feature of the town's sporting landscape.

The club welcomed members and friends of the club to a day of activities, starting with a junior competition in the morning, followed by a BBQ lunch, cake and presentation of a special award.

"It was wonderful to have our junior players on court. For some, it was their first taste of a competition, and they all gave 100% effort (against the wind too!)" said Club President Wendy Grant.

"We're incredibly proud of our community and it was a fitting occasion to present our oldest club member, Dick Brian with a special award. Dick is 92 years old and has been playing at the club for over 55 years. Tennis really is a sport for life, and Dick is an inspiration to us all."

The day ended with an afternoon of adult mixed doubles competition. Over the years the courts have seen many competitions, including international players from Japan, Sweden and Indonesia and national talent.

"The first Easter Tournament was

held in 1925 with player entry numbers swelling to 200 in 1930 and over 400 in 1982. What a hive of energy and excitement those tournaments must have been", said Wendy.

Some Life Members of the club were also in attendance and enjoyed connecting with new members and seeing what's changed around the courts and clubhouse. There were also some wooden racquet rallies, with some players even using the wooden racquets in the adult's competition.

The display of club memorabilia was also a hit. The venue has welcomed generations of locals and there were albums of photos to find their younger self in, or a relative.

"It was a wonderful day—lots of stories shared about matches and time spent at the courts. We're



incredibly proud of our past and just as excited about where we're heading. Tennis at Queanbeyan

Park has always been about more than just sport—it's been about community," said Wendy.

Looking to meet new people, stay active, or just have some light-hearted match play? Try the club's social tennis! Find out more and keep up to date with what's happening at the Club, at: playtennis.com.au/QueanbeyanParkTC

Above: Wendy Grant cuts the cake with Dan Trudinger and Dick Brian. Left: Members and Friends of the club at the celebration

Photos courtesy of @cartesrlens22





FUN IS IN FULL SWING!

Join Woolworths Cricket Blast
A safe way to have fun and stay active for kids of all abilities.

Bungendore Bunyips Cricket Club Blast
3:30pm - 5pm
Warren Little Oval
Start date - 24/10/2025, End date - 19/12/2025
Every registered kid will receive a Woolworths cricket blast pack
Contact: Dave Boyd P: 0459336883
E: boyd.david@outlook.com



Sign up Today!



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BUNGENDORE JUNIOR TIGERS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

BUNGENDORE SPORTS HUB

Please join us at the Bungendore Sports Hub,
Monday 10th November 6pm.

All positions will be declared open and up for nomination.
Whether you're a long-time member or new to the club.
We welcome all volunteers who want to get involved

Sport

Wamboin Golf - October 2025

Sunday, 5 October. The Oktober Stein competition. (Those old leather shorts really chafe!) It was a beautiful day. The air was strong with the aromas of Spring. I recalled the words of my old chum, Heinrich Heine: "Perfumes are the feelings of flowers". Isn't that nice? His head wasn't always in the clouds. He also said "Experience is the best education but the school fees are crippling". The day was sponsored by Barb, Pete and Steve Harrison whom we thank for the vittles and prizes. After the sponsors declared a Stableford competition we set off around the course treading carefully so as not to hurt the flowers' feelings. Back in the aromatherapy room, while the Captain smelled the roses, we studied the runes. Old magazines are creeping back into doctors' waiting rooms. Your correspondent

recently found the following gem in the UK establishment magazine Country Life dated 14 May. It editorialised that "... the Australians shattered expectations by triumphantly re-electing Anthony Albanese. He's not an exciting man, but he has steered his country effectively with a moderation and realism that contrasted strongly with the noisy hectoring of Peter Dutton ...". WA MP, Hasty Andrew, after noisily hectoring Ms Ley about migrants, hastily resigned from the Oppo's front bench saying he feels like a stranger in his own home. Perhaps he tried to enter the wrong house after a night out with Barnaby Joyce, the famous bon viveur, or Mrs Hasty is exercising coercive control, or she supports net zero. The new RSI and Y2K is mental health. Apparently hordes of us are suffering a decline in it. Just about

everything can affect it. We can even contract it from each other vicariously ("I feel your pain"). Everyone with a financial interest has climbed aboard demanding enormous public funds be committed. If you're worried you can consult a psychiatrist or a psychologist. Psychiatrists believe in theoretical constructs, like the ego and the id, dreamed up by Sigmund Freud from his musings on the couch. Psychologists have a deep root in scientific fact going back to my old pal, Gregor Mendel, the father of genetics. Identity politics, relentlessly pushed by the ABC, rather spoiled my enjoyment of the World Athletics Championships, particularly the field sports. My admiration for the skill and strength of the athletes was marred by the intrusion of nagging ruminations about whether they were trans, intersex or +. That silly old codger, Robert F Kennedy Jr, thinks that paracetamol is the cause of autism in children. It's hard to believe he's the son of the man who, with his brother, negotiated us out of the 1960's missile crisis, rather than a member of the crazy gang advising the person who wrote 'The Art of the Dill'. Gaza is looking shabbier by the minute. I wonder if anyone in Iran has considered the stupidity of the invasion of October 2023 by their running dogs, Hamas. It gave Israel an excuse to annexe the Palestinian territories 'from the river to the sea'.

Now there's an irony. And I wonder if Netanyahu and his Acidic supporters in the Knesset have considered what to do with the population when there's nothing left to bomb. But it'll be all over soon thanks to the Donald's brilliant plan. He doesn't seem to have a cunning plan to get US government officials back to work. This may be a blessing in disguise for other Americans and the rest of the world. Christine Milne, former Australian Greens leader (in the style of Jubilation T Cornpone), is now saying we wouldn't need big wind farms in NW Tasmania if we had concentrated on rooftop solar all those years ago. She might be right but I don't recall her saying that at the time. The hunt for Dezi Freeman continues. Old George reckons he's with Lord Lucan and the crew of the 'Marie Celeste'.

The Captain, yawning prodigiously from jet lag, called for order and introduced our Irish guests, Con and Kathleen O'Mara. Robbie's joke involved



two umbrellas, one for the forecast. The googly ball went to Vicki Still for a concoction that stretched credulity. The dummy spit was shared by Tim Barter and Neville Schroder for complaints about pine tree felling on Bingley Way: 1. the lack of shade and 2. the reduced challenge. NTP and LD ball winners were Tim Barter 4! Col Urquhart 2, Paul Griffin, Robbie Thompson and Dave Hubbard. Junior winner was Robbie Thompson with 45 off the stick for 17 Stableford points. Winner of the nine hole comp was sleepy Ken Gordon 39/16 from Vicki Still 54/10. Winner of the 18 hole comp was Tim Barter 71/39 from Paul Griffin 86/34. Tim's score equaled the course record. Well done Tim. Well done all.

Next month - November, I think - we host the Wamboin Open. Join us at 12.15pm on Sunday, 2 November for the 12.30pm start of the great contest. Meanwhile, the Vicar of Dibley is now the new Archbishop of Canterbury. Go Geraldine! Larry King, golfer

Photos: Pete Harrison



We live with bush fire so we live bush fire ready.

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