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Bungendore Remembers the 75th Anniversary of the Korean War



This year's Remembrance Day service in Bungendore featured the 75th Anniversary of the Korean War.

Master of Ceremonies, Nick Beeson lead the moving service.

In his Address, Commander Joint Operations, Vice Admiral Justin Jones AO CSC RAN reflected on what it means to remember and the importance of Remembrance Day.

The Bungendore War Memorial Committee invited 95-year-old Frank Shugg, of Mount Fairy to be their general guest at this Remembrance Day Service commemorating the Korean war.

"We understand that Frank Shugg is the only Korean war veteran who now lives in the Bungendore district.

At the age of 19, Frank joined the Royal Australian Navy in 1949 as a writer 37196.

In 1952 he was posted to HMAS Murchison which conducted a series of post armistice patrols off the Korean coast until July 1954. As a veteran he was awarded the Australian Active

Service Medal 1945-75 with clasp Korea, the United Nations Medal for Korea and the Republic of Korea War Service Medal.

In 1966 Frank was promoted as a Supply Sub Lieutenant and rose to become a Lieutenant Commander in 1977 before he retired in 1986 having completed 37 years' service - some achievement.

Even before he retired Frank was actively involved with the St. Vincent De Paul Society, serving as president of the Canberra - Goulburn district and afterwards as Vice President of the NSW "Vinnies" council.

Over recent years Frank has often recited the prayer for Australia at Bungendore Remembrance Day services.

Frank - thank you for your service to the nation and the community."

Bungendore War Memorial Committee

Left: Frank, members of the committee and special guests after the service.

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Your Chance to Win While Shopping Local in Bungendore & Braidwood

There is something wonderfully distinct about Christmas in our region. As the weather warms and the village fills with festive energy, our local shops, cafes, makers

and markets form the heart of the season. It's a time when familiar faces cross paths, when weekend browsing becomes a social outing, and when our small businesses

shine brightest. This year, the return of the Bungendore and Braidwood Shop & Win adds even more excitement to the lead-up to Christmas.

Running from 17 November to 14 December 2025, Shop & Win gives residents and visitors the chance to support local businesses in Bungendore and Braidwood while entering the draw for a share of \$20,000 in prizes, awarded as vouchers to spend back in local businesses. Each town has \$10,000 on offer, including weekly \$500 vouchers and major voucher prizes of \$1000, \$2000, and \$5000. Every time you spend \$20 or more at a participating business, you'll receive a unique code for your chance to win.

But the campaign is about much more than prizes. It celebrates the people and places that make our small towns special. It's about supporting local businesses, which proudly showcase their thoughtful products and services. Shopping local at Christmas has a powerful ripple effect. When you choose to buy a gift, meal or service in Bungendore or Braidwood, you're directly supporting families,

livelihoods and local jobs. Those purchases help to keep our businesses strong through the busiest time of the year, ensuring they continue to be part of the community we value so much. The voucher-based prize pool builds on this idea, ensuring that every dollar from the winnings flows back into the region's economy and directly benefits the businesses that make the town unique.

Our region has long been known for its creative energy, and the shop and win campaign encourages everyone to dig a little deeper and rediscover what makes our towns unique. From artisan goods and boutique homewares to books, fashion, local produce and handmade Christmas gifts, they offer something truly special. These are the kinds of finds you simply can't pick up in a large shopping centre - items with personality, story and heart behind them.

The festive season always brings a sense of connection. You'll see locals stopping for a chat outside their favourite shops, families picking up supplies for gatherings, and day-trippers taking the time to

explore and enjoy the atmosphere. With Shop & Win in full swing, there's an added element of fun and anticipation. Every purchase could be the one that wins - a small thrill that makes the lead-up to Christmas even more enjoyable.

The participating businesses in Bungendore and Braidwood will be listed online at treasuretrail.com.au/win, where you can also find full terms and conditions. Whether you're hunting for the perfect gift, picking up something for the home, or simply enjoying a day out, make sure to shop locally in our region.

Once again, the campaign received additional community support through the involvement of Bendigo Community Bank - Braidwood and Bungendore, helping strengthen local participation and outcomes for small businesses. Shop & Win is a Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council initiative, delivered to support the local economy and celebrate the businesses that make our towns unique.

Left: Bungendore business owner Paula Batten of B'town Kids.
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Asthma in pregnancy research program expands to Queanbeyan

A world-leading asthma research program has expanded to Southern NSW, with Queanbeyan chosen as the first rural site to host the study. The Treatable Traits in Pregnancy (TTAP) Study is investigating how better understanding and management of asthma during pregnancy can improve outcomes for both mothers and babies.

Local midwife and research clinician Alexandra Overton is leading the NHMRC-funded study in Queanbeyan. She said the program's arrival in Southern NSW Local Health District marks an important opportunity for local families to contribute to research that could shape future care.

"Asthma is one of the most common chronic conditions affecting pregnant women, yet it is still under-recognised and under-treated. This study will give us valuable insights into how we can better support mothers and

babies."

"The TTAP study is about looking at asthma differently in pregnancy - recognising individual traits and finding ways to manage them more effectively."

"Every pregnancy is different, and so is every woman's asthma. The treatable traits approach allows us to look more closely at each woman's individual needs."

"It's exciting that Queanbeyan is the first rural site, because women here can now contribute to research that will shape care for families well beyond our community," Ms Overton added..

The study is open to women who are pregnant between 12 and 17 weeks, aged 18 years or older, and living with asthma. Participation involves surveys, simple health checks and discussions about asthma management, with no changes to usual maternity care. Participants will receive small

reimbursements for their time and travel.

The treatable traits approach looks at asthma in a more personalised way. Instead of treating asthma as the same for everyone, researchers identify the specific factors - or "traits" - that may be making an individual's asthma worse, such as allergies, reflux, poor inhaler technique, or anxiety. By recognising and targeting these traits, clinicians can tailor care to improve asthma control and reduce risks for both mothers and babies.

The TTAP study is coordinated nationally by Professor Vanessa Murphy from the University of Newcastle and the Hunter Medical Research Institute. Expanding into Queanbeyan allows researchers to include the experiences of women in Southern NSW Local Health District for the first time.

Professor Murphy, said, "Including sites such as Queanbeyan is vital

to ensure our research reflects the diversity of women's experiences. This expansion means women in Southern NSW Local Health District can contribute to knowledge that will directly inform future clinical guidelines."

"The study's strength lies in its precision medicine approach - instead of treating asthma as one condition, we are identifying the traits that can be targeted for better outcomes."

"We are building evidence that will help clinicians make better decisions about asthma management in pregnancy. We are excited to partner with experienced local clinicians like Alex to make participation as easy and supportive as possible for women in the region."

Women interested in taking part can find out more on the Treatable Traits for Asthma

Management in Pregnancy website. Women can also contact the research team on 0407 424 711 or email alexandramarie.reynolds@health.nsw.gov.au.

Photo supplied of research clinician Alexandra Overton



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Bungendore Quilters: We're Getting Ready

Saturday and Sunday 22, 23 November

Bungendore War Memorial Hall

Jane Bloomfield

The wonderful boys from Hughes Freight Lines have once again stepped up to the plate and have picked up the huge array of stands, screens, plants, tubs and fabric. Our fantastic installers, Jim, Erik, Shannon and Allan are transforming the Memorial Hall to become a magical space of inspiration and colour. Annette and her quilting team are preparing the stands ready for the quilts to hang. It's a hive of activity and it's all coming together.

We're in the final stages of preparing for our annual quilt exhibition to be held this weekend. Come on down



to see a great selection of quilts showing a huge diversity of designs, patterns, colours and blocks, raffle quilts, challenge displays (we have two challenges this year), sales table with quilts, handmade gifts, Christmas decorations, tablerunners, fabric, magazines and books – something for everyone!



You can vote for your favourite quilt and both challenges – lots of decisions to be made!

This year, for the first time, we will have a Make and Take area where our members will help you make a little fabric item you can take home with you. We have our guessing competition – this year it is buttons and junior member, Cherry, will be resurrecting the Quilt Block Hunt which is fun for both kids and adults. You will have to look closely at the quilts to find all the blocks!

Hours are Saturday 9:00am to 6:00pm and Sunday 9:00am to 4:00pm. Tickets are still \$2.50 for 15 years and over. Raffle tickets are \$2 each. Call into the War Memorial Hall this weekend and say hello – we would love to welcome you.

Photo supplied of the Make and Take finger pin cushions

Nominations for the NSW Hidden Treasures Honour Roll 2025 are now open

What is Hidden Treasures?

The Hidden Treasures

Honour Roll is a recognition program that acknowledges the important volunteer roles women and girls play within NSW regional, rural and remote communities.

It is a way to acknowledge and thank women and girls who volunteer through a public tribute to recognise the vast number of women and girls who give their time and energy to help others. Women and girls are nominated by peers, friends, or their volunteer organisation and those over the age of 18 can also self nominate to be included on the digital Honour Roll. The Hidden Treasures Honour Roll is not competitive with all nominees who meet the eligibility criteria

of the program included on the Honour Roll.

Hidden Treasures has recognised 1,348 women and girls volunteering in regional, rural and remote NSW since 2010.

Nominations for the Hidden Treasures Honour Roll 2025 are now open and will close Wednesday, 31 December 2025.

To nominate head to <https://hiddentreasures.awardsplatform.com/>

If you have any questions regarding the Hidden Treasures Honour Roll program please email us at ruralwomensnetwork@tco.nsw.gov.au.

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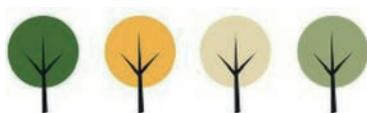
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Remembrance Day Commemoration 2025: Bungendore

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Korea

The Korean War started on 25 June 1950 when North Korea invaded the South, the war ended on 27 July 1953 after the signing of an armistice agreeing that the country would remain divided.

At the end of the Second World War, Korea which had formerly been occupied by the Japanese was divided along the 38th parallel, an internal border between North and South Korea based on a circle of latitude. The three-year war was exceptionally bloody and led to the deaths of 3 million people and tens of thousands of casualties.

North Korea fell under the influence of the Soviet Union, whilst the south relied on the support of the United States. The Korean People's Army (KPA) was established in North Korea in February 1948, from Korean communist guerrillas who had previously served with the Chinese People's Liberation Army but were 'advised' by Soviet personnel. By mid-1950 the KPA was made up of ten infantry divisions plus other units totalling some 223,000 men.

The KPA rapidly advanced southwards, trapping South Korean and American troops in a small perimeter around the port of Pusan. The United Nations (UN) was quick to respond and immediately encouraged its members to support South Korea. Many countries sent troops to support the south, including the United States, Great Britain, Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand and South Africa.



The UN commander General MacArthur ordered an amphibious landing at Inchon, a port halfway up the Korean Peninsula. His forces were able to drive the KPA back northwards and up to the Yalu River, the border between China and North Korea.

China entered the war at this point and, again, pushed UN forces back into the south. During the first half of 1951 fighting stalled and armistice negotiations began in July with little success and the opposing armies continued to face each other in trenches little more than a mile apart for the next two years.

Finally, on 27 July 1953, an armistice was signed agreeing that Korea would remain a divided country. The armistice was signed

by officials from the United States, the People's Republic of China, North Korea and South Korea. This agreed to bring the fighting of the Korean War to an end. The armistice agreement was signed at Panmunjom between North and South Korea.

The committee would like to thank Vice Admiral Justin Jones AO CSC RAN, Scott Temby - Bugler, Australian Rugby Choir, Bungendore Public School, Bungendore High School, Headquarters Joint Operations Command - Commanding Officer & Command Warrant Officer, Headquarters Joint Operations Command - Catafalque Party

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Council Meeting Summary - 12 November 2025

QPRC

Here is the summary of the resolutions made at the Ordinary Council meeting of 12 November 2025.

The archived recording of the meeting is now available at: <https://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au/archive/video25-1112.php>

- In the Public Forum, Council heard from four members of the public who made presentations about items on the agenda, including a DA at 37 Tompsett Drive Jerrabomberra, naming of South Jerrabomberra facilities, and a Planning Proposal for Sunset Estate Stage 2
- Council granted conditional consent to DA.2025.0211 for construction of a two-storey dwelling house at No 38A Forster Street, Bungendore
- Council received information report with Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Chair's Annual Report 2025
- Council granted conditional consent to DA.2025.0375 for construction of dwelling house and attached secondary dwelling at 73 Lambrigg Road, Googong
- Council granted conditional consent to DA.2025.0268, including concept approval for development over 2 lots and detailed consent for stage 1, for construction of 4 units for

food and drink premises at 37 Tompsett Drive, Jerrabomberra

- Council endorsed planning proposal to amend the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional LEP 2022 to amend land use zoning and minimum lot size at 141 Googong Road. Amendments apply building height of 8.5m to land rezoned to R1, amend curtilage of McCawley "Sunset" Homestead Complex in Schedule 5 of the LEP and amend associated controls
- Council adopted the draft terms of reference for the Rates Structure Review Community Reference Panel and will invite membership and convene the panel to seek feedback on the rating principles, proposed subcategories, base and ad valorem structure for 2026-2027 rates and future years
- Council approved \$3,000 from the QPRC Events budget to Majors Creek Festival Inc to assist in presenting the Majors Creek Festival in 2025
- Council approved a further reduction of \$2,400 in hire fees for Seiffert Oval for Queanbeyan Music Muster 2025
- Council noted funding available to support events across local government area and that Events Strategy review will be received in early 2026
- Council will place the names of

Speargrass Community Park, South Jerrabomberra Town Park, and South Jerrabomberra Community Centre on public exhibition for 28 days and adopt the names if no objections received

- Council approved proposed signage concept for Acknowledgement of Country with the inclusion of local First Nations words Yuma or Walawaani and adopted First Nations artwork, and endorsed the upgrade or replacement of signs in staged program of works
- Council endorsed updated s355 Committee Handbook for distribution to committees and publication on Council's website
- Council received information report with annual update on the implementation of the Queanbeyan-Palerang Affordable Housing Strategy
- Council received information report about determination of a Planning Proposal for Additional Permitted Uses for Seniors Housing and Multi-Dwelling Housing in South Jerrabomberra
- Council received information report about the review of Schedule 5 (Environmental Heritage) of the LEP
- Council received information report with quarterly Rates and Charges Outstanding

- Council received information report with response letter from Yvette Berry MLA and The Hon Steve Kamper MP about Capital Football NPL Review

- Council received information report with response letter from The Hon Patrick Gordon MP about the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

- Council received information report with a letter from NSW Health about NSW Government new laws on illicit tobacco and landlord responsibilities

- Council received information report about the Valuer General cancellation of Commonwealth Land and Minister Response from The Hon Ron Hoenig MP

- Council noted the minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee Meeting on 29 September 2025

- Council noted the minutes of the Small Business Advisory Committee on 1 October 2025

- Council endorsed the 14

October 2025 Local Traffic Committee meeting minutes and recommendations

- In closed session, Council authorised General Manager to sign the sale contract for 19-21 Gibraltar Street, Bungendore for sale price of \$1,460,000, transfer \$1,300,000 of sale at settlement to DoE Compensation Internal Reserve for returning to NSW Government. Council to allocate remaining property sale and net proceeds to new Internal Reserve to be named Bungendore Community Infrastructure Project for a future Council decision
- In closed session, Council received an information report with the NSW Government Project Remediate Cladding Taskforce Update

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



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Burra Car Boot Sale the biggest in NSW

It was a monstrous Burra Car Boot Sale at Burra Park on Sunday 9 November from 9am to 1pm with 72 stalls at \$10 per stall (cheapest stall site fee for a group sale) and visitors nudging 900 by the end of the day. Looking at the Garage Sale Trail website and speaking with Liz from Garage Sale Trail we are most likely the largest Group Sale in NSW.

The first stallholders arrived at 6.15am with the gates not planned to open until 7.30am. Some serious sellers with buyers scouring the stalls even as stall holders were setting up,

looking to pick up some bargains.

Burra Community Association raised just over \$3,000 with these funds to be used for future events in Burra. The Burra Cafe proved popular with food sold out by midday. Two stalls were for Burra community groups that meet regularly in the Hall. Members of the newly built and opened Burra Community Shed (like a Men's shed but for all Burans) were selling/giving away excess tools and equipment and raised just over \$1,000 for purchasing equipment that is needed

and the Burra Quilters raised \$236 for charity. Total raised by Burra Car Boot Sale, Burra Community Shed and the Burra Quilters for the day was over \$4,300.

The Burra Rural Fire Brigade was in attendance with one of their fire trucks (with sirens regularly sounding) and displays of fire safety and games for the kids.

Stall holders had stacks of things ranging from expensive equipment such as an electric bike and antiques to general goods which became someone else's treasure. No kitchen sink this year. The



whole purpose was to pass things onto another happy owner and keep it all out of landfill.

Sales were hectic with stall holders buying/swapping between each other as the day progressed. As one gentleman said ' come with a ute load and take home a ute and half'. Thank you to all stallholders and the general public that attended as buyers and visitors, to make the event such a resounding success.

A massive thank you to all the volunteers that helped on the Saturday to set up and also on Sunday to man the gate, direct stall holders to their stall locations, organise and man the Burra Cafe

for sale of egg and bacon rolls, sausage sandwiches, tea, coffee, ice creams and drinks and then the packup of the event on the Sunday. The volunteers were: Debbie and John Convine, Sean and Kerrie Fogden, Nathan Carroll, Richard Bromhead, John Furlan, Greg and Deborah Hedger, Maree and Jeff Latimer, Robert Harman and Noelene Waters, Jake Seisan, Pam Hoffmeister, Clare Martin and Rob Hurle, Megan and Matt Doherty (and the kids), Tracey and Emily Howard. An amazing site was when everyone had left, there was only two bits of rubbish left on Burra Park grounds. More thankyou's go to the stall holders that donated all their leftover

books to the Burra Street Library.

Some constructive comments have been coming in from stallholders which will be looked at to make improvements and changes for next year. We definitely can attract stallholders, now the biggest challenge is to attract more people as buyers to visit Burra for the day from Queanbeyan/ Canberra/Bungendore and the Queanbeyan Palerang Region. Any ideas anyone?!

Debbie and John Convine on behalf of the Burra Community Association.

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Farmers welcome speed limit support

NSW Farmers President Xavier Martin has welcomed the state government's common sense response to the federal government's push to slash rural speed limits.

Mr Martin said the proposal to cut speed limits on country roads to 80km/h was a "straw man" solution

for road safety, and serious investment in regional roads and bridges was needed to solve the problem.

"Band aid solutions won't fix the problem of crumbling roads and bridges, or deal with the growing road toll here in the regions," Mr Martin said.

"Fixing the real driver of road trauma - that is, our ruined roads - is what will make a real difference. We need to get people home safely each day, and farmers need to be able to get their food and fibre to market safely as well."

This week NSW Regional Transport and Roads

Minister Jenny Aitchison made it "very, very clear... (that), the NSW Government does not support blanket speed zone reviews across NSW."

Mr Martin said safe, properly maintained roads were critical to safety, but so too were efficient, connected rail networks to take pressure off

rural and regional roads.

"Slowing us all down is simply a straw man solution, and if they're going to ignore the real problems at play, we'll never reduce our road toll," Mr Martin said.

"If you look down the track, we'll all be crawling along while fresh food rots

in the truck, all because governments no longer prioritise proper road repair and maintenance.

"It's not the speed limits that are the problem - they've been set for decades - it's the fact that our roads aren't as safe as they used to be."

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Laugh, Craft, Repeat

The Craft Room at Bungendore Learning Hub was again ringing with conversation and laughter on Thursday evening. The room was packed with local crafters who brought their own craft projects to work on, while they dined on CapriZ's wood-fired pizzas and chatted all things local craft and community. The group exchanged horror stories of the number of WIPS (works in progress) cluttering their desks, ironing boards and couches at home and found themselves competing in an impromptu game of "who's been working on their craft project the longest?" We won't mention

names, but records were definitely broken. The group also chatted about plans for the Bungendore Crafters' Co-Operative in the coming year, including what charitable initiatives the group will endeavour to get up and running in 2026 to help those in need in our local community. We have a few exciting projects planned, all focusing on what the Co-Op holds dear to their heart: craft, kindness and sharing.

If you would like to join in the fun and creative buzz at Bungendore Crafters' Co-Operative, come along to one of our BYO craft project evenings held every

second Thursday. No membership fees, no entry level craft experience and no judgement! The Co-Op next meet for one of these evenings on Thursday 27th November at Bungendore Learning Hub: 55 Gibraltar Street Bungendore, from 6-8pm. Bring along your project and \$5 for room hire and experience the welcoming and creative atmosphere of the Crafters' Co-Op. For further information and to stay in the know with all things local art, craft and workshop opportunities, follow the Bungendore Crafters' Co-Operative on Facebook.

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Octopus Australia reaches financial close on the \$900 million Blind Creek Solar Farm and Battery project

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long-term value for communities and investors alike." Octopus Australia Co-Managing Director of Renewables Sonia Teitel said.

CEFC CIO - Renewables and Sustainable Finance, Monique Miller said, "The start of construction at Blind Creek marks a major milestone in Australia's clean energy transition. This is a powerful example of how global capital and Australian innovation can work together to deliver renewable energy at scale. By integrating solar generation, battery storage and regenerative agriculture, Blind Creek is powering local homes while supporting local business. We're proud to be a part of this pioneering project as it drives change across the energy and agricultural sectors."

Once complete, the Blind Creek project will generate up to 300MW of clean electricity, enough to power more than 120,000 homes. Its 243MW / 486MWh battery will store energy for use during peak demand, delivering the equivalent emissions reduction of taking 200,000 cars off the road each year.

Octopus Australia continues its collaboration with GRS as EPC Contractor and Wartsila as battery energy storage system (BESS) supplier to deliver the DC-coupled solar hybrid project. The project will create up to 300 jobs at the height of construction and provide ongoing employment once operational.

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Is your mortgage holding you back?



by Phil Harvey

Owning your own home has been the Australian dream for the last 100 years. Don't let your dream become your nightmare.

Having your own home can give you peace of mind and allow you to hang up pictures without getting permission from the landlord. But it can also hold you back.

Last week my daughter had grandparents' day. When I was speaking to my mum about some of the questions she was going to be asked, mum told the story of when she was born.

Even though it was only 80 years ago, her parents (who lived near Nyngan in NSW) lived in a tent at a railway siding. The nurse at the hospital gave my Nana a goat so she would be able to feed my mum (and her siblings).

It got me to thinking how much life has progressed in the last 80 years.

One of the biggest mistakes I see is young people trying to climb the property ladder quickly. Many young families today feel the need to have two new cars and a 4-bedroom house with two bathrooms and a double garage.

While this may make them feel good, it can be holding them back from a financial and lifestyle perspective.

Two alternatives include renting or buying a smaller place with a smaller mortgage...or you could live in a tent with a goat.

This might be going against popular opinion, but it is possible to be financially responsible and renting. Yes, you are



helping someone else pay off their mortgage, but there are lots of financial benefits that come with renting.

If you are living in a place worth \$1.2 million with a \$1 million mortgage, you will be paying around \$5,700 a month - this is nearly \$70,000 a year. Plus, there will more than likely be another \$10,000 in rates, water and insurance bringing your total annual costs to \$80,000. And that is before the hot water heater needs replacing or the roof starts leaking.

Renting on the other hand usually costs around 3-4% of the value of the property. But that's it. No rates, maintenance or insurance. This could mean that instead of paying \$80,000 a year, you are only paying \$40,000 a year.

Renting can be worthwhile, but you need to invest the spare \$40,000, not just use it to upgrade your lifestyle.

If you use it to upgrade your lifestyle, it will more than likely come back to bite you when it comes to a comfortable retirement.

If they invested this spare \$40,000 every year (and even better used tax deductible debt to go with it), they would have more than enough to buy the same house mortgage free in 25 years.

The best thing though, is they could have done it without having to carry a crushing debt that felt like a noose around their neck.

We specialise in helping professionals and executives grow and protect their wealth so they can live an abundant life. If you would like to discuss how you could benefit from independent financial advice, call me on 02 6269 3339 or email me at team@constructwealth.com.au.

General Advice Warning

This advice contains general information and may not be suitable for you because it does not consider your personal circumstances. Phil Harvey is an authorised representative of Independent Financial Advisers Australia (AFSL 464629 - ABN 61 601 365 904)

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Queanbeyan Uniting Church Jumble Sale: this Saturday

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

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

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

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

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

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

We are open from 9am to 12pm.

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

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QPRC Unsealed Roads Draft Policy (2025): comments close Monday 24 November

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.

Draft Unsealed Council Road Policy (2025)

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.

Summary

QPRC is encouraging all residents for feedback on its revised Unsealed Council

Road Policy (2025), which outlines how the region's many gravel and dirt roads are maintained.

The draft aims to clarify what maintenance residents can expect, when ad-hoc repairs may be carried out on unmaintained roads, and the standards required for a road to be added to the maintained network. It also introduces a traffic-based system using Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) to determine maintenance levels.

The draft policy, FAQs and feedback form are available on Council's YourVoice page.

The Unsealed Council Road Policy 2025 is open for community comment from 27 October to 24 November 2025. This can also be viewed:

1. At Council's Customer Service Centres, between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday

Feedback can be provided on the draft Policy through:

1. Completing an Online Submission Form on the YourVoice page
2. Emailing it directly to council@qprc.nsw.gov.au with the subject title "Unsealed Council Road Policy 2025"
3. Handwriting your submission and delivering it to Council's Customer Service Centres
4. Posting your submission to PO Box 90, Queanbeyan NSW 2620

Only written submissions will be considered, and these must be received by Council before 24 November 2025.

Any submissions received may be included in the final report to Council.

Sharon Baxter-Judge



Application for Appointment of Board Members

Bungendore Racecourse & Showground Land Manager

Ever wondered who is responsible for keeping Crown reserves operating?

Countless facilities like showgrounds, local halls and parks are run by Statutory Land Manager Boards, made up of people just like you. People who understand the need and have a desire to manage public land and assets for the benefit of the entire community.

Your role as a Board Member is voluntary, but the rewards of giving something back to the community are priceless.

We are looking for a good mix of people with a variety of skills, however, sound business and financial management skills and objective decision-making expertise would be a distinct advantage.

Don't let this opportunity to do something for yourself and your community pass you by - contact us today.

The Bungendore Racecourse & Showground Land Manager manages the Reserve No. 75663 at Bungendore notified on 6-Mar-1953 for Racecourse, Public Recreation, Showground. The term of appointment will be for a period not exceeding 5 years.

Application for membership can be made via portal.crownland.nsw.gov.au

All applications are required to be lodged by **17 December 2025**.

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

Community News

Don't let scammers steal your Christmas cheer this year

Australia Post is warning customers to be on high alert as scammers accelerate fake delivery messages and emails in the lead-up to Christmas.

Scammers are taking advantage of the festive rush, targeting groups such as Facebook Marketplace users. They often pose as interested buyers and send links or QR codes via Messenger to fake 'Australia Post courier service' websites. These sites claim that payment will be processed online and that a courier will collect the item once payment is made when, in reality, these fraudulent sites are designed to steal personal and financial information.

This trend reflects a broader national issue with research from Australia Post¹ showing more than 90% of Australians have received a scam text or call, and nearly three-quarters reporting that scams most commonly impersonate shipping and parcel delivery services.

Adam Cartwright, Australia Post Chief Information Security Officer advised customers to track parcels through the official AusPost app and ignore any message requesting personal or payment information.

"As the pre-Christmas sales ramp up and more Aussies are expecting

deliveries, scammers are exploiting that anticipation and urgency to trick people into clicking fake links or handing over personal information.

"If you receive a message asking for personal or payment details, you can be confident it's not from us. In fact, the safest way to track your item is through the official AusPost app," said Mr Cartwright.

Key advice for customers

- Download the official AusPost app and enable push notifications for parcel tracking. This is the most secure and reliable way to receive genuine delivery updates.
- Australia Post will never ask for personal or financial details via phone, text or email—including passwords, credit card, or bank details.
- Don't click on suspicious links in text message or emails

Australia Post is also seeing a resurgence of sophisticated phishing ahead of Christmas, including the global 'Darcula' operation, which rents scam toolkits to criminals that mimic trusted delivery brands. By sending messages via end-to-end encrypted channels such as iMessage and Rich Communication Services (RCS), Darcula can bypass traditional filters, making



these scams harder to detect and block.

To sign up for a free MyPost account either visit <https://auspost.com.au/receiving/mypost> or download the AusPost app from the Apple Store or Google Play.

For more tips on how to navigate parcel and delivery scams visit the Australia Post website: <https://auspost.com.au/ScamAlerts>

Above: an example of a market place scam. Photo supplied

Planning Proposal Bungendore Sports Hub 7 & 15 Halfway Creek Rd

QPRC

Council has prepared a planning proposal seeking to amend the rezoning and associated planning controls of the Bungendore Sports Hub located at 7 and 15 Halfway Creek Road, Bungendore, within The Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Local Environmental Plan 2022 (QPRLEP 2022).

On 23 October 2024, Council endorsed to forward the planning proposal to rezone 7 and 15 Halfway Creek Road, Bungendore to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) seeking a Gateway determination.

The DPHI issued a Gateway determination on 14 February 2025 (PP-2024-2011) advising Council to proceed with further assessment of the planning proposal, including public consultation.

The Halfway Creek Road/Bungendore Sports Hub planning proposal, and associated documents and associated studies are available in the document panel.

Proposed amendments

Amend the Local Environmental Plan (LEP) maps and rezone the privately owned land at 7 Halfway Creek Road, Bungendore (Lot 2 DP 548291 and the 20m wide dissecting section of uniformed

public road) from RE1 Public Recreation to RU1 Primary Production.

Amend the Local Environmental Plan (LEP) maps and rezone the Council-owned community land at 15 Halfway Creek Road, Bungendore (Lot 1 DP 1262898) from RU1 Primary Production to RE1 Public Recreation. This will recognise the Recreational facilities (indoor) which includes an indoor swimming centre (aquatic centre), to be permitted on the land. Currently under the RU1 Primary Production zoning, Recreational facilities (indoor) are prohibited.

Consequently, it will also remove the land from the land reservation (LRA) map as it is no longer needed for the Bungendore Sports Hub.

Submissions may be made until close of business on Wednesday, 10 December 2025, in the following ways:

- By completing the survey at the YourVoice webpage
- By email to council@qprc.nsw.gov.au (referencing in the subject line - Halfway Creek Rd, Bungendore Planning Proposal)
- By mail to PO Box 90, Queanbeyan NSW 2620
- Delivered in person to one of the Council's customer service centres

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Community News

Betty Reid Catholic Ball Debutante Photo Collection on display

You're invited....

The Betty Reid Catholic Ball Debutante Photo Collection includes photos of debutantes, mini debutantes and even a mature aged debutante group. The Photo Collection will be on display at:

Venue: St Gregory's Hall,
MacQuoid St, Queanbeyan

Date: Saturday November
22, 2025

Time: 2.00 - 4.00 pm

Afternoon tea, provided by the Catholic Women's Association (CWA) will be served celebrating Betty's dedicated commitment to training debutantes for over 36 years. Did you make your debut at a Catholic Ball in Queanbeyan in

the years from 1964 until 2000?

The organizing committee is looking for some special memories that you may wish to share with others. A booklet of photos and some short stories is being compiled and will be available for purchase early in 2026.

Please email your contribution to Mary Dorrian at mary.dorrian@outlook.com

Please come along and enjoy reminiscing about your special debut experience and find your photo!

RSVP to: Mary Dorrian or Clare McManus via Facebook Messenger on Queanbeyan Community Page

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Community News

8 Steps to Getting Your Affairs in Order: free community event Mon Dec 1

The Bungendore Medical Centre and the Bungendore CWA invite you to a free community event for a special presentation by Shanna Provost.

Shanna is on a mission to help Australians face one of life's greatest certainties death with courage, clarity, and compassion. Through her presentation Getting Your Affairs in Order, Shanna tackles the practical and emotional realities of preparing for the end of life, offering a message that is both deeply human and socially responsible:

"It's our responsibility not to leave a mess behind for our loved ones to clean up in their time of grief."

Shanna is a funeral celebrant, certified death doula, and end-of-life educator who has worked with families since 2005. Shanna has witnessed firsthand the heartache that follows when affairs are left unresolved. Her life's work is to raise death literacy, normalise conversation about dying, and empower people to plan ahead – sparing their families stress and confusion.

With Australia facing an ageing population and a growing need for death literacy, understanding how to plan, document, and communicate end-of-life decisions. Yet, many still avoid the topic until it's too late. Shanna's

presentations will fill this gap. She helps audiences:

- Understand their choices at the end of life
- Document decisions that reflect their personal values
- Have vital conversations with loved ones
- Leave a legacy of love, not confusion

Her practical, compassionate approach makes a confronting topic accessible, even uplifting.

Shanna's work isn't about death – it's about living well, leaving well, and loving well. She has helped countless Australians prepare their affairs in simple, manageable

ways, turning what is often an avoided conversation into one of empowerment and peace.

"The most loving thing you can do right now is to leave a loving legacy." Shanna has also written the Rest Easy Journal - a book that helps you get your affairs in order.

10am, Monday December 1, 2025

Bungendore Community Centre, Majura Street, Bungendore

See page 21 for more details

Photo of Shanna supplied



Dementia confirmed as Australia's leading cause of death, ABS data reveals

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The latest data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) recently released in the Causes of Death, Australia, 2024 report has named dementia as the leading cause of death in Australia, overtaking ischaemic heart diseases.

In 2024, dementia accounted for 9.4 per cent of all deaths, whilst the number of deaths caused by dementia has increased by 39 per cent over the last decade.

Dementia has been the leading

cause of death for Australian women since 2016, with the 2024 data showing that 62.4 per cent of people who died from dementia were women.

Dementia Australia CEO Professor Tanya Buchanan said this data reinforces the critical need to invest in public health approaches to brain health and dementia risk reduction, while providing more targeted support for people impacted by dementia.

"There are currently an estimated 433,300 Australians living with dementia and without significant intervention, this number is

expected to increase to more than one million by 2065," Professor Buchanan said.

"We need to act on dementia now. At a community level, we need to increase awareness of dementia and brain health, reducing the stigma experienced by so many impacted by dementia.

"Across health, aged, disability and community care sectors, we need to ensure quality dementia care, with palliative care tailored to the needs of people living with dementia, their families and carers at the end of their life.

"Although there are things we cannot change, like getting older or genetics, we now know that up to 45 per cent of dementia cases globally could be prevented or delayed by addressing modifiable risk factors.

"Dementia Australia is continuing to advocate to Government for investment in a national brain health and risk reduction campaign. We also support all Australians impacted by dementia."

The data released by the ABS, follows the latest update of the Australian Institute of Health

and Welfare's (AIHW) Dementia in Australia report published in September this year that also reported dementia as the leading cause of death for Australians.

For more details on the ABS report, visit their website.

For dementia information and support contact the National Dementia Helpline on 1800 100 500 or visit dementia.org.au.

If this story has prompted any questions or concerns, please call the National Dementia Helpline 1800 100 500 (24 hours, 7 days a week) or visit dementia.org.au.

Queanbeyan Veteran and Family Hub 

Here for veterans and their families, every day

What's on at the Hub

MON:	XBOX Gaming	- 3:00pm to 5:00pm
TUES:	Invictus Yoga	- 10:00am to 11:00am
	Veterans Guitar Group - 10:00am to 12:00pm	
WED:	RSL Sub Branch Catchup - 9:00am to 11:00pm	
	Fortnightly - Brave Buddies Playgroup - 10:00am to 12:00pm	
	Fortnightly - Create & Caffeinate - 10:00am to 12:00pm	
	Heart-Muscle-Balance - 12:00pm to 12:45pm	
THURS:	Open Arms fortnightly Coffee Catchup - 10:00am	
FRI:	Mindful Movement Tai Chi - 9:30am to 10:30am	

Visit the Hub today
251 Crawford St, Queanbeyan
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If I can assist you in any way please don't hesitate to get in touch. As your Federal Member of Parliament I can assist with:

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- Australian Taxation Office
- Child Support Agency
- Immigration and citizenship
- National Disability Insurance Scheme
- Veterans' Affairs, including Certificates of Appreciation
- Letters of support for grant applications
- Customs, passports
- Pensions and My Aged Care
- JP Service


KRISTY MCBAIN MP
Member for Eden-Monaro



Scan the QR code to get in touch!

 KristyMcBain.com.au

Working for our community

Community News

Legacy Village Marks Remembrance Day with Dedication of Commemoration Wall

A special Remembrance Day service was held at Queanbeyan Legacy Village with the unveiling of the new commemoration wall – a lasting tribute to the men and women who have served and died in the defence of our nation.

Attending the service were Legacy Widows, Legatees, families, and Friends of Legacy. Special guests and wreath layers were Ms. Jane Stuart Ass. Secretary of Grant and Hubs Department of Veteran Affairs; Lieutenant Commander Megan Evren from HMAS Harman and Legatee Emily Johnson.

The wall was made possible partly by Department of Veteran Affairs Grant for Saluting their Service Grants and The Stronger Communities Federal Grant.

Michael Bower was the Master of Ceremonies. Legatee President Suzanne McInnes delivered the Commemorative Service and the Dedication of the new Commemorative Wall.

"Today we gather in solemn reflection and deep gratitude to dedicate this new commemoration wall – a lasting tribute to the men



and women who have served and died in the defence of our nation," Suzanne said.

"This memorial has been made possible through the generosity

and support of the Saluting Their Service grant from the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and the Stronger Communities Programme Federal grant. Their assistance has

helped bring this vision to life, and I think we would all agree that the finished wall before us more than meets the need – a dignified and enduring place for remembrance. To those here today who played a role in its realisation, we thank you.

"Memorials such as this fulfill an essential role in our communities. They give us a place to recognize, to remember, and to learn – to reflect upon the profound losses and the extraordinary achievements that have shaped our nation's history through war and through peace. They remind us that freedom and peace were bought at great cost – paid by those who answered the call to serve, often far from home, and too often never returned.

"As we dedicate this wall, let us remember all who have worn our nation's uniform – those who stood in defence of Australia and its values, those who endured the hardships of service, and those

who made the ultimate sacrifice. Let us also remember the families who waited, who mourned, and who carried the legacy of their loved ones forward.

"This commemoration wall is dedicated to all who have served and died – to those we knew, and those whose names and stories we may never know, but whose memory we will always treasure.

May this place stand as a reminder to future generations of the courage, sacrifice, and spirit of those who served – and may we, in our remembrance, renew our commitment to peace.

"Lest we forget."

After the Service Legacy widows were invited to place their poppies in the Memorial Garden.

Sharon Baxter-Judge

Photos courtesy of Department of Veterans' Affairs



Iconic Lions Christmas cakes and puddings now on sale

Queanbeyan has brought us many great things but who knew the nationally loved Lions Christmas cake got its start there? Born in Queanbeyan, the Lions Christmas cake has become a staple at the tables of millions of Australian homes.

Known for its great taste, high fruit content, and long shelf life, the iconic cake has raised more than \$50 million for local communities since starting in Queanbeyan over 50 years ago.

The late Noel Reid OAM, former Queanbeyan Lions Club President and District Governor, was instrumental in the foundation of the much loved cake fundraiser. Noel ran the fundraiser out of Queanbeyan until 1984, along with Lions legends the late Aub Rankin, Ern Smith and Peter Stapleton OAM who were all part of getting the fundraiser rolling out.

Lions cakes are a fantastic fundraiser for clubs across

Australia, and 100 per cent of funds raised from the public goes to support local community projects, charities and service organisations that support vulnerable people and families in need.

Lions Club of Queanbeyan will be selling the famous Lions Christmas cakes and puddings at several sites in the lead up to Christmas 2025.

Volunteers will be selling Lions Christmas cakes and puddings at Riverside Plaza from 13 November until 22 December, 10am-4pm Thursday to Sunday.

Cakes and puddings are also available from the Lions Community Bookshop, located in Queanbeyan Park, between Lowe and Campbell Streets (near the Oval, behind the police station)

10am-4pm Tuesday to Saturday each week.

Or cakes and puddings can be ordered by email at: queanbeyan.nsw@lions.org.au

Recommended retail prices are:

- Lions Christmas Cake 1.5kg - \$20.00
- Lions Christmas Cake 1kg - \$16.00

• Lions Christmas Pudding 900gm - \$16.00

• Lions Mini Cake 80gm - \$2.00

For further information on what we do please visit us at our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/lionsofqueanbeyan> or call us on 0461 365 831.

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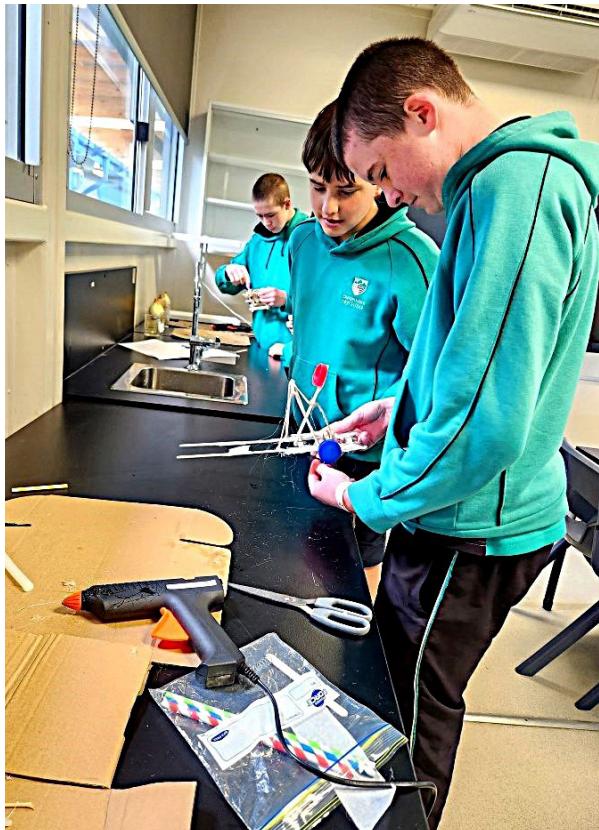
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Bungendore High School Buzz

Bungendore High School

If you've wandered past the high school recently, you may have noticed there's been a flurry of action getting the vegetable gardens ready for spring planting. Our agricultural technology students have been heavily weeding the raised beds, watering the establishing potato crop,



and preparing the soil for a pumpkin patch. They even snuck in a cheeky Backstreet Boys singalong using chipping hoes as microphones.

Meanwhile, Year 7 science has been investigating simple machines by designing, constructing and testing catapults. Students were given parameters to



work within which included a maximum budget of \$100. Supplied items had a unique cost, and students needed to account for this in their design so they could deliver their project under budget. Some designs were exceptionally effective, with small plasticine projectiles making their way onto the school roof!

And finally, as part of our Contributing to a Better World Crew project, the Food Drive Crew organised and ran a raffle to collect food cans to be donated to the Bungendore Food Hub. Each donated can scored an entry in the draw. Congratulations to our

student and staff winners, Holly, Elena, Miss Hall and Mr MB. And a huge thanks to the local businesses who supported the raffle with prizes; Priceline Pharmacy,

Bungendore Country Butchery, The Malbon and Bungendore Leather Shop.

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Australia Day Awards: nominate before Dec 1

QPRC

We are seeking nominations for the Australia Day Awards!

Do you know someone who has contributed to your community? Is there a community event or a community organisation that needs to be recognised?

Nominations are open until 1 December, and will be presented at ceremonies in Braidwood, Bungendore, Captains Flat and Queanbeyan on Australia Day 2026.

Categories:

- Young Citizen of the Year
- Citizen of the Year
- Senior Citizen of the Year
- Community Organisation of the Year
- Community Event of the Year

Nominate with a simple online form at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/australia-day-awards

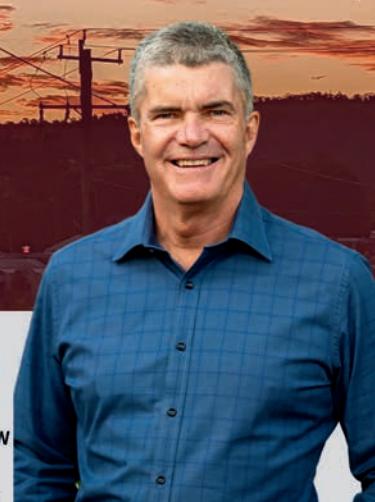


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Community News

Bungendore and Captains Flat Christmas Hamper Appeal 2025

As Christmas draws near, our villages once again have the opportunity to share joy and generosity through the annual Christmas Hamper Appeal, supporting individuals and families in the Bungendore and Captains Flat communities.

This much-loved initiative is a combined effort of St Mary's Catholic Church, Bungendore Anglican Church, and the Bungendore Rotary Club, with wonderful support from local businesses, community groups, and many generous individuals. We especially acknowledge the ongoing partnership and kindness of the Bendigo

Community Bank of Bungendore & Bungendore Country Butchers, whose support helps ensure this appeal reaches those who need it most.

Last year, thanks to the goodwill of our villages, we packed 86 hampers. This year, we anticipate preparing a similar number and we need your help to make it happen. For 2025, we are seeking donations of non-perishable food items that bring Christmas cheer, \$25 and \$30 gift cards for local teenagers and new toys and books for young children.

Donations can be dropped off at Phil's Emporium, the Bungendore Food

Hub, either church, or the decorated trolley at Bungendore IGA anytime before December. Our committee sends a heartfelt thank you to our villages as your kindness truly makes a difference each and every year.

If you know someone who might be blessed by receiving a hamper, please contact either church: bungendore@cg.org.au or contact@bungendoreanglican.org.au, or visit Phil's Emporium. Together, we can make Christmas a little brighter for those around us.

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Queanbeyan Seniors 50+ activities

Fun... fun...fun... come and join us!

Mondays

Chair Yoga - 9.30am Mat Yoga - 11.00am. For more info contact Sue on <https://www.agewell.yoga>

Tuesdays

Zumba beginners class

9:30am-10:30am.

Zumba - 11am-12pm
- Zumba with Ellie - AXIS Centre - \$10

Monday Yoga & Tuesday Zumba at AXIS Centre, 22 Campbell Street (building next to the Lions Community Bookshop in Queanbeyan Town Park). ZUMBA & YOGA OPEN

TO EVERYONE (not just seniors)! Monday and Tuesday Yoga and Zumba classes during school terms.

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

Wednesdays

Mat Yoga - 9.30am

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

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

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

Monday

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 16 December 2025 with entertainment commencing at 12.30pm.

Riverside Plaza Stall

- monthly Saturday 22nd Riverside Plaza Stall - monthly - We will be in Riverside Plaza on Saturday 22nd November and

again on 13 December.

Christmas gifts from \$3.00 - perfect for that special teacher. Support Seniors and buy some raffle tickets in their MEGA Raffle. Some 15+ really fabulous prizes to be won!

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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If you don't already have one you need one - or you know someone who does!



Our awesome community has done a mammoth effort in promoting this project since its inception last year and buying up on our stock, but we do have some left - about 300!

So, who wants one? Who knows someone who wants or needs one? Let's face it, everyone NEEDS one!

Christmas is just around the corner and here is your last chance to secure a copy of the internationally renowned (there are a few copies that have gone overseas), our very own Bungendore Monopoly.

With thanks going to all those who "bought a space or card" and supported the project in so many ways it is time to empty our stocks and SELL OUT. Never again will this game be available for sale from us here in Bungendore. Never again will you have the chance to be part of our Bungendore history.

If you don't get it now you will MISS OUT. There is no doubt, this is it. GOING, GOING, GONE!

Available currently at IGA Bungendore, our wonderful game bankers Our Community Bank Bungendore, and The

Malbon. Just \$69.99. If you can't find it in the stores just ASK. Or send us an email at monopolyproject@rotaryclubofbungendore.org and we will sort it out for you (and replenish stocks).

GET YOURS and GET IT NOW!

♦ Fast-Dealing Property Trading Game ♦

MONOPOLY

BUNGENDORE EDITION

**DON'T WAIT, DON'T MUCK AROUND
GET YOURS NOW!**



Community News

Art of the Tea Towel 2 joins with the Airing of the Quilts in Braidwood this November

QPRC's Arts and Heritage team's first 'Art of the Tea Towel' exhibition graced the walls of Rusten House Art Centre, Queanbeyan, as part of The Australian and Queanbeyan-Palerang Heritage Festivals in 2022.

We invited the community to submit tea towels that they had either created or collected, along with the story of the tea towel which accompanied the display. The exhibition was a roaring success, with over 60 tea towels on display and many people still commenting on it.

This exhibition was also the inception of the QPRC Tea Towel Collection by local and regional artists, reflecting their creativity and sense of place. The 2025 exhibition will feature this collection and that of nationally recognised screenprint artist Alison Alder from Braidwood, who has kindly offered to lend a selection of her original tea towel works. Also included

are new works by other regional artists and students from the local schools, with some offering additional tea towels for sale.

The exhibition will be launched on Saturday 15 Nov 3 to 5pm, with a champagne afternoon tea at the Braidwood Regional Arts Group Gallery - 45 Wallace Street Braidwood.

This will be followed on Sunday 16 Nov by a tea towel printing workshop conducted by Mary-Lou Nugent, with the exhibition continuing on 22-23 Nov, 10am to 3pm during the Quilt Event. This exhibition is presented in conjunction with the 30th Braidwood Airing of the Quilts Event ~ 22-23 November 2025, with a special anniversary Tea Towel being produced for this activation.

This Annual Quilt extravaganza has become an important date of the region's textile events calendar.

First held back in 1995, the event began with 25 quilts being hung from Braidwood's heritage listed building facades and 19th century verandas. The event was dreamed up and brought to fruition by June Weatherstone and Jill McLeod, co-conspirators who planned side by side from their Quilt Shop and Gallery in Braidwood's main street. Inspiration was drawn from the age-old practice of airing your quilts after the long cold winter, with this annual domestic act heralding the true coming of spring. Transposing this practice into a street exhibition was a unique and bold initiative that has captured the imagination of quilters from around the country, who vie for a spot in the outdoor or indoor competitive exhibition at the Braidwood National Theatre, also in Wallace Street.

As the event has grown and evolved over the past three decades, many community



groups have been involved in developing their own complementary displays to value add to the main street exhibition, this year being no exception. The Braidwood branch of Queanbeyan-Palerang Libraries is holding a small exhibition of quilts and will host the launch of Chrissie Bellbrae's debut book 'The Florentine Quilt',

as well as a Conservation of Textiles talk by Victoria Pearce, Senior Conservator at Endangered Heritage. There will be a textile focused outdoor market in Ryrie Park, a quilted Christmas Stocking display in the shopfronts of the main street, and quilt displays in both the Uniting and Anglican Churches. There

will be the launch of the newly restored 1930 Dodge vintage vehicle at the old D & S Motors, 88 Wallace Street, from 1pm. The Braidwood Museum will also be open for the weekend 10am to 2pm both days, and if visitors are not careful, they might never leave!

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Elm Grove Estate, Bungendore Country Living with City Benefits

If you've ever dreamed of wide-open spaces, peaceful surroundings, and a home that truly fits your lifestyle, Elm Grove Estate in Bungendore is waiting for you. With spacious lots, panoramic views, and all the conveniences of city life just minutes away, it's no wonder so many Canberra families are choosing to make Elm Grove their forever home.

Why settle for a small, expensive city block when you can have room to move, grow, and create your dream home on a large, affordable lot? At Elm Grove Estate, you can design the home you've always imagined. From a games room, guest suite, and home theatre to an outdoor alfresco or even a lap pool. Whether you

want extra garage space or more room for entertaining, you'll have the freedom to make it happen here.

Nestled in the historic and fast-growing Bungendore township, Elm Grove Estate is only 30 minutes from Canberra's CBD. It offers the perfect blend of country charm and city accessibility. A relaxed, community-minded lifestyle with easy access to employment, education, and recreation in the nation's capital.

Developed by the same experienced team behind some of the region's most sought-after suburbs including Jerrabomberra, Gordon, Conder, and Amaroo, Elm Grove continues the tradition of creating premium estates

with large blocks at prices families can afford. The developers' goal is simple: provide generous lots and a wholesome, family-focused lifestyle without the high price tag of city living.

Elm Grove Estate offers some of the Canberra region's largest fully serviced residential blocks, ranging from 850m² to 1,492m², with prices starting from \$548,000. These blocks give families the space to design their homes exactly how they want. With beautiful open parks, mountain and valley views, Elm Grove Estate has a genuine sense of community.

Adding to the appeal, construction has begun on a brand-new \$80 million state-of-the-art high school

in Elm Grove Stage 2B on Birchfield Drive. The school is expected to open in early 2027, offering local families an exceptional educational facility right at their doorstep.

Whether you're upgrading your lifestyle or building your dream home from the ground up, Elm Grove Estate offers flexibility with Home & Land Packages and the freedom to choose your own builder. You can also take advantage of the Spring promotion: FREE Stamp Duty with any purchase, along with flexible purchase terms and lower deposits.

So, if you've been looking for the space and serenity of country living without giving up the benefits of city life, now's the time to come and visit to see why many families from across Canberra and the region are calling Elm Grove Estate home.

What's on offer:

- Fully serviced lots from 850m² - 1,492m²
- Starting at \$548,000
- Lower deposit and FREE Stamp Duty

Visit Elm Grove Estate, Birchfield Drive, Bungendore – Sunday 12pm to 4pm. Call 0418 486 949 | Email sales@aland.net.au | Website elmgroveestate.com.au



2025 Draft Code of Meeting Practice: comments close Thursday 20 November

QPRC

All NSW Councils must adopt a Code of Meeting Practice that incorporates the mandatory provisions of the 2025 Model Meeting Code by 31 December 2025.

Have your say

Before finalising our new Code, we are required to publicly exhibit a draft version for at least 28 days and allow at least 42 days for community feedback. This ensures you have an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed changes.

A key focus of the 2025 updates is promoting meetings that are conducted in a dignified and orderly manner.

To help you better understand these changes, the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure has prepared an FAQ sheet, which is available for download in the document library on the YourVoice page.

We encourage you to review the draft Code and provide your feedback within the consultation period. Your input plays a vital role in shaping an effective and transparent meeting framework for our council.

Council resolved to write to the NSW Minister for Local Government to voice its objection to elements of the new Model Code.

The revised Code of Meeting Practice is open for community comment from 9 October to 20 November 2025. This can also be viewed at <https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au>

- At Council's Customer Service Centres, between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday

Feedback can be provided on the draft Policy through:

- Completing an Online Submission Form at the YourVoice webpage.
- Emailing it directly to council@qprc.nsw.gov.au with the subject title "2025 Code of Meeting Practice"
- Hand writing your submission and delivering it to Council's Customer Service Centres
- Posting your submission to PO Box 90, Queanbeyan NSW 2620

Only written submissions will be considered and these must be received by Council before 20 November 2025.

Any submissions received may be included in the final report to Council.

Community News

Queanbeyan Show Delivers a Roaring Weekend of Family Fun and Regional Pride

The Queanbeyan Show burst into life with its signature blend of country charm, high octane entertainment, and agricultural spirit. From the thunderous roar of the AussieFMX motorbikes to the shrill excitement of the copious number of rides down in sideshow alley, the crisp air was thick with the scent of dagwood dogs and the buzz of thousands of showgoers enjoying the weekend.

For families, the Community Bank Canberra Barnyard was the heart of the action. Little ones were treated to face painting, cuddly encounters in the petting zoo, and energetic dance demonstrations from Eden Dance Academy. But the true stars of the weekend were Ryder, Chase, and Marshall from PAW Patrol, who lit up the Barnyard stage with six live shows. Their six shows across the weekend drew large crowds, their little faces beaming as they danced along with their heroes from Adventure Bay to the Pup Pup Boogie.

Down in the main arena,

the spirit of traditional family fun was alive and well. Silly games brought out fierce (and hilarious) competition, with Donnie from Crookwell claiming the title of the Show's first-ever Dagwood Dog Eating Champion. Layla's mum became a crowd favourite, as did Josh from Bali, diving into nearly every game with infectious enthusiasm and good humour.

The Show also proudly showcased Queanbeyan's agricultural heritage. Interactive displays and competitions in horse, poultry, and cattle categories highlighted the region's deep farming roots. The Arts Pavilion entries surged by 80% compared to last year, with a wave of new exhibitors, many of them children bringing fresh energy and ensuring the longevity of the pavilion. Pavilion Steward Janice Moore said, "it was so great to see so many children entering this year, it's just wonderful." Among the standout entries was Jason Farmer, crowned Champion of Champions for his Lions

Head metalwork sculpture. Thrill-seekers were treated to non-stop action courtesy of AussieFMX, whose freestyle motocross stunts kept audiences on the edge of their seats. But it was the DockDogs National Titles that truly stole the show. With three days of flying leaps, massive splashes, and a soundtrack of rocking tunes and MC banter, the competition was a sensory feast. Farmer Dave, real name Dave Graham of Big Brother fame led the charge, guiding competitors through their paces and rallying the crowd into a full-blown cheer squad.

"The energy from Queanbeyan was next level," said Farmer Dave. "Personally, I haven't worked with a more involved local show committee who matched our level of fun and involvement. Hats off to Queanbeyan for rounding up a massive year for DockDogs in the best way possible."

The crowd's enthusiasm translated into a flurry of personal bests for teams from across Australia, proving that when the audience brings the "Ooo's," "Aaaahhs," and thunderous applause, the dogs fly higher and splash harder.

Queanbeyan Show Society President Josh Williams summed it up best: "Without the people that travel from across the country to be here, we don't have a show." His gratitude extended to Sponsors like Icon Water, Lennox Ram, Walgett Engineering, Langes Auto and so many more; the stallholders, volunteers, and every smiling face that helped make the weekend unforgettable.

The surprises during the weekend weren't just limited to those attending, with one of the best surprises reserved for the Show Society Committee, long-time member Bill Lilley was warmly recognised for his enduring contributions as an Honorary Life Member, the show's highest honour. Bill is the show's current treasurer and stalwart of the show, his hard work and dedication is second to none and he is absolutely adored by the committee members.

From motorbikes to metalwork, dancing pups to flying dogs, the 2025 Queanbeyan Show was a roaring success celebrating community, tradition, and the kind of joy that only a country show in the city can deliver.

Queanbeyan Show Society



Community News

Bungendore Preschool's Traditional Country Stall

Bungendore Preschool

The time has come to create some festive fun in Bungendore. In just a few weeks, many local stallholders will gather on the green space behind the Anglican Church in the heart of town on Saturday 29th November, for the 2025 Community Christmas Markets.

Bungendore Preschool is delighted to participate in this community event. Their stall will feature a charming selection of bespoke gifts, specially curated items, delicious treats, Christmas-themed novelty games and face painting. These attractions are designed for families in the area to enjoy and embrace the holiday spirit. Bungendore Preschool have your Christmas shopping sorted! Purchase a locally crafted treasure and support the future of our beloved Preschool in the process! All proceeds will be credited to the Bungendore Preschool Building Fund to help with relocation and expansion costs. To remain

operational and meet high growth demands of our thriving town, construction of a new preschool will be underway in 2026.

Bungendore Preschool's fundraising stall will be open from 9 am - 2 pm on Saturday 29 November

With a range of affordable and unique present options for that special friend, loved one, teacher or colleague, be sure to find us on market day! Grab brekkie, a fresh 'coffee scroll' courtesy of Elliereva Sweets and perhaps try your luck at the 'Bauble Toss' or 'Mystery Xmas Tree' challenges while you're there.

Can you contribute to Bungendore Preschool's Christmas market in any way?

To register your interest in either donating or volunteering, please email: fundraising@bungendorepreschool.com.au

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Slashing red tape to make heritage sites more energy efficient

Owners of state heritage-listed properties can now install solar panels, batteries, insulation and draught proofing without seeking formal approval, under changes that will make properties more energy efficient and ensure cheaper, renewable energy is accessible to more people.

This significant step by the NSW Government to align heritage conservation with climate action is part of an update to Heritage Act exemptions, which expands the list of activities that do not require heritage approval.

The expanded exemptions will make it easier to maintain, modernise and activate heritage-listed locations, making them efficient and sustainable places to live, learn, work and gather.

Owners and managers of buildings on the State Heritage Register will no longer need to seek approval from the Heritage Council of NSW for the following upgrades and

activities:

- Energy saving and sustainable technology including solar panels, batteries, insulation and draught proofing
- Security systems
- Fire suppression
- Geotechnical testing
- Temporary events up to 90 days, to align with NSW Vibrancy Reforms
- Filming up to 90 days
- Accessibility measures including access ramps and bathroom fit outs
- Aboriginal cultural practices
- Water infrastructure
- Land and bushfire management including hazard reduction
- Repair and replacement of materials including brick and stone walls.

The revised exemptions are subject to conditions that ensure the heritage values of the property are protected. For example, solar panels are exempt if the system is under 10kW and the panels are not facing the street. Alterations must

also be carried out by people with appropriate skills.

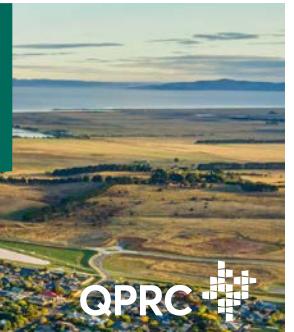
Amendments to protections for low-impact temporary uses are in line with recommendations in the Productivity Commission report into the 24-hour economy, to encourage greater heritage asset use for cultural and creative purposes. Temporary event exemptions have tripled to 90 days per year.

The NSW Government is also supporting the NSW film industry by allowing more site usage for filming purposes without the need for a heritage approval - from 30 to 90 days before approval is needed - to open them up to new or longer film scheduling and enable production scheduling.

For further information, visit www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/heritage/apply-for-heritage-approvals-and-permits/state-heritage-register-items/standard-exemptions.

Queanbeyan to Bungendore Bulk Water Supply

NOVEMBER 2025



Background

This factsheet provides an update on the proposed Queanbeyan to Bungendore bulk water supply trunk main. We posted the previous update to Bungendore residents in May 2025. The May update and further information is available on the project webpage www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/bungendore-water.

Council is working to get the Queanbeyan to Bungendore bulk water supply trunk main to tender-ready stage.

It will recognise the importance of regional water security and cooperation across jurisdictions, while ensuring no net impact to the ACT's water resources. Subject to agreement and execution by the Australian, ACT and NSW Governments, the Agreement will enable the necessary Service Level Agreements to be finalised between ICON Water and Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, supporting the delivery of a secure, high-quality water supply for Bungendore's future. Council anticipates that this critical component of the project will be completed by December 2025.

4. Water (and Sewer) Pricing

The Palerang Communities Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan is being reviewed.

This includes long-term plans to consider the cost of maintaining, improving and using water infrastructure and how it will be funded.

Work is progressing on this review, with financial information recently provided to our modeller. We expect the modelling and strategy development to be completed by early 2026. We will then engage with the community about the review.

5. Funding

Council approved the submission of an application to the National Water Grid Fund to deliver this project which was prioritised by NSW and submitted to the Australian Government in June 2025. The process of assessment and review is underway.

This is still a project under consideration by the Australian Government, and a decision is not likely to be made until the Australian Government budget process in mid-2026.

6. Legal and Land Matters

Council authorised the beginning of land acquisition negotiations along the route in April 2025.

All affected landholders have been contacted with initial 'opening letters'. Draft deeds for access and options for acquisition have also been provided. Letters of valuation are beginning to be issued.



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Bungendore Seniors - CHRISTMAS BINGO

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

Get Togethers

Our get togethers are weekly and we alternate between Thursdays and Fridays, so mark your calendar and join us on a Thursday or a Friday or come along to both. Enjoy great conversation, a few laughs, some games and morning tea.

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

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

See right for dates. Everyone's welcome!

Seniors Chair Yoga

Chair Yoga: Tuesdays at the Bungendore Scout Hall. Chair

Yoga is held during school terms only. One class during the winter months at 2.30pm



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

Membership

Yearly membership is only \$10.00 per person. We welcome everyone over the age of 55. 2026 Membership will be due in January.

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

CHRISTMAS BINGO

- Thursday 4, December - 10 am to 12 noon - Bungendore Sports Hub
- Friday 12, December - 10 am to 12 noon - Bungendore Sports Hub

For these dates, bingo will replace our regular games. Cost is the usual \$5.00 which includes morning tea.

Bingo books are FREE, lots of great, fun, little prizes. Save the dates & bring a friend!

SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

This year's Christmas luncheon is at the Lake George Dining Room.

Date: Wed 10th Dec 2025

Time: 12.30pm

Cost: \$30 for members, \$35 for non-members

Menu: Main - small chicken breast with sage cream sauce + roast potatoes + carrots + broccoli or beans

2025 Get-Togethers

THURSDAYS

- Thurs 20 November
- Thursday 4 December BINGO
- Thurs 18 December

FRIDAYS

- Friday 28 November
- Friday 12 December BINGO

Dessert - sticky date pudding

Yummy treats, lucky door prizes and some little gifts from Santa

To book please email bungendoreseniors@gmail.com



Banks urge Black Friday shoppers to steer clear of dodgy deals

Shoppers are being urged to stay alert to the risk of scammers as Black Friday sales kick-off, after almost \$40 million was lost to buying and selling scams over the past year.

The Australian Banking Association (ABA) is reminding shoppers to be on the lookout for:

- **Fake websites** and ads, often AI generated and designed to mimic legitimate brands
- **Social media marketplace scams** including fake listings or sellers who vanish once paid
- **Fake parcel delivery notification** scams via text or email about missed deliveries.

ABA CEO Simon Birmingham urged shoppers to remain vigilant as scammers are out in force.

"Shopping scams are everywhere at this time of year. With Black Friday sales more popular than ever, scammers are looking to capitalise on the surge in shopping activity," Mr Birmingham said.

"Aussies looking for a bargain will spend billions over the next few weeks and scammers will be lining up to take a slice of the action.

"Scammers are becoming more savvy, increasingly using AI to

mimic legitimate businesses or create fake online stores or advertisements.

"As you shop online it pays to double-check your purchasing from a legitimate website. The last thing you want is to get stitched up by a dodgy deal.

"Australians should also be on the lookout for fake parcel notifications sent via text or email asking you to share information or pay for delivery fees. This is a very common tactic used by criminals to steal your personal and financial details."

Mr Birmingham also said Australian banks now had some of the strongest anti-scam measures in the world to help shield customers from scammers.

"Our banks are now using Confirmation of Payee technology, payments warnings and delays as well as real-time detection and scam-blocking tools to help stop money from getting into the wrong hands."

"While banks are working around the clock to stop scammers in their tracks, customer vigilance is still crucial. A few seconds of caution will make sure you're getting the real deal."

SANTA'S TOY & FOOD Box

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS HAMPERS
BUNGENDORE & CAPTAINS FLAT 2025



PLEASE HELP US SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITIES

How You Can Help

- Donate a new toy, book or gift card (\$25)
- Donate non-perishable items with a 'Christmas Lunch' theme
- Donate cash to help us purchase items

Drop Off & Make a Difference!

Help us make a difference for families in the Bungendore & Captains Flat communities. Items can be dropped off to Phil's Op Shop & Captain's Treasure

Toys We Accept:

- Board games
- Dolls and action figures
- Building blocks
- Art supplies
- Sports equipment
- Ages 0-12

Please Avoid:

- Battery-operated toys
- Damaged or incomplete items



LAST
FRIDAY TRADING
FOR THE YEAR!

CHRISTMAS @PHIL'S OP SHOP

CHRISTMAS CAROLS BY THE QUEANBEYAN JUNIOR BRASS BAND

\$5 BAG SALE, CHRISTMAS PHOTO BOOTH, CAKE, COFFEE

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JOIN US FOR SOME FESTIVE FUN
AT OUR LAST 'PHIL GOOD FRIDAY'
FOR 2025

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Maria's Community Corner



Maria Porreca

This past fortnight I did very little travelling but attended many meetings. That said I did fit in some fun things too.

A group of Queanbeyan Seniors had a very enjoyable Melbourne Cup lunch at Victor's in Yass Road. They also participated in the club sweeps and some even had a win. Some members dressed up whilst others went a bit more casual. Senior member Mike P. won best dressed male. A wonderful afternoon was had by all!

How good was the Queanbeyan Show? There were so many things to look at, participate in and thoroughly enjoy. The Queanbeyan Evening Branch of CWA had a stall there on Saturday and they nearly sold out of their baked



goods by about 10.30am. Some CWA ladies also entered items in the show and they were quite successful. One CWA QEB member was awarded 'Most Successful Exhibitor' in Cookery. The 4-year-old grandson of one of the CWA members took out the top spot in one of the cake competitions. And another of her grandsons was awarded Champion in Photography. Well done everyone. What's next? Bring on the Canberra Show!!!

This year the CWA Queanbeyan Evening Branch decided to place a beautiful handmade wreath for Remembrance Day. A group of lovely ladies got together the day before and made the wreath. Amazing women in the Branch. That evening was also our monthly meeting and some of us had dinner prior to the meeting at Campbell & George then walked across the road to the bowling club and had our meeting. New members are always very welcome.

Last Thursday the Queanbeyan Health Walking Group celebrated the birthdays of the month with a lunch at the Queanbeyan Leagues Club. It was well attended and lots of fun. If you want to join us, then meet us at 8.50am on Thursday mornings at the BBQ area in Queen Elizabeth Park (near the river). We'd love to see you!

I will be at the Queanbeyan Seniors stall in Riverside Plaza on Saturday 22nd November and then again on 13 December. We will be there from 9.00am-4.00pm and I'll be there in the afternoon. So, pop by, browse at what's on offer (mainly Christmas



items), you never know what you might find and buy some tickets in their amazing MEGA Raffle. There are some great prizes such as, \$200 gift cards, dinner vouchers at various places, car wash vouchers, a Microwave, Pamper hamper and at least 5 Christmas hampers valued approximately \$100.00 each. So come on by - we'd love to see you.

Until next fortnight take care, stay safe and well.

Maria

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Stand with the Land this Ag Day

The National Farmers' Federation (NFF) has urged the public to get behind farmers and agriculture this Friday, 21 November for National Agriculture Day.

NFF President Hamish McIntyre said the annual event is a wonderful chance to celebrate the people behind our nation's food and fibre.

"This year's theme, 'Stand with the Land' is a powerful call to action that unites Australians in solidarity with our farmers and rural communities," Mr McIntyre said.

"National Agriculture Day is your chance to celebrate and learn about Australia's incredible farm sector.

"Everyone in the ag industry shows extraordinary grit and innovation, and today is the day to celebrate that determination."

Held on the third Friday of November each year, Ag Day is one day to celebrate an industry that's part of our lives every single day.

"Every person depends on agriculture multiple times a day," Mr McIntyre said.

"We're calling on all Australians to Stand with the Land this Friday.

Whether it's attending an Ag Day event, entering the photography competition, or posting photos on social media; it all helps our industry feel appreciated.

"It can be as simple as a morning tea with workmates with in-season produce, wearing an Ag Day t-shirt, or sharing a story about farming that's close to your heart.

"We're also encouraging farmers to share snippets of their day with the public, whether it's via farm tours, workshops or social media.

"We know it's an extremely busy time of year for most farmers who are in the paddocks for harvest, so there's no better time to share a photo or video of what's growing in your paddock that will end up on the dinner plates of millions of Australians.

"Make sure you tag the NFF and use #AgDayAU so farmers and the community can see your celebration or message.

"We're really looking forward to this year's Ag Day - Grow you good thing!"

For more information on National Agriculture Day, visit <https://agday.org.au>

Seeking DONATIONS

ARE YOU ABLE TO MAKE, SUPPLY OR DONATE SOMETHING UNIQUE FOR OUR UPCOMING Christmas Market

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO DIRECTLY TO THE NEW BUNGENDORE PRESCHOOL BUILDING FUND

WE ARE A 'DGR' ENDORSED CHARITY RECEIPT OF YOUR DONATION CAN BE ARRANGED

DONATIONS BOX LOCATED AT PRESCHOOL OR EMAIL YOUR INTEREST TO: FUNDRAISING@BUNGENDOREPRESCHOOL.COM.AU

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SATURDAY DECEMBER 6TH

CHRISTMAS MARKETS

28 STALLS

SANTA PHOTOS (PETS WELCOME)

BOOT FAIR

LIVE PERFORMANCES

South East Local Land Services News

What is this growth in my gum tree?

Andy Taylor, Senior NRM Advisor

If you've noticed a mass of different looking leaves on your tree, like pictured here, it's likely a native mistletoe plant and it has a very important role to play in Australian woodlands. From its quirky partnership with the mistletoe bird to its role as a keystone species, mistletoe is quietly shaping ecosystems in ways most of us never imagined. In ecology, a 'keystone species' is one that has a disproportionately large impact on its environment compared to its abundance.



Keystone species are essential in maintaining the health and diversity of the ecosystem where they are found. The loss of a keystone species can have dramatic impacts on the surrounding environment.

Some well-known keystone species include:

- cassowaries disperse seeds in rainforests, maintaining the balance and diversity of their ecosystem
- grey-headed flying-foxes are important to native species of

hard woods, palms and rainforest plants because they distribute seeds and are responsible for pollination

- bees pollinate plants that feed other animals (including humans).

In proof of mistletoes importance an experiment was undertaken by Charles Sturt University where the removal of mistletoe from a section of woodland resulted in the loss of close to a third of woodland-dependent birds compared to sites where mistletoe had not been removed!

But how does it get in my tree in the first place?

In Australian woodlands and forests, mistletoe plants are mostly spread by the elusive mistletoe bird. This small bird flies from tree to tree gobbling up the mistletoe fruit. They also have fast metabolisms, and it doesn't take long before it needs to do its business, generally occurring every 4-12 minutes. The mistletoe bird only digests the flesh of the mistletoe fruit but not the seeds, which emerge from the bird intact, but the sticky nature of the meal means the mistletoe bird must execute a few swipes of its backside where it is perched, effectively wiping the seed onto a new branch. Not only does the seed stick to the branch, but it is deposited with its very own blob of fertiliser. This then dries and cements the seed to the branch ready to germinate and grow into the next plant.

There are 250 woodland bird species in NSW and almost half of these have suffered declining populations in recent decades



due to over clearing, habitat fragmentation and simplification, putting them on the threatened species list. That's not good news so it's critical we understand how our woodlands function to support this rich diversity, like mistletoe and the mistletoe bird.

Whilst the plant is a parasite upon its host tree, it rarely causes death unless the tree is isolated or unhealthy. For this reason, it is very important to keep woodlands intact and regenerating because they decline more rapidly without keystone species like mistletoe.

If you are interested in managing sections of your property to increase and maintain biodiversity, get in contact with your Local Land Services NRM officer and we can help with:

- identifying important habitats in the landscape near you
- identifying threats to your woodlands
- Identifying and planning woodland enhancements
- balancing biodiversity outcomes with agricultural activities

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The Resources that Bind Us

Andy Taylor Senior NRM Advisor

Soil, water, plants, and animals form the fabric of our landscape, linking farms and the people who live on them. How we manage these vital resources together determines the land's ability to remain productive, biodiverse, and resilient in a changing climate.

Our landscapes face many pressures—erosion, invasive weeds, feral animals, and overgrazing. Sometimes, the choices we make can unintentionally harm our properties and, at times, those of our neighbours. Some of these issues are easy to fix, like installing a

fence to protect vegetation from livestock or reduce erosion along waterways. Others require more planning and ongoing effort, such as repairing severe erosion, controlling pests or changing farm production systems.

In recent years, challenges like drought, bushfires, and floods have

intensified, leaving some areas degraded. With more extreme weather events predicted, the risk of further damage is growing.

Each of us has a role in building the resilience of our land and the landscape, against these threats. Experience shows that when we work together towards a common goals, results come faster and last longer.

Local Land Services is here to help landholders stay ahead with practical advice and support. We run events across the region, share information through our South East Circular newsletter, and provide boots-on-the-ground assistance by visiting your property.

- **New to land management?** Email or call us to discuss your priorities.
- **Looking to build new skills?** Check out our events page.
- **Tried-and-true methods not working anymore?** Give us a call—let's have a yarn.

South East Local Land Services

enquiry.southeast@lls.nsw.gov.au
1300 795 299

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



Check out our upcoming events and to register:



LLS Events



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Your GBD reminder: we're here for you

Watch this short video for a reminder on the impacts that weeds and pest animals can have on your property and the broader landscape. It's also a reminder of every landholders **General Biosecurity Duty**.



But we're here to help. Whether you need support developing a control plan that works for you, or you would like to work with your neighbours for more effective control, make today the day that

you pick up the phone and call your local biosecurity officer on 1300 795 299.

Image: controlling grassy weeds, like serrated tussock, can come under your general biosecurity duty (LLS-Southeast Bungonia)



Plan to protect livestock during bushfire season

Local Land Services is urging farmers and animal owners to include livestock and pets in their bushfire planning.

"It's crucial to have a clear plan in place for your animals. When disaster strikes, being organised can make all the difference," said Piers Harper, Local Land Services Principal Program Manager, Emergency Services.

"Start by determining the trigger point to activate your plan and allow time for unexpected challenges."

"Whether you evacuate or shelter in place, know how you'll move, house and care for your animals."

"You can't rely on being able to engage a commercial carrier or get to an animal safe place, it's best to have a self-sufficient plan."

In situations where evacuation is not possible, it is best to prepare a safe stock containment area on your property.

This could be a heavily grazed paddock, a ploughed area, or a large, clear stockyard.

"The key is that it's away from fire-prone vegetation and has access to food and water," Mr Harper said.

"Make sure it's well-prepared, with multiple access points, so you can quickly relocate livestock when bushfire risk is high."

It is also important for landholders to prepare an animal emergency kit with a first aid kit, medications, five days' worth of food and water, and any vital supplies.

"Keep vaccinations, microchips, ID tags and National Livestock Identification System details up to date," Mr Harper said.

"Up-to-date identification improves the chance of reuniting with your animals if they're lost in an emergency."

Absentee landholders are encouraged to consider options to mitigate the risks and impacts of bushfires, including visiting their property on a regular basis, have arrangements in place with farm contractors, managers and potentially neighbours, and be in regular contact with neighbours and relevant local service providers and community groups.

For more information on preparing animals for bushfire season, call Local Land Services on 1300 795 299 or visit [www.nsw.gov.au/lls](http://nsw.gov.au/lls)

Precision in language - why correct terminology matters in pastures and grazing systems

Jo Powells

Why correct terminology matters in pastures and grazing systems.

In Australia's vast and varied agricultural landscape, using correct terminology in pastures and grazing systems is essential for effective land management, communication and productivity.

From the rangelands to the temperate grazing zones of New South Wales, terminology shapes how farmers, agronomists and researchers understand and apply best practices.

Terms like stocking rate, pasture rest, carrying capacity, and rotational grazing aren't just jargon - they represent specific strategies that impact soil health, livestock

performance and long-term sustainability. Misunderstanding or misusing these terms can lead to overgrazing, pasture degradation and reduced profitability. For example, confusing "carrying capacity" with "stocking rate" could result in poor pasture utilisation or overgrazing depending on the misinterpretation.

Correct terminology also supports collaboration across regions and disciplines. Agricultural advisors, government agencies and producers rely on shared language to interpret data, implement policy and adopt innovations. Resources like the Grazier's Guide to Pastures provide standardised definitions and management principles tailored to NSW's

grazing zones.

As climate variability and market pressures intensify, terminology is evolving. Concepts like carbon sequestration, regenerative grazing and multi-species pastures reflect new priorities in sustainable agriculture. Staying current with these terms enables producers to

access funding, meet certification standards and engage in emerging markets.

Correct terminology is the foundation of informed decision-making in Australian grazing systems. It empowers producers to manage land responsibly, communicate effectively and adapt

to a changing agricultural future.

If you feel confused by terminology or want to learn more about managing pastures, livestock and grazing systems then reach out to your Agricultural Advisor at Local Land Services.

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We invite you to attend our free community event

10.00am December 1st 2025

8 Steps to Getting your Affairs in Order

Shanna Provost - Rest Easy

The best Christmas gift you can give your family? Peace of mind.

Join us for "8 Steps to Getting Your Affairs in Order" with Shanna Provost, education specialist, author of The Rest Easy Journal, death midwife, and experienced funeral celebrant.

Shanna's down-to-earth session will gently guide you through the simple steps you can take now to make things easier for your loved ones later. You'll learn how to:

- * Organise important documents and avoid common pitfalls
- * Talk to your doctor and family about end-of-life choices
- * Plan ahead for your funeral and digital footprint
- * Record your stories and wishes clearly

Shanna has helped hundreds of people get their affairs in order, offering practical tools and compassionate guidance through what can be a difficult topic. Let's take the stress out of "someday" and start the conversation now.

Use this QR code to reserve a ticket today.



Bungendore Community Centre, Bungendore



Bungendore Crafters' Co-Operative

BYO PROJECT
CRAFT NIGHT

Every
Second
Thursday
6-8pm



55 Gibraltar
Street
\$5 + craft
project

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Music by the River 2026

We have partnered with Icon Water and the Canberra Symphony Orchestra (CSO) for our 10th Music by the River event!

On Saturday 21 February, CSO and Kirrah Amosa will bring you the iconic music of Queen by the banks of the Queanbeyan River.

Tickets for reserve seats go on sale Monday 1 December.

- ▶ Learn more at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Events/Music-by-the-River-2026



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

Community Meetings in November

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

- 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:

- Geospatial Analyst
- Inspector Plumbing and Drainage
- Sports Turf Officer (x2)
- Construction Engineer
- Apprentice - Sports Turf
- Cadet Journalist
- Trainee - Civil Construction (x2)
- Trainee Biosecurity Weeds
- Trainee Administration
- Cadet Strategic Planner
- Apprentice Gardener
- ▶ For more information and roles see bit.ly/QPRC-Careers



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:

- 26 November (Queanbeyan)
- 17 December (Bungendore)

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 Christmas Parties!

Christmas is the time to celebrate with our community and this year there are plenty of opportunities to enjoy entertainment, food, carols and meet Santa!

Schools, choirs, dance groups and local performers will create a festive atmosphere with great food and other fun activities.

If you want to perform at any of the Community Christmas Parties, contact the team via email events@qprc.nsw.gov.au

Join us at:

- Braidwood Community Christmas Party, Ryrie Park, Braidwood from 4-8pm on Friday 5 December
- Bungendore Community Christmas Party, Mick Sherd Oval, Bungendore from 4-8pm on Friday 12 December
- Queanbeyan Community Christmas Party and Carols, Queanbeyan Park from 4-9pm on Thursday 18 December
- ▶ Learn more at qprc.nsw.gov.au/events

Do you want to be a stallholder or food vendor at one of Council's events?

- ▶ Apply today with the form at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/community/events



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

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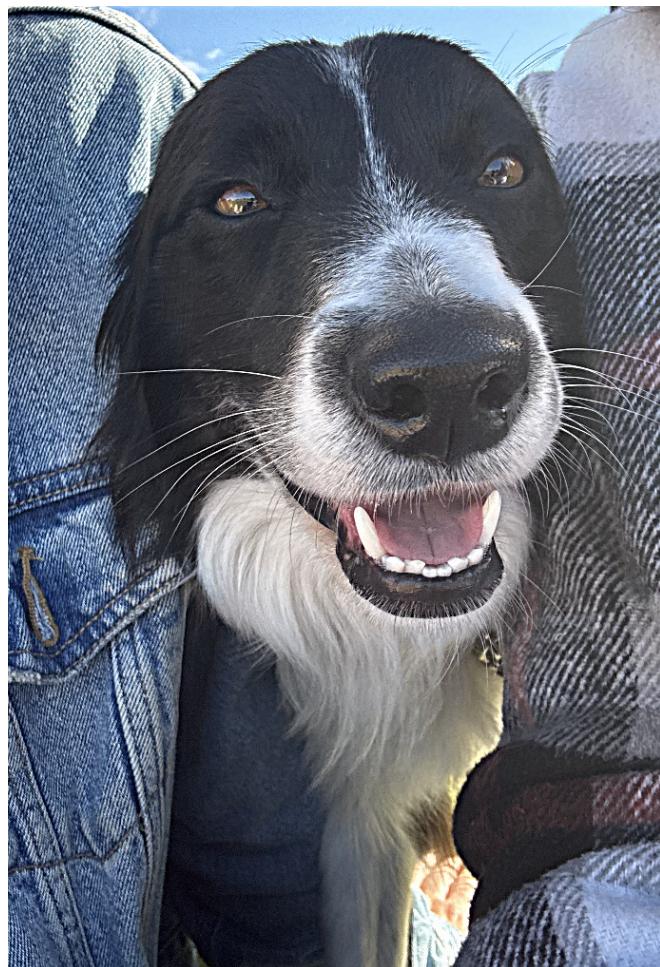
Community News

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Remembrance Day 2025

PET OF THE WEEK



Name: Lucky
Age: 2
Likes: cuddles, walks and swimming
Dislikes: carrots
Claim to Fame: Never met a human they couldn't win over

The best men's Rugby League team in Australia's Top Small Tourism Town

What an awesome tale to tell. Two mighty titles in the one month. That's plenty to celebrate, and celebrate we all did.

In early September Bungendore was named Australia's Top Small Tourism Town receiving the prestigious award which celebrates the village community and charm, things that bring people to visit Bungendore again and again.

September also saw the Bungendore Tigers defeat the Harden Hawks taking out the 2025 grand final and the George Tookey Shield, that's back-to-back wins

for the Tigers! "TigerTown" they called Bungendore and the town was adorned in orange and black to cheer the team to victory. It was a tight game but the boys made sure the shield stayed in Bungendore for another year.

To recognise both awards, pictured are a few of the players showing off the silverware under the sign for Australia's Top Small Tourism Town currently outside Bungendore Village Leather.

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CAPTAIN BUNGENDORE



THIS TIME OF YEAR
BRINGS OUT THE PROJECT
IN ME.

got the plan, stan.
got the tools, jules.
got a nail or three,
lee.
so, let us make a start,
bart.

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



LIONS COMMUNITY BOOK SHOP
A non-for-profit group with all funds donated to local charitable organisations
LOCATED IN THE QUEANBEYAN PARK
OPEN: Tuesday to Saturday 10am-4pm

SECONDHAND BOOKS, MAGAZINES, GAMES, JIGSAWS, CRAFT

For more information: Phone 0461 365 831 Email: queanbeyan.nsw@lions.org.au
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Puzzles

BRAIN TRAINING

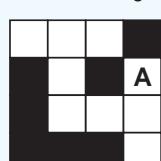
Welcome to a puzzle fitness workout aimed at improving your brain power. Boost your mental agility with a session every day in the Mental Gym. Record the time you take to complete each puzzle and you can keep track of your ever increasing mental strength.

Logical

Three children have finished primary school, and were enjoying the summer break before moving on to secondary school, with varying degrees of trepidation. Ashley wasn't going to the mixed school, while Tommy would be moving to the School of Hard Knocks. The School of Rock wasn't the boys' school, and the School for Scoundrels would not be welcoming Georgia in September. If the School of Hard Knocks wasn't the boys' school, which child went to which school, and was it a boys', girls' or mixed establishment?

Mini Fit

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



AMP APT MAT
MAY YAP

Elimination

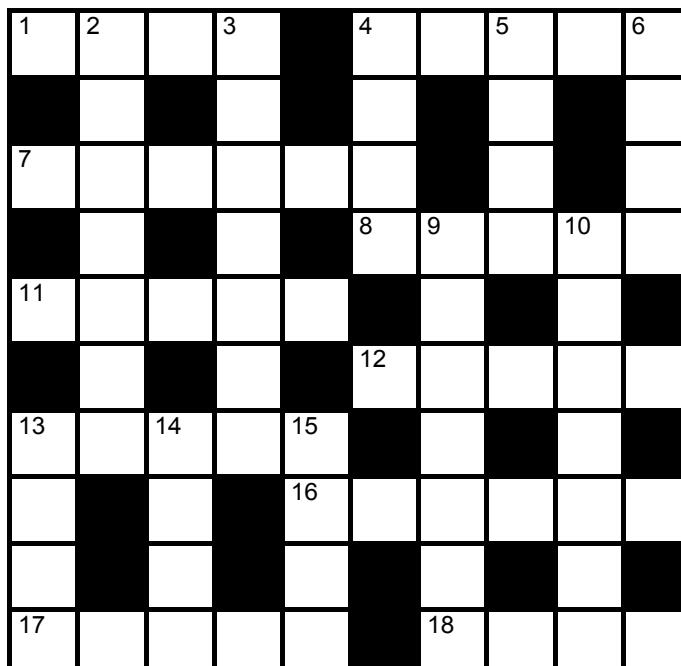
All but two of the listed words fall into one of the four categories. Put these leftover words together, and what word or phrase do they make?

CATEGORIES: Synthetic materials • Ballroom dances • Books of the Bible • Words meaning 'STYLE'

Fashion	Psalms	Polyester	Cotton	Esther
Rayon	Type	Polka	Foxtrot	Pattern
Numbers	Waltz	Exodus	Design	
Tango	Elegance	Nylon	Quickstep	
Reel	Lycra	Proverbs	Spandex	

www.puzzler.com/braintrainer

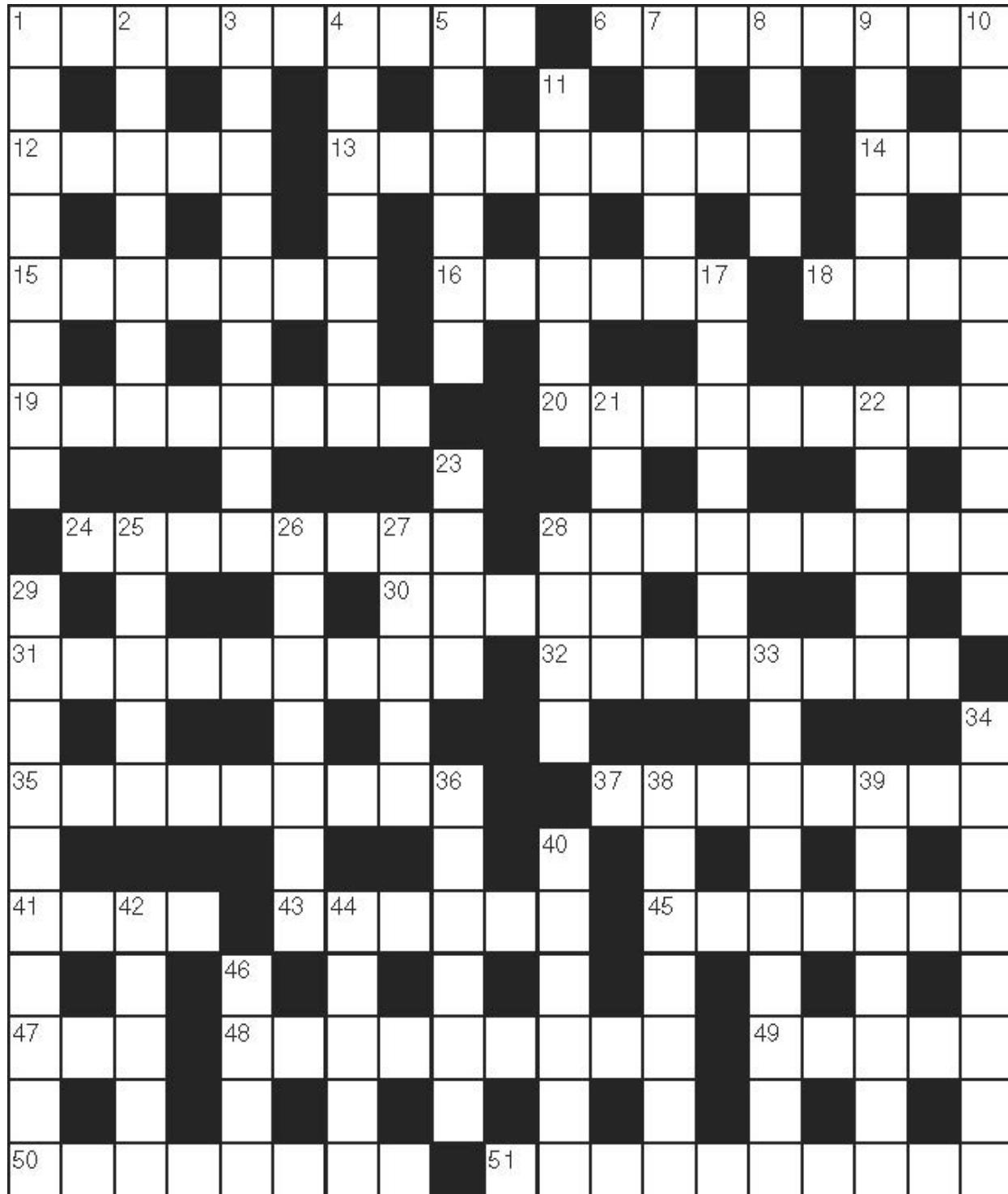
Quick Time Crossword



Across
1 Soft powder (4)
4 Gems (5)
7 Temperature unit (6)
8 Weird (5)
11 Playing card (5)
12 Stops up (5)
13 Tantalise (5)
16 Elevates (6)
17 Strikes with open hand (5)
18 Formerly (4)

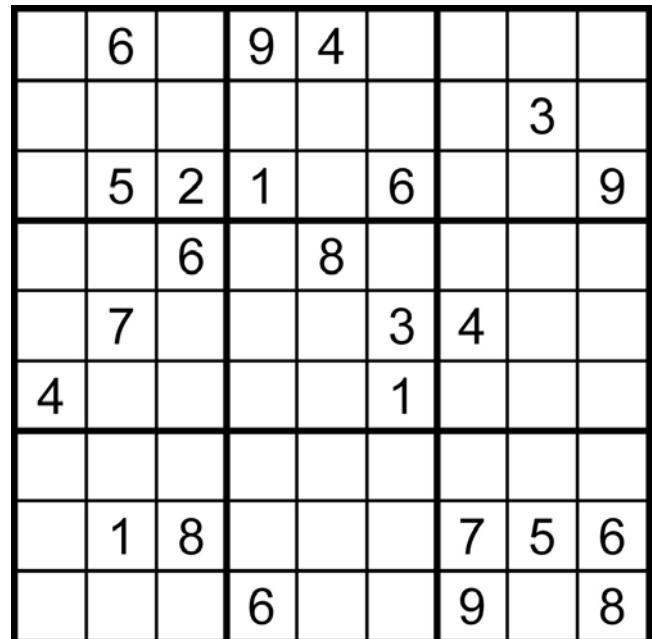
Down
2 Extremely impressive (7)
3 Collusive syndicates (7)
4 S-shaped moulding (4)
5 Declare positively (4)
6 Painful spot (4)
9 Eluding (7)
10 Affect deeply (7)
13 Faucets (4)
14 Seaweed (4)
15 God of love (4)

Crossword



Sudoku

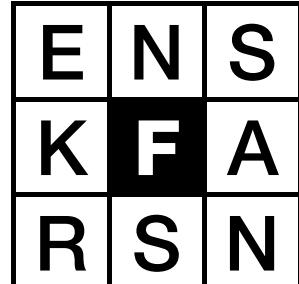
Sudoku, it's a game of deduction rather than maths. Fill each row, column and 3x3 square with the numbers 1 - 9, without repeating. Each number can only appear once in each row, column, and frame.



Target Time

Target: Average 5, Good - 7, Excellent - 10+

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.



Across	48 At the beginning (3,2)
1 Imprecise	23 Favourable points
6 Nuke (4,4)	25 Weeders
12 Cultivates land	26 Exhausted
13 Defamer	27 Cricket nicks
14 Long, long time	28 Rounded lump (coll)
15 Biting	29 Slovenly (4,2,4)
16 Ruffians	33 On the way (2,7)
18 Toll	34 Climbed
19 Hard; rigid (4-4)	36 Meaning of "Amen" (2,2,2)
20 Mixed up	38 Wasted away
24 Candle maker	39 Musical toy
28 Nurserymen	40 Logger
30 Puppets	42 Chimes
31 Juts out	44 Outstanding
32 Beliefs	46 East Timor capital
35 Malice	
37 Printings	
41 Band member	
43 Achievable	
45 Travesty	
47 Slippery fish	

Public Notices



PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE AN EXISTING MOBILE PHONE BASE STATION

1. Telstra is proposing to upgrade an existing mobile phone base station at 3721 Kings Highway Bungendore 2621, 98-/DP754876 RFNSA Site Number: 2621008
 - Remove six (6) existing panel antennas.
 - Install six (6) new panel antennas (each less than 2.8m long) at a centre line height of 51m on the existing 55m lattice tower.
 - Install, remove and reconfigure ancillary equipment including tower mounted amplifiers, remote radio units, GPS antenna, mounts, cables, etc. and works within the equipment shelter.
2. In accordance with Section 7 of the Industry Code C564:2025 Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment, we invite you to make comments about the proposal.
3. Please direct comments to Ben Lavery, Planning Consultant on behalf of Telstra at telstra.submissions@servicestream.com.au, 0497 833 252 or by post to: Service Stream (Wireless) - Level 3, Tower B, Zenith Centre, 821 Pacific Highway, Chatswood NSW 2067 by 5pm Wednesday 3 December 2025.

For more information about the proposal, scan the QR Code or visit www.rfnsa.com.au/2621008



Service Stream Ltd A.B.N. 46 072 369 870
Telstra Ltd A.C.N. 086 174 781
Amplitel Pty Ltd ACN 648 133 073

Koala Conversation Event Coming to Bungendore

Back by popular demand, Bungendore Community Landcare are hosting a Koala Conversation at the Bungendore School of Arts, 9-10:30am on Tuesday 25th November 2025. The event will feature some great special guest speakers, including Dr Sally Miller, NSW Koala Strategy, Kirrily Gould, South East Local Land Services, and Georgeanna Story, Cold Country Koalas Project and Landcare Coordinator.

This community event is all about koalas - how to find them and how to protect and restore their habitat!

It will feature an introduction to looking for koalas for research and pleasure. The guest speakers will discuss the several different techniques employed by researchers and landholders around the region, and what they have found out about the koalas in Southern NSW

by using these techniques.

This will include an introduction to their citizen science program, Koala Karaoke, and an opportunity to participate in surveys this season. The researchers are bringing a selection of their field equipment, so you can get up close and personal and learn how it's used. Some of their techniques include audio recorders, drones and thermal night surveys!

For more information and to RSVP visit the Humanitix website: www.events.humanitix.com/koala-conversation-bungendore, scan the QR code or contact Erin at upper.shoalhaven@gmail.com 0473 407 079.



Annual General Meeting 2025

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING BUNGENDORE BOWLING & SPORTS CLUB (BBSC)

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting will be held at Bungendore Bowling & Sports Club at 20 Turallo Terrace Bungendore on Sunday 14 December 2025 at 10 am.

All welcome to attend.

Expressions of interest are also being sought for members to support the Board of Directors in the following areas: Grants & Fundraising, Events & Functions, Social Media & Marketing, Volunteer Coordinator

and Bowls Administration Support.

Nominations for the Board of Directors or supplementary positions must be submitted in writing to the Secretary, no later than 6pm Sunday 7 December 2025. Nominations can be emailed to bungendorebowlo@gmail.com.

BBSC looks forward to hosting this year's AGM for all attendees on 14 December.

Puzzle Solutions

Target Time

Target: Average 5, Good - 7, Excellent - 10+ : fake, faker, fane, fanner, fare, farness, fear, fern, frae, frank, FRANKNESS, freak, safe, safer, serif.

Brain Training

LOGICAL:
Ashley, School for Scoundrels, boys
Georgia, School of Rock, girls
Tommy, School of Hard Knocks, mixed
MINI FIT: MAT
ELIMINATION: Materials - Lycra, Nylon, Polyester, Rayon, Spandex | Dances - Foxtrot, Polka, Quickstep, Tango, Waltz | Bible - Esther, Exodus, Numbers, Proverbs, Psalms
Style - Design, Elegance, Fashion, Pattern, Type | Remaining: COTTON REEL

Sudoku

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

Quick Time Crossword

T	A	L	C		O	P	A	L	S
W		A		G	V		O		
D	E	G	R	E	E	R			
S		T		E	E	R	I	E	
J	O	K	E	R		V	M		
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S	L	I	A	P	S	E	R	S	T

Mayor's Column

Last Monday, we launched our 2026 Music by the River event in partnership with Icon Water and the Canberra Symphony Orchestra. We are so proud to be holding our 10th annual Music by the River event on Saturday 21 February 2026 – and what better way to celebrate this milestone than with the iconic music of Queen! Tickets for reserve seating go on sale Monday 1 December

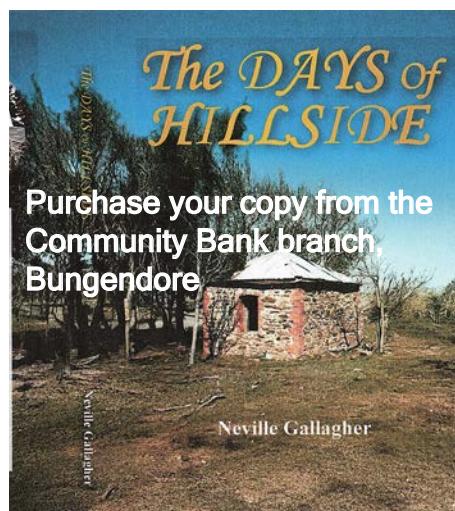


Works are progressing well on the second Jerrabomberra reservoir project, in the Jerrabomberra Mountain Reserve. An existing 1.8ML reservoir was demolished at the end of October, and earthworks have recently begun. Construction of the base for the new reservoir is set to continue through to February 2026. The new reservoir will be a 19.4ML concrete reservoir and is being constructed adjacent to the existing reservoir. This reservoir supplies water to most of Queanbeyan. The new reservoir will allow us to refurbish the existing reservoir and provide additional water storage. For more information about the project, go to www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/second-Jerrabomberra-reservoir

Nominations for 2026 Australia Day Awards close in less than two weeks, and we need your help to ensure local legends in Queanbeyan-Palerang get the recognition they deserve. Plenty of individuals, community organisations, and events in our region deserve awards. For example, the Majors Creek Hotel Woodchop was Event of the Year for Braidwood last year, bringing the community together and attracting many visitors. If you know of a community group or event worthy of an Australia Day Award, please submit a nomination. You can nominate for Citizen, Young Citizen, Senior Citizen, Community Event, or Community Organisation of the Year in Braidwood, Bungendore, Captains Flat, and Queanbeyan until 1 December at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Australia-Day-Awards.

We held our first of our community meetings in Braidwood earlier in November and it was a great opportunity to hear about local priorities in town. These meetings aren't just a chance to meet your local representatives, they're a chance for you to share your priorities and ideas to make Queanbeyan-Palerang even better. You can still meet us tonight in Bungendore (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

Cr Kenrick Winchester, Mayor



Crossword

I	N	A	C	C	U	R	A	T	O	M	B	O	M	B
N	L	E	I	R	O	O	U	X	A					
T	I	L	L	S	S	L	A	N	D	E	R	E	O	N
I	U	S	O	C	O	A	K	Y	G					
M	O	R	D	A	N	T	T	O	U	G	H	P	E	A
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Y	O		P		L	N		I	E					
C	H	A	N	D	L	E	R	G	A	D	E	N	R	S
D	O	R	D	O	L	L	S	I	I	H				
O	V	E	R	H	A	N	G	O	N					
W	R	I	E	B	N									
N	A	S	T	I	N	S		E	D	I	T	S	O	N
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T	U	B	A	D	O	A	B	L	E	C	C			
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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 Markets

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

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Saturday and Sunday 8am-4.30pm. Monday 7am-12noon
Bungendore buy back centre: Saturday 10am-4pm

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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

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The last edition for 2025 will be Wed December 18, 2025. The office will be closed from Tues Dec 17 until Thur Jan 8, 2026.
First edition for 2026 will be Wed January 14. We wish everyone a safe, healthy and happy Christmas and New Year.

BUNGENDORE SENIORS

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Times: Between 9:30am to 1pm

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SUNDAY 30 Nov 9am-2pm

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Our Garage Sale will help raise much needed funds for everyone's vet work. Cat & Dog Items, Clothes, Bric-a-brac, Books, Toys, Vintage Jewellery, Homewares and much more... including a Cake stall.

Make it a Family Day Out? Choose a new family member & do some Xmas shopping!



Sport

Bungendore Bunyips

Bungendore Bunyips Blue's ventured into the Capital taking on ANU Navy. In what proved to be a very tight battle Bungendore Blue's were asked if ANU Navy could field first has over half their team had a disco to attend. O in his first game as captain showed the Bunyips sporting ways by agreeing to bat. So off Mason and Ollie



went to open. Up against some tight bowling and the biggest field we had played on they got us off to a steady start both showing an array of shots before retiring and providing a solid foundation for Laura and O to build on - and that they did giving the opposition very few chances before making way for Noah and Cam to finish the innings

off. Cams running between the wickets and Noah's aggressive batting help build on the total leaving ANU Navy to chase 62.

The Blue's got off to a great start with all our bowlers bowling tight and with everyone taking on the lessons from training there was a marked improvement on our actions and bowling consistency. Blue's also got there first stumping with Noah taking a sharp chance. Laura and Cam also kept well. Unfortunately Blue's went down in a tight one. But with plenty of positives and improving.

There was no shortage of excitement at Warren Little oval as our Bungendore Bunyips took to the field for their latest match against the Bengal Tigers. The Bunyips capitalised on the early thunderstorm, taking advantage of the wet wicket by choosing to bowl first.



A dream start saw 2 wickets in the first over. Across the innings everyone was focused in the field and the bowling was tight - runs were certainly hard to come by for the Tigers.

The Bunyips strength was highlighted in their batting with Hugo, Ashton and Kobe giving us a solid platform to build off, each scoring 12 runs. Jay broke the trend with a quarter century, including 3 cracking

boundaries! Completing the highlight reel the twins finally used their powers for good turning running between the wickets into an art form. Their quick feet and even quicker thinking saw them sneak a stack of cheeky singles, much to the frustration of the opposition and the delight of their own teammates.

Lachlan was deservedly named Player of the Match for his all-round effort. His

commitment and positive attitude lifted the whole side and showed what team sport is all about.

All up, there was plenty of good-natured banter and teamwork. It was great to see every player give it their all and enjoying the game together. Bring on the next round!

Bungendore Bunyips
Photos supplied

Inaugural Community Bank Bungendore Invitational Fours Tournament Celebrates Success

The inaugural Community Bank Bungendore Invitational Fours Tournament was held last weekend at the Bungendore Bowling and Sports Club and concluded with resounding success. The Club was thrilled to welcome teams from near and far to compete against our own teams including players from Tathra, Caringbah, Braidwood, Bombala, Wagga, Malua Bay, and the Royal Australian Navy. We thank you all for travelling, competing in great spirit, and helping make the tournament such a memorable event!

The tournament featured a fiercely competitive field, yet it was Mick Fawthrop, Jamie Fawthrop, Ian Whybrow, and Bob Wilson from Wagga who emerged victorious, claiming the coveted 1st

prize. Their teamwork and skillful play were lauded by both spectators and fellow competitors alike.

Congratulations to all the winners and a huge well done to every participant – the standard of bowls and sportsmanship was outstanding across the board. Our winners were as follows:

1st Prize \$2400 - Mick Fawthrop, Jamie Fawthrop, Ian Whybrow and Bob Wilson (Wagga)

2nd Prize \$1600 - Andy Orrell, Peter Stanes, Wayne Bolten and Mark Wiler (Caringbah)

3rd Prize \$1200 - Matt Beare, Steve Maher, Tony Melrose and Steve Roots (Malua Bay)

4th Prize \$800 - Jackson Boulden, Gary Freeland,

Neville Hession and Stuart Murray-Prior (Caringbah)

5th Prize \$400 - Oompah, Glenn Fahey, Bruce Waugh and Alan Monfries (Wagga)

We also had two teams take away the day prize: Saturday Winners \$300 - Rick Cristy, Anthony McCudden, Rob McCudden and Dylan Cuthbert (Tathra), and Sunday Winners \$300 - Paul Opray, Andrew Cowling, Matt Cheeseman and Paul Totterdell.

The weekend, which marked the beginning of what is hoped will become an annual tradition, was supported by our major sponsor Bungendore Community Bank as well as a number of local Bungendore businesses whose generosity was integral and without it we wouldn't have been able to

pull off such a fantastic opportunity for the 56 bowlers who took part.

Special thanks to: PRD Real Estate, PHL Surveyors, Bungendore Cellars, MOJO Constructions, Patterson Rural Contracting, Taylor's of Bungendore, IGA Bungendore, Bungendore Mitre 10, Capital Customs, Hamson Constructions, Monaro Liquid Waste, Bungendore Country Butchery and Gunna Doo Bakery.

We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to all participants and volunteers whose efforts made the day memorable, including Phil Bruce for umpiring, Colin Elder for scoring, Frank Solomos for keeping all players and officials fed, Danielle Gronow and Greg Mitchell for helping keep the players



fluids up and to our amazing bar staff and Club committee members who went well and truly above and beyond to ensure the weekend was a success. Thank you to all. The weekend truly showcased what community, teamwork, and good fun are all about and

anticipation is already building for next year's tournament, promising to be an even bigger and better tournament.

Bungendore Bowling and Sports Club
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Sport

Wamboin Golf - November 2025

Sunday, 2 November. It was the Wamboin Open and all the tried and noted golfers from the regions near and far had mustered at the Hall. The day was sponsored by the Club itself so we thanked ourselves profusely for the prizes and eats lovingly prepared by Joan Mason, Marylou Gorham, Sam Urquhart and Rob Gorham. There were two divisions, Open and Handicap. The kindly weather gods outdid themselves so the company could enjoy a pleasant early Summer round.

Back in the club house, as the Captain pushed the buttons, we checked to see if we'd got it straight. There are three choices. First there's the two-state solution which is supported by most people except the Knesset and 70 per cent of Palestinians. Second there's the one-state solution which is opposed by most people

except the Knesset and 70 per cent of Palestinians, but there's an obvious catch. Third is the no-state solution or anarchy which is more or less what we've got at the moment. That is not supported by anyone except Iran and its satellites. Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to solve the conundrum without introducing additional states. While watching the pictures of the devastated Gaza with my old pal, William Butler Yeats, I heard him sigh and say "That is not a country for old men". Spot on, W.B. Many people never got the chance to grow old there. We noted that Trump again wagged a spongey finger at Putin after reneging on his offer to Ukraine of Tomahawk missiles. The deal could be that he is named Czar and gets to build a golf course in Gorky Park. In the meantime we should

remember what a 'deal' is: you give something to get something. According to Trump Ukraine should give ground to gain peace. This would be what is called a 'bad deal'. Lidia Thorpe has done it again. Now she's threatened to burn down Parliament. Whenever Thorpe hits the headlines I am forcefully reminded of the character created by my old mate Walt Kelly: Strawberry Shortcake, the Baton Rouge Bombshell, whose explosive personal appearances were for the sole purpose of drawing attention to herself.

The Palace has announced that the artist formerly known as Prince will now be called Mister and be kicked out of his 30 room digs. His brother, the artist formerly known as Prince but now known as King is rumoured to be working on a story that Mister's not really his brother



but a love child of the late Queen's swinging sister, Margaret. That'll settle it all down. In Australia, Back Bench Barnaby started a run for the door out of the Coalition over the issue of net zero which the Nats trenchantly oppose. Word is the Libs may follow suit to keep the band together. It's just crazy. Net zero isn't real. It's an aspiration. What we do in the attempt to achieve it is the real issue. We need a plan that brings a majority along with us which means a bridging role for fossil fuels. None of our marvelous political outfits has articulated one.

Order was restored by the Captain's peremptory rapping on his desk. He gracefully thanked the landowners who allow us access to their properties during the year: the Masons, Mustons, French and Lamberts. He welcomed our visitors, Nat Zearo, Gaz Price and Cole Myner. Ted's joke concerned the

inconvenience of medical incidents on the course. The googly ball went to Steve Harrison who struck a rock with his first drive, called a 'provisional' and then struck the same rock. The monthly dummy spit was awarded to John Whitney who, against his wife's better advice, crossed the wrong bridge over Lamberts' creek and, afterwards, had the gall to declare "first time Lisa's been right". The Annual Dummy Spit Award was given to your correspondent for his pains-taking sifting of such monthly transgressions over the year. NTP and LD ball winners were Col Urquhart 2, Rob Gorham, Ken Gordon, Gerard Ryan, Chris Hansen, Neville Schroder and Tony Bond. The Junior comp was won by Emma Hansen. Winners of the 2025 Eclectic were Tim Barter 18 holes and Pete Harrison 9 holes. In the handicap division the winner of the nine hole comp was Steve Lambert 40/29

OCB from Lisa Whitney 55/29 and Ken Gordon 35/31. The winner of the 18 hole comp was Paul Griffin 87/70 from David Bailey 93/73 and Nev Schroder 85/75. As the kettle drums rolled and hautboys and sackbuts howled, the Captain announced the winners of the Open Division for 2025. The men's open nine hole champion is Gerard Ryan 33 strokes. The women's nine hole champion is Kath Hansen 48 strokes. The men's open 18 hole champion is Tim Barter 76 strokes. Congratulations to all who took part!

Next month we battle it out for the Christmas Cup. Join us at the Hall on Sunday, 7 December at 12.15pm to sign in for the 12.30pm start. Meanwhile, the Feds have written off the \$4.1M blown on the new BuM site. And 'Up Yours' has won the Cup.

Larry King, golfer
Photos Pete Harrison

