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## Work begins on a new public preschool for Queanbeyan

Queanbeyan families can look forward to more fee-free early learning as shovels hit the ground on the new Queanbeyan South Public Preschool.

Co-located with the Queanbeyan South Public School, the new preschool will offer a high-quality play-based early learning program, support childrens' transition into kindergarten and schooling, as well as ease pick up and drop off for parents with older students at the same school.

"The new preschool will be a real boost for local families and will help Queanbeyan South continue to grow and thrive, strengthening the whole community, said Steve Whan, Member for Monaro.

"I'm delighted that work is now underway, and I share the community's excitement in seeing this fantastic new facility take shape over the coming months.

"This is one of 100 new public preschools the Minns Labor Government is delivering, and it shows our commitment to making high-quality early learning accessible to every family – no matter where they live or what they earn."

In addition to state-of-the-



art learning areas, each new preschool will include staff facilities, a kitchen, toilet facilities and landscaped outdoor areas.

"This public preschool development is significant for families throughout the Queanbeyan area. It will provide

access to high quality early learning programs, and support young children at a crucial stage in their development" said Kelly Broomham, Principal of Queanbeyan South Public School

"Early learning plays a vital role in setting the foundation for a child's

future success and supports a smooth transition to kindergarten"

"We are very excited about being able to welcome our youngest learners, supporting the beginning of their school journey at our new public preschool."

The new public preschool will be open by early 2027 and will accommodate up to 80 children per week.

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Community News

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](mailto: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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EOI: Rates Structure Review Panel 2026

QPRC

Expressions of Interest to join the Rates Structure Review Panel are now open.

We are looking for community members to join a Community Reference Panel who will provide feedback and advice to Council on a rates structure review.

The Panel will have an advisory role and will recommend a preferred rating structure for consideration by Council and the broader community.

The commitment from the panel is to receive briefing information about how Council distributes the rates burden across ratepayers in the local government area, attend 2-3 workshops, and contribute to ideas with other members of the community in February-March 2026.

Council staff will provide comprehensive information, be available to respond to questions, and facilitate the workshops so that all voices are heard. A briefing paper will be available on this page shortly.

Council will listen to the advice of the reference panel before making

a decision on setting the rates for the 2026-27 Operational Plan.

Panel members will be selected through this expression of interest process. Panel members will represent a range of ratepayer groups including business, residential and farmland ratepayers and be from across the local government area.

Prospective panel members may attend a briefing workshop to understand more about the rates review process and what will be required in the week of 1-5 December in Bungendore. For those who express their interest after these dates, the briefing information will be provided electronically via email. All information will be available publicly and remain available up until the workshops begin in February 2026.

Members of the panel will workshop with Council staff during February and March 2026.

Complete the EOI form on council YourVoice webpage prior to Wednesday 24 December if you'd like to be part of the community reference panel.

Make Christmas easy @ Bungendore IGA - place your festive feast orders now

Give yourself the gift of a stress free Christmas! Let us take care of your festive feast this year with a spread that's sure to delight everyone - from the kids to Grandad.

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in-store for the full selection).

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Mango & Chilli Glazed Ham

Serves: 12

Preparation Time: 70 minutes

Difficulty: Easy

Ingredients

Half leg ham, approx 5kg

1 cup chilli jam

4 ripe mangoes, stoned, peeled and chopped

1 lime, juiced and zested

2 tbsp dark rum (optional)

1 ½ cups macadamias, chopped

Method:

1. To make the glaze, place chilli jam, mango, lime juice, zest and rum in a food processor. Season and process until smooth. Stir through macadamias. Set aside.
2. Preheat oven to 170°C (150°C fan-forced). Remove skin from ham, carefully leaving a layer of fat. Using a sharp paring knife, slice a diamond pattern into the fat, taking care not to go too deep.
3. Place ham in a large roasting tray. Glaze hock with foil and brush ham generously with the glaze.
4. Cook for 1 hour, basting every 15 mins. Once caramelised, remove from oven and let rest. Serve warm or cold with any extra glaze on the side.

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Skin Check Truck returns: book early!

“We’re tackling skin cancer head on”

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

The Community Bank branches of Bungendore and Braidwood have partnered with the Australian Skin Cancer Foundation (ASCF) to have the Skin Check Truck visit their towns a second time to provide free on-site skin checks. The dates are as follows:

Tuesday 23 September Pambula

Braidwood: 15th and 16th of December 2025 - Ryrie Park

Bungendore: 17th and 18th of December 2025 - Mick Sherd Oval

Crookwell: 19th of December 2025 - Spring Street

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

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

Alongside the skin checks, the Truck provides educational

resources on skin cancer prevention, the importance of sun protection and recognising early signs of skin cancer.

CEO of ASCF, Jay Allen, said “We are excited to partner with the Community Banks and wish to acknowledge their generosity to enable members of their community to receive a free skin check”.

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

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

Registrations for appointments can be made now by simply scanning the QR Code on the poster.

Together we can tackle skin cancer head on!

More information on Bungendore head to page 13. For more information on Braidwood head to page 15.

Changes to parking time limits - Crawford Street, Queanbeyan

QPRC

Council has made changes to the short-term on-street parking time limits on Crawford Street, Queanbeyan between Morisset and Monaro Streets, and on Fallick Lane.

The changes will encourage turnover to help businesses in the area. The changes will be in place while the development

at 202 Crawford Street is under construction and then will be reviewed.

The 1-hour time limits have been replaced with a mixture of 1-hour, 30-minute and 15-minute time limits. A small 15-minute parking zone in Fallick Lane has been replaced with a loading zone.

Until the end of the year, parking rangers will be monitoring the area

but will not issue fines unless the vehicle has already received a prior warning.

If you need to park for a longer period, there is 3-hour and untimed parking on the edges of the CBD including in Council car parks - Morisset Car Park, Crawford Car Park, Rutledge Car Park, Lowe Car Park, and Collett Car Park.

Bungendore and Captains Flat Christmas Hamper Appeal 2025: donations are welcome until Tuesday December 9

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.

Together, we can make Christmas a little brighter for those around us.



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Carols@Jerra: this Saturday

Carols@Jerra

Saturday 6 December · 6pm

David Madew Oval, Jerrabomberra

Join us for a relaxed, family-friendly night of festive music and community spirit!

Gold coin entry – everyone welcome.

**On stage:**

Western Winds Concert Band · Sing Australia Choir · Jerrabomberra Primary School Choir · Bom Funk Dance Group · Jerrabomberra High School performers – plus a Christmas blessing from Pastor Jordan Ajaye... and a visit from Santa!

**Food & treats:**

BBQ (1st Jerra Scouts) · Pizzas & baked potatoes (Embrace Disability) · Cakes/tea/coffee (JHS P&C) · Fairy floss (French

Scouts · Dumplings (Deeva Delish) Electronic candles (JRA).

Bring your family, friends, picnic rug or chairs and enjoy Carols under the Jerra sky.

Wet weather venue: Jerrabomberra High School.



Council Meeting Summary - 26 November 2025

QPRC

Here is the summary of the resolutions made at the Ordinary Council meeting of 26 November 2025.

The archived recording of the meeting is now available at: <http://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au/archive/video25-1126.php>

- Council heard from 13 members of the public who made presentations about items on the agenda including: Development Application for Alterations and Additions to Existing Centre-based Child Care Facility at 275 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan; Development Application for Subdivision and Associated Roads, Infrastructure and Landscaping at 2 Abelia Avenue, Tralee; the Draft Braidwood Structure Plan; the Community Participation Plan; and Sporting Grounds Usage and Sporting Grounds Allocation policies.
- Council deferred consideration of a DA.2024.0303 for alterations and additions to an existing centre-based child care facility at 275 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan to allow the Heritage Advisory Committee to consider and report to Council
- Council received submissions report on exhibited Draft Braidwood Structure Plan, accepted the amendments arising from changes to population projections, water capacity and submissions and

will place on public exhibition until 20 Feb at <https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au>

- Council endorsed the amended Community Participation Plan for public exhibition until 6 Feb with further changes regarding notification of DA modification applications, and links to the Code of Meeting Practice and making presentations to Council meetings
- Council granted conditional consent to DA.2025.0270 for subdivision at 2 Abelia Avenue and 223 Alderson Place, Tralee to create 35 lots including open space, associated roads, infrastructure and landscaping
- Council endorsed the Review of Environmental Factors for the proposed Queanbeyan to Bungendore Water Transfer System
- Council endorsed planning proposal - Minimum Subdivision Lot Sizes for Certain Split Zones to amend Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Local Environmental Plan 2022, will forward to NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for Gateway determination and request local plan-making authority, undertake agency consultation and public exhibition as required
- Council received 2024-25 audited Financial Statements and Auditors Reports, and noted the audited financial statements include an unmodified opinion

from NSW Audit Office

- Council received and noted September 2025 Quarterly Budget Review Statement, adopted budget variations and noted opinion of Responsible Accounting Officer that financial performance and projected year result is satisfactory
- Council received Investment Report for October 2025, noting return of \$1,490,609
- Council approved use of existing capital budget allocation for building heating and cooling and lighting efficiency upgrades, accepted Community Energy Upgrade Fund grant for the Googong Water Recycling Plant and approved co-funding from the Queanbeyan Sewer Fund
- Council adopted recommendations to provide funding under the QPRC Local Heritage Grant Program
- Council noted the Ellerton Drive Post Construction Compliance Assessment 2025 report prepared by RCA Australia Pty Ltd and its findings and will develop a priority plan of actions for determining which property noise treatments and recommendations should be addressed
- Council endorsed the Sporting Grounds Usage Policy and Sporting Grounds Allocation Policy and will refer both policies for the Sports Council for

feedback and review and place both policies on public exhibition for 28 days

- Council endorsed the Captains Flat Community Plan for public exhibition and comment for 28 days
- Council received information report about the upgrade of the Queanbeyan Sewage Treatment Plant
- Council received information report about residential electrification financing
- Council received information report about advocacy around the Code of Meeting Practice 2025
- Council noted the minutes of the Access Committee meeting on 29 October 2025, endorsing the recommendation of the Committee to consider an accessibility audit of the Bungendore CBD as part of the 2025-26 Accessibility Audit works
- Council noted the minutes of Sustainability and Climate Change Committee meeting on 30 October 2025
- Council noted the minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee meeting on 30 October 2025
- Council noted the minutes of the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting on 13 November 2025
- Council will write to Minister to object to proposal at 50 Morisset Street, Queanbeyan being designated as state

significant development because of potential advise impacts on residents and local businesses and request Minister revoke Ministerial Order

- Council will receive a report on the changes to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 through the Planning System Reforms Bill 2025
- Council received report with answers to questions with notice about the installation of solid fuel heaters in 2024-25
- Council received questions with notice about parking spaces required for development consent of The Q relating to construction of the Nellie Hamilton Centre and adjacent land sold to Village Building Company, with answers to be provided at upcoming meeting
- Council received report with answers to questions about EV charging infrastructure in Bungendore
- In closed session, Council awarded contract for Firethorn Place, Jerrabomberra new crossing facilities and shared user path for primary school to Cord Civil Pty Ltd for \$314,452 ex GST

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>

BreastScreen NSW expands machine reading to all women following a successful roll out

Following the successful rollout of machine reading technology 12 months ago, BreastScreen NSW is expanding use to include mammography images of all first-time screeners.

The technology - initially used to read selected images from women aged 50-59 - has significantly reduced call backs for further tests, reducing stress for women, without compromising cancer detection rates.

By the end of 2025, it's predicted that as a direct result of the technology's accuracy, around 500, or 20 per cent fewer women, will be asked to return for additional tests, which can include a breast

ultrasound and a needle biopsy.

Since the technology was introduced, it's read more than 19,000 images and detected more than 130 cancers.

Donna, who was diagnosed with breast cancer aged 60 years said, "Breast cancer has been a big part of my family's story. My younger sister was diagnosed in 2006 and my elder sister was diagnosed in 2012. Given our family history I made sure to have regular breast screens. And it's a good thing I did because in 2016 it was my turn."

"Fortunately my cancer was caught through a breast screen early and now I tell everyone if the BreastScreen NSW bus comes

to your area go get checked. You don't have to go alone take a friend. The first time can be a bit of a shock but after that it just becomes routine something you do for your health and your life."

BreastScreen NSW was Australia's first population-based screening program to introduce the cutting-edge technology to support radiologists in interpreting a select range of mammography images.

At least one radiologist continues to read every woman's image to look for the early stages of breast cancer, with machine reading technology providing additional analysis.

The technology is ensuring

BreastScreen NSW can continue to deliver a world class service, while meeting the needs of NSW's growing population.

Successfully used in similar international population-based screening programs, BreastScreen NSW undertook a world-first study to extensively evaluate the accuracy and efficacy of this new technology prior to its implementation.

The study showed the technology produced comparable results to the existing screening program, without compromising cancer detection rates.

For women aged 50-74, a breast screen every two years is the

best way to detect breast cancer early - before it can be seen or felt. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women are recommended to screen from age 40.

Early detection not only significantly increases a person's chance of survival, it can also greatly reduce the need for invasive treatment like a mastectomy.

Any woman who has noticed a change in their breasts, like a lump, should see their doctor without delay.

For more information and to make an appointment at a local BreastScreen NSW clinic or mobile van, call 13 20 50 or book online at [www.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au](http://www.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au).

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Community News

Upcoming Christmas festivities

Crawford Street, Queanbeyan: Christmas Activities

Over the next few Saturdays, come on down to Crawford Street from 10am-1pm for some family festive activities.

Sat 6 December - bauble decorating with Southern Tablelands Arts

Sat 13 December - letter writing to Santa with Miss Constance Spry

Sat 20 December - kids face painting and Carols with the Queanbeyan Choir

2025 Braidwood Community Christmas Party

Friday, 05 December 2025 - 4pm to 8pm

Join the community at Ryrie Park for Braidwood's 2025 Community Christmas Party on Friday 5 December from 4-8pm.

There will be entertainment from home grown stars, delicious food, free family activities, traditional carols, speciality acts and a visit from Santa.

Carols @ Jerra

Saturday, 06 December 2025 - 6pm to 9pm

The JRA is hosting Carols@

Jerra at David Madew Oval on 6 December from 6pm.

Come along for a community event to bring everyone together at the start of the festive season.

Bungendore Community Christmas Markets

Saturday, 06 December 2025 - 9am to 2pm

Bungendore Community Christmas Markets, green space behind the Anglican Church, Butmarro Street, Bungendore

Captains Flat Christmas Markets

Saturday, 06 December 2025 - 10am to 2pm

Captains Flat HUGE Christmas Markets and Captains Flat Hotel Car Boot Sale

Over 30+ stalls packed with festive goodies!

Plus BBQ, coffee van, gelato, doughnuts & more

Bring the family, get photos with Santa, support local, and soak up the Christmas magic!

2025 Bungendore Community Christmas Party

Friday, 12 December 2025 - 4pm to 8pm

Join us at Mick Sherd Oval for Bungendore's 2025 Community Christmas Party on Friday 12 December from 4-8pm. There will be entertainment from home grown stars, delicious food and free family activities, traditional carols and speciality acts and a visit from Santa.

This event is for all ages and free to attend.

Bywong Community Christmas Gathering

Saturday 13 December - 4:30 pm.

Bywong Community Christmas Gathering. There will be activities for the kids, nibbles and a few drinks. Bring your Friends.

Bywong Community Association, 67 Birriwa Rd, Bywong 2621

Hoskinstown Kids Christmas Party & Community BBQ

Saturday 13 December from 4pm

Hoskinstown Kids Christmas Party & Community BBQ

Hoskinstown War Memorial Hall,

See Santa arrive on a fire truck (bring along a wrapped and labelled present for each of your children to pop



into Santa's sack) Bring a plate of party food to share.

Then stay on for the Community BBQ (lucky door prize)

Bring a picnic or purchase BBQ goodies. (BYO drinks and nibbles)

Fun for all the family. All Welcome!

Tarago Sporting Associations Christmas Party

You are invited to the TSA's annual Christmas party

Where: At the Rec grounds, 2124 Braidwood Rd, Tarago

Time: from 2pm

Food, games, market stalls and festive fun!

Christmas @ Phil's Op Shop

Friday 19 December - 10am to 12 noon

Christmas Carols by the Queanbeyan Junior Brass Band, \$5 bag sale, Christmas Photo Booth, Cake, Coffee

27 Butmaroo Street, Bungendore

Join us for some festival fun at our last "Phil Good Friday" for 2025

Queanbeyan Community Christmas Party and Carols

Thursday, 18 December 2025 - 4pm to 9pm

This year's Queanbeyan Community Christmas Party and Carols will be held in the Sunken Garden in the iconic Queanbeyan Park.

The program includes traditional carols and Christmas performances.

Pack a picnic and join the community just before Christmas for the ultimate sing-along.

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# Bungendore High School Buzz

Bungendore High School

Every Thursday afternoon, a group of keen Year 9 students head over to Bungendore Scout Hall to share stories and skills with older locals. This intergenerational project is run in conjunction with the local BaptistCare and has been a huge hit for all participants. Students interview the older adults and work towards creating artefacts that tell a story based on their lives. The project culminates in a Showcase in which students and older adults share their experiences of the



process and students present their finished projects.

Our Student Representative Council organised a Pyjama Day to raise money for the Queanbeyan Night Podz. The night podz are buses that provide a safe, warm place to sleep for anyone doing it tough. We raised \$163 for Queanbeyan Night Podz; thanks to everyone who donated!

Photos supplied



# Queanbeyan Business Chamber - A Voice For Queanbeyan

Notice of the formation of an inaugural Steering Committee to guide the launch of a new Business Chamber in Queanbeyan

Following representations from local politicians The Hon. Kristy McBain MP, The Hon. Steve Whan MP, plus Queanbeyan Mayor, Kenrick Winchester, all advocating for the establishment of an independent voice to represent local businesses, retired local businessman Ian McNamee, along with former Mayor Frank Pangallo and former Deputy Mayor Sue Whelan OAM, convened a group to help guide the formation of a new Chamber of Commerce for Queanbeyan.

This 'Steering Committee' is now undertaking the duties required to legally form the entity, establish a bank account, draft an initial constitution and organise inaugural committee positions that can bring the chamber to life.

Local businessman Anthony McDonald, owner of The Royal Hotel, has accepted the role of the inaugural President with other local business figures Connie Black, Jan Browne, Scott Winsor and Jonathan McIlroy assisting with support functions ahead of a committee being chosen.

The group has also had significant advice and support from the CEO of the Canberra Business Chamber, Greg Harford.

Just some of the issues that have already been identified where the new Queanbeyan Business Chamber could add its voice include:

The impacts on businesses due to the proposed Monaro Street Refresh

QPRC's long term planning objectives and proposals

Matters that impact on the promotion of shopping in Queanbeyan CBD, Jerrabomberra and Googong, including free parking

Revisiting the idea of widening Pialligo Avenue from Yass Road to help with growing traffic concerns

The promotion of social and recreational activities that drive the visitor economy for the region

Some of the activities for members of the new Chamber that are already under development by the Steering Committee, include a regular series of educational events, on topics like AI and Cyber Security, as well as regular lunches and evening events.

## Have you considered volunteering!

Do you have a few hours a week to assist the Bungendore Unit support their local community?

How can you assist?

\* Support the unit: Administration, Facebook page etc

\* Support the community: Attending Community Engagement activities

\* Maintaining your skills: logistics and maintenance of equipment

And of course!

\* Meet new and interesting people

Bungendore Unit members age ranges from 18 to 80 and all are active in supporting the Unit and community.

If you would like to learn more about volunteering with the Bungendore NSW SES, please drop in and say hi!

When: Monday, December 8th

Time: From 7.00 pm

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Community News

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](mailto:ruralwomensnetwork@tco.nsw.gov.au).  
Photo: Hidden Treasures



Sweet ag scene wows judges

A heartwarming image of a kelpie sleeping on freshly shorn wool has won the 2025 National Agriculture Day photography and video competition, in a record year for entries.  
The serene photo depicts red kelpie “Hazel” taking a break from yarding sheep with a kip on a pile of fresh wool.  
Photographer Kiana Waters captured the moment in a bustling South Australian shearing shed in Victor Harbor where she was working with her partner while they travelled around Australia.  
“I decided to take my camera with me to capture some images as this is something I’ve never experienced before,” Kiana said.  
“After watching Hazel move the lambs with her owner into the next pens ready for the shearers, I noticed she would make herself cosy on the wool until she was needed again. This was a moment that needed to be captured.”  
The annual competition is run by the National Farmers’ Federation and sponsored by Syngenta as part of National Agriculture Day celebrations.  
Six winning entries will now share in \$5000 worth of prizes, thanks to Syngenta.  
NFF President Hamish McIntyre congratulated the winners and entrants. “We had more than 630 entries in this year’s competition, making it the biggest year since we started the comp in 2021,” Mr McIntyre said.  
“It was hard to pick a winner, but I think the winning image speaks for itself.”  
“A huge thank you to everyone who supported this competition and National Agriculture Day.  
“It was fantastic to see so many people Stand with the Land on Ag Day this year.  
“We’re looking forward to an even bigger and better day next year.”  
National Agriculture Day is held on the third Friday of November each year.  
“This competition is such a fantastic way to celebrate Ag Day, and it has been great to be involved for yet



another year,” said David Van Ryswyk, Managing Director, Syngenta ANZ.  
Photo supplied of First place - Kiana Waters  
“Sleeping on Cloud 9” photo taken near Victor Harbor, SA.

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# Generous Donations and Craft Conversations

Bungendore Crafters' Co-Op met on Thursday night for their fortnightly BYO craft project evening. The evening kicked off with a generous donation from a member of the public. The craft

supplies will most definitely be appreciated, loved and used knowing that they carry a history as important and cherished as the owners that came before. The crafters soon arrived, bringing

their works-in-progress, which included a crocheted blanket and washcloths, native Australian floral cushion covers, a cross-stitch bee and flower, visible mending projects, crocheted purple poppies, nature journaling, the cutest pair of sewn geese, embroidery and a completed linen cowl. The conversation was as inspiring and enjoyable as the craft projects, with the group excitedly discussing group and community project ideas for the new year. The Crafters' Co-Op look forward to our fortnightly craft nights and monthly craft workshops continuing in the new year. A recent craft workshop saw participants learning how to bead on a loom under the guidance and expert skills of local craftsperson and dear Crafters' Co-Op friend, Naomi Waters. She demonstrated the art of beading on a loom to create a boho-chic leather wrap bracelet adorned with only the most sparkly and colourful beads. The Co-op eagerly await the Scrappy Fabric Wreath Workshop, which will be held in December. Watch Humanitix and the community pages of Facebook for ticketing details.

The craft evenings are held every second Thursday and new crafters are always welcome—whether you're picking up a craft for the first time or have been crafting for years. The Co-Op will meet again on Thursday 11th December at 55



Gibraltar Street from 6-8pm for a very special crafty Christmas Co-Op party! For further information and to check out the Co-Op's upcoming craft workshops open to all members of the public, check

out the Bungendore Crafters' Co-Operative on Facebook or contact Thalia on 0412 884 120. Happy crafting! Photos supplied

## Producers urged to get in quick before eID Tag Discount wraps up

NSW Producers are being reminded to utilise the Sheep and Goat eID Tag Discount before the program concludes on December 31. The program provides a discount of \$0.76 each (incl GST) for 2025 NLIS-accredited white eID devices when purchased from a retailer or manufacturer between 1 November 2024 to 31 December 2025 (or until funds are exhausted) and includes eID tags

and leg bands. The program has seen a strong uptake of eID tags, with approximately 15 million eID tags purchased since November 2024, nearly 1.8 million eIDs scanned in saleyards in 2025 so far and approximately 22.4% of the sheep and goats coming through saleyards already equipped with an eID device. Since 1 January, all NSW saleyards have been required to

scan electronic identification (eID) devices for sheep and goats and producers have been required to attach eID tags to any lambs or kids born after that date before they are moved. Processors, saleyards, agents and producers have benefited from a diverse range of support activities from the NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development Sheep & Goat eID implementation team.

Since January 2023, extension staff have interacted with over 24000 stakeholders at 1295 industry events in 240 locations across the state, launched online and in-person training workshops, and developed stories showcasing the real-world application of eID on NSW farms. The eID program is essential in strengthening the integrity of the state's livestock traceability system and represents a

significant step forward in biosecurity and livestock management for the NSW sheep and goat industry. For more information on the implementation of eID for sheep and goats in NSW please visit the NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (NSW DPIRD) website and sign up to the NSW sheep and goat eID newsletter - <https://bit.ly/3U7Q3CK>

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TAWS December News

It's been a busy few months for the Tarago Area Women's Shed, with plenty going on both around town and inside the workshop. As always, our members have thrown themselves into activities with enthusiasm, good humour and a healthy amount of sawdust.

In October, we rolled out our stall at the Car, Bike and Ute Show on the Rec Ground. The weather behaved, the crowds were steady and our recycled pallet Christmas trees were popular once again. It's always a great event for meeting locals, catching up with familiar faces and admiring the impressive and varied vehicles on display.

November kicked off with our AGM on the 6th at 2pm at the Loaded Dog. We reflected on the year's achievements, welcomed new ideas and generally appreciated how much can be accomplished when a group of enthusiastic makers get together regularly.

The Loaded Dog made its second appearance on our calendar soon after, hosting the combined Men's and Women's Shed Christmas party. As usual, it was a packed and cheerful affair—

excellent food, famously generous servings, and plenty of laughter. A huge thanks to the team at the pub for another top-notch spread.

Early December will see us out in the community once more, this time at the Bunnings Christmas Night. It's always a fun evening with a great atmosphere, and a nice chance to show off the creativity bubbling away inside the Shed.

Speaking of creativity—our workshop has been busy again. Eve is shaping another of her distinctive chicken-mesh garden “baskets,” which always turn out well. Clare whipped up a clever right-angle clamping jig she spotted on Facebook, proving once again that social media does indeed have its uses. Debbie is powering through the base of her new coffee table. It is almost finished. Jenni has started making direction signs for the town to help our visitors.

Cherrie is close to finishing her calligraphy ink stands—just the edging and oiling to go. Now she can concentrate on assembling her bee box kits. Leanne is working on her beautiful



animal shapes and helping others in the workshop as her tool experience grows. Our newest member, also Leanne, has completed a classic, simple birdhouse. Once she's settled in with the tools, she's will undoubtedly move onto more ambitious projects.

The rest of us have had a fine time, chatting, sharing stories and eating cake.

All in all, it's been a lively, productive, and thoroughly enjoyable season at the Shed. We look forward to further progress in 2026.

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Bungendore Quilters Annual Exhibition

Jane Bloomfield

The Bungendore Quilters 18th Exhibition, held on the weekend of 22/23 November, was very successful. The rain stayed away for the most part and we had a fantastic turnout with 618 adults coming through the doors. Visitors came from Bungendore and region, across NSW and other states as well as Canada.

Our Guest Exhibitor this year was Merle Ketley, an incredibly accomplished designer and sewer who had a spectacular display of costumes and belly dancing outfits. It is daunting to think of the hours Merle spent making these items.

The Viewer's Choice Award is always a talking point and this year Jo Tregear won 1st prize with Japanese Circles, Lindy Buckpitt won 2nd prize with Heads and Tails, 3rd and 4th prizes went to Sandra Kopetinsky with her quilts Heart and Home and Bonheur de Jour. All very well deserved winners.

There were two Challenges

this year. Members found the Portrait Challenge quite intimidating. They had to make an impression of another member of the group with textiles. 1st prize went to Jo Tregear with her portrait Jude and Merle Ketley won 2nd prize with her portrait Julie. The second challenge was a zippered pouch and was won by Robyn Podmore with her pouch Girls on Green, 2nd to Jude Nettlingham with her gladstone bag and 3rd to Gillian Warwick with her flat zippered pouch.

We get our set up/pack down crew to draw the raffle and 1st prize was won by Merle Ketley (member), 2nd went to Liz Fitzgerald from Cooma and 3rd went to Elke Hughes (member). Luckily, a member didn't draw the winners or there could have been questions asked! All were delighted with their wins and we are sure your quilts will be enjoyed.

The Jar of Buttons guessing competition created a lot of amusement as to who would have been the bunny to count all those buttons



(don't ask)! Eli Whiterod from Queanbeyan had the first correct answer drawn with 4,797.

Many thanks to all those who came and enjoyed the exhibition and all it had to offer.





Community News

The Parliamentary year is over, but still a lot of work to be done over summer

While the parliamentary year has come to a close, there's still plenty to do over summer.

Over the past week, I've been busy in my Emergency Management portfolio, visiting communities in Darwin and the Tiwi Islands impacted by Tropical Cyclone Fina. The cyclone brought down trees and power lines, but the resilience and good spirits of these communities were inspiring. Listening to their experiences firsthand is

always invaluable.

During the final sitting week, I spoke on legislation to pause the indexation of excise and customs duty rates on draught beer for two years. This measure will help ease pressure on pubs, clubs, and venues—supporting small businesses and regional tourism across Australia.

I also joined Housing Minister Clare O'Neil at the Local Government Housing Forum to discuss practical solutions to Australia's

housing challenges. Housing remains one of the most important issues facing our communities, and collaboration is key.

One of my favourite parts of sitting weeks is welcoming students from across Eden-Monaro to Parliament House. This time, I had the pleasure of meeting students and staff from Pambula Public School and Narooma High School—always a highlight!

Bushfire preparedness was another focus. I

stood alongside Member for Macquarie Susan Templeman, who tragically lost her home in the Winmalee bushfires 12 years ago, to remind everyone of the importance of having a plan and evacuation kit as we head into high-risk weather season. If you haven't made a bushfire plan yet, now is the time.

**Have a plan**

1. Know where your Neighbourhood Safer Places

are

2. Have an emergency kit ready: battery-powered radio, spare batteries, water, non-perishable food supplies, valuables and identity documents

3. Make sure you share your plan with family and friends

4. Being prepared can save lives.

Last week I had the absolute pleasure of joining the Mongarlowe community to officially open the Mongarlowe Community Hall, funded by \$1.5 million from the Australian Government's Black Summer Bushfire Recovery (BSBR) Grants Program. This program is designed to help communities recover from the devastating impacts of the 2019-20 bushfires.

The new state of the art hall will serve as an emergency refuge, providing shelter during fires or natural disasters, as well as a community centre and smart hub to strengthen preparedness, resilience, and recovery. A huge thank you to the Mongarlowe community for delivering this incredible facility—a place that will bring people together in times of need and celebration.

And finally, a personal highlight to end the week—taking a ride in 'Gellibrand', Braidwood's beautifully restored 1930s Dodge. It's a true piece of history and well worth a look next time you're in beautiful Braidwood!

Over the next few weeks, I'll be attending school presentations across Eden-Monaro - and I'm always inspired by the achievements and hard work of our students.

These events are a wonderful opportunity to celebrate academic success, sporting achievements, creative talents, and the resilience shown throughout the year. To every student: congratulations on your efforts and dedication. To all the teachers, staff, parents, and carers: thank you for the support you provide every day. I am looking forward to sharing in these special moments with our schools and communities!

Kristy McBain

Member for Eden-Monaro  
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Left: official opening of Mongarlowe Community Hall. Photo supplied



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Community News

Pleasure in the Pathless Wood

An exhibition of paintings by John Fairfield

Why do we love animals so much? It may be that we see animals as extensions of us - as part of life.

Animals don't lie, cheat, hate or discriminate. Animals have infinite and immeasurable qualities. They are an endless yet enjoyable miracle of nature and they have an incredible intuition. They can

sense everything about you. So it is no wonder that these incredible creatures are considered our best friends for the past ten thousand years. "My work hopefully conveys my love and admiration for the natural world and the flora and fauna which inhabit it," John said.

"There is a pleasure in the pathless wood,  
There is a rapture on the lonely shore  
I love not man the less, but nature more"

George Gordon Byron

John is an Irish freelance wildlife artist who has been based in Canberra since 2022. Born in a small village outside Belfast in Northern Ireland, the Irish woodlands, shorelines of Strangford Lough and the rural landscape, instilled in him a deep-rooted love of nature and wildlife.

Never wanting to be locked into a single painting style John constantly explores different artistic disciplines and mediums. John exhibited widely in Belfast in the 1990s and 2000s. While living in



Vietnam, he had joint and solo exhibitions in Hanoi. Since settling in Canberra, John has contributed paintings to Radford College Art Shows, Rusten House Queanbeyan, and the Art Society of Canberra Spring Exhibitions.

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How much do you need to retire?



by Phil Harvey  
Knowing how much people need to retire is one of the biggest questions a lot of people will face.

The good news is it is pretty easy to work out. The bad news is there isn't a simple answer, as everyone's idea of a comfortable retirement is different.

For a single person they might need somewhere between \$50,000 and \$80,000 and a couple might need between \$75,000 and \$150,000.

The rule of thumb is for every \$10,000 dollars a year you want to spend in retirement, you need around \$230,000 in investments (for the purposes of this, ignore whether this is in super or not).

While this is useful, it is also a bit misleading, as it doesn't factor in things like the age pension or how your expenses will change (ie

reduce) over time. If you followed the rule of thumb and worked until you had \$2.3 million invested, you could safely retire at 60 and draw \$100,000 of the investment for the rest of your life.

Assuming you were invested in a range of investments that gave a long-term return of 8%:

- You would have an 85% chance of never running out of money. A comforting result.
- You would have a 60% chance of having the equivalent amount of money to when you retired. Retire with confidence.
- You would have a 40% chance of having twice as much money as when you retired. Great result, especially for your kids!

With the age pension

Now, if this same couple wanted \$100,000 a year and factored in the age pension, they could

retire when they had \$1.7 million in investments. This could mean they were able to retire 3-4 years sooner than they thought possible.

Changing expenses

Generally, our peak spending years are between the ages of 30 and 60. No surprise, especially if there are kids involved.

Once people retire, they tend to spend less than when they were working. From 60-70 it decreases slightly, but beyond 70 it falls about 3% a year.

If this couple factored in that they were going to start spending \$100,000 a year but acknowledge it would not increase in line with inflation every year, they could retire on around \$1.2 million and still never run out of money.

Let's take this one step further for those that desperately want to retire earlier. If the expenses were reduced to \$75,000 (and didn't increase in line with inflation) and



the age pension was factored into it, you could retire with about \$700,000 invested and not run out of money.

This is good news, because the most recent data shows that the average 60-year-old couple have around \$700,000 in their super. In other words, for the average 60-year-old couple it is easily attainable to have a comfortable retirement with what you already have.

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# Jerra Probus November 2025

At our November meeting we tried a once only variation. Instead of a guest speaker, six members of the club each gave a five-minute cameo presentation from personal experiences in their lives. We heard from Christine Cox, Peter Haddon, Joy McKay, Pamela Mikola, Marilyn Moir and Robyn Munari. All referred to how challenges can provide opportunities while Marilyn expressed great lifelong pleasure through music and Joy provided a practical demonstration of chair exercises to assist those with,

or seeking to delay, Parkinsons disease.

There will be no meeting in December. Our guest speaker on Wednesday 21 January will be Justin Parish, Branch Manager CBA Queanbeyan who will talk about "Staying Safe on-line". If you are interested in our Probus Club, we now have a website recently set up by our President Chris Colton. You can find it here; <https://probussouthpacific.org/micrositesjerrabomberrac>

Jerra Probus meets on the third



Wednesday of each month, except December, from 10.30 to noon at the Jerra Community Centre.

If you would like to visit one of our meetings to see how we work, please contact our Secretary Eleanor Robertson so you can receive a suitable welcome and introduction.

Email: [Eleanor.vqa@gmail.com](mailto:Eleanor.vqa@gmail.com)  
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Peter Haddon  
Jerra Probus Club

Photos supplied of Vice President Tom Lewis and the six presenters.

### Official opening of the Norah Starrs Community Centre

QPRC

You are invited to the official opening of the Norah Starrs Community Centre. Norah Starrs was a founding member of the Bungendore Community Aid (BCA), who started using the community centre shortly after it was built and have continued to use the space. The centre is being named in Norah's honour.

The BCA championed numerous initiatives including a community library, employment service, Childhood Centre, tree planting, community transport, and emergency food and financial aid. It also secured a workspace for the community nurse, who later operated from the Bungendore Community Centre

- Wednesday 17 December 4-5pm
- Norah Starrs Community Centre (Bungendore Community Centre)
- Corner of Majara Street and Turallo Terrace, Bungendore

If you're interested in attending, please RSVP to the QPRC Community Facilities team by email [qprc.communityfacilities@qprc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:qprc.communityfacilities@qprc.nsw.gov.au) for catering purposes by Monday 15 December 2025

Following the official opening, the final Ordinary Council Meeting of the year will be held in the Norah Starrs Community Centre from 5.30pm.



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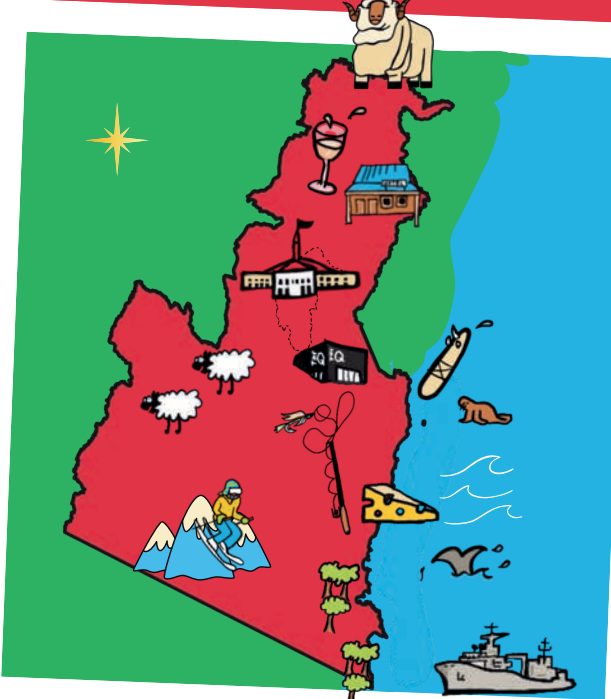
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# Venture into the enchanted forest once more this December!

Prepare to be transported once more to the enchanted forest this summer, as Echo Theatre reprise Shakespeare's famous comedy, A Midsummer Night's Dream, in the great outdoors.

Brought to life by a cast of our region's finest and funniest actors, including Jim Adamik (God of Carnage, Goldilocks and the Three Bears), Lainie Hart (God of Carnage), and Sally Taylor (Bombshells, Puffs!) - and marking the return of The Q's Artistic Director Jordan Best to the stage as Titania and Hippolyta, this exciting production promises laughter and romance, moonlit woods, love potions, and more than a few misunderstandings.

After being a huge success with audiences and critics alike, Jordan Best says she "can't wait to bring this

hilarious production back, A Midsummer Night's Dream is such a perfect play for a summers' evening."

Best is also directing the production, and shares, "It is so funny! Whether you are a person who loves Shakespeare or not, it is accessible and easy to follow. The characters are recognisable, there's magic, love, ridiculous misunderstandings, and the most magnificently terrible play within a play you've ever seen."

"I have been in this play several times," continues Best, "I've played Bottom, Hermia, Helena, and Demetrius and I've directed it once before, and I'm so excited to be getting back in front of the audience this year as Titania and Hippolyta. This cast are exceptional, the setting is


sublime, and it is one of my favourite plays. If you've never been to Shakespeare before, this is a great one to start with. It's a gateway Shakespeare!"

A Midsummer Night's Dream will open on Saturday, 13 December, in the lead up to The Q's 2026 Season Launch event on Monday 15 December. The production then runs until Sunday, 21 December with evening performances from Wednesday to Sunday. The production is also being presented under The Q's 'Pay What You Feel' model, where patrons can attend at a price that suits their circumstances.

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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:** on the



3rd Tuesday of the month at 1.30pm, Rear 1 Farrer Place. Next meeting is on 16 December 2025 with entertainment (at Axis Centre) commencing at 12.30pm.

**Riverside Plaza Stall** monthly - We will be in Riverside Plaza on Saturday 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](mailto: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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## My Aged Care in seriousness need of an overhaul following independent review

The Inspector-General of Aged Care's final report of its Review of My Aged Care has exposed significant flaws and inadequacies with the platform designed to be the single-entry point to the aged care system.

The review found that My Aged Care is onerously complex to navigate and not tailored to the needs of older people; it is poorly understood due to a lack of awareness; the delivery model is not fit-for-purpose; and there is a lack of equity

for older people from diverse backgrounds or complex needs.

Older Persons Advocacy Network (OPAN) CEO Craig Gear said the findings are not surprising given what we consistently hear from older people, with My Aged Care in need of an overhaul.

"The report's message is clear - My Aged Care is failing too many older people, who are left unable to navigate and access the support they need, when

they need it," Mr Gear said. "My Aged Care is meant to be the front door to the aged care system, but many older people are unable to find the front door or to step their way through it."

"Aged care is very complex and older people deserve user friendly and easy to navigate pathways including in person access points."

"OPAN was pleased to participate in the consultations for the review, which included

complying with voluntary requests for anonymised data and information from our systems, which demonstrated the challenges faced by older people in navigating My Aged Care. This was the first use of the Inspector-General of Aged Care's information request powers.

"Australia has an ageing population, and it is crucial that points of access to aged care cater to the needs of all older people, particularly those from

diverse backgrounds and in remote locations. Greater investment and commitment are needed to achieve an accessible system.

"OPAN welcomes the report's recommendations, which includes improving public awareness, reducing system complexity and enabling equitable access to aged care.

"We acknowledge some changes have been made to the My Aged Care website with the commencement of

the new Act. Regardless, older people are still reporting difficulties in locating providers on the website as well as the ability to compare pricing.

"Older people deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. Reforming My Aged Care would be a positive step in achieving that."

For information or support regarding aged care, please call the Aged Care Advocacy Line on 1800 700 600 or visit [opan.org.au](http://opan.org.au)



Community News

Maria's Community Corner

**Maria Porreca**  
What a wonderful day the grand opening of the South Jerrabomberra Town Park was on Saturday 15th. The park is amazing with so many activities for residents to enjoy from learn-to-ride facility to playground to nature



play area. There's also a splash pad, basketball court, outdoor gym and a community centre. On the day there was live DJ, high tea, free BBQ and coffee, arts & craft, giveaways and Victor the Viking was also there. The park is located at 1 Carnation Drive, Tralee and well worth a visit.

On Monday 17th the CWA Group Executive met at Fedra Olive Grove, something a bit different, for its regular meeting. The Olive View Café was lovely (it's been a while since my last visit) and the lunch was delicious. The staff were very pleasant and helpful. We will be going back there for our next Executive meeting.

That evening, I attended a function at the Italian Community Hall in Carinya Street to meet and listen to Franca Crudo from Zungri, Calabria, Italy. Franca is the

woman behind the ASFALANTEA Association, an organization created to revive ancient Calabrian customs and traditions. She has dedicated her life to preserving and promoting local peasant traditions, dialects and rural traditions, especially the art of traditional bread-making and local customs. It's essentially an initiative to keep ancestral culture alive through experiences and storytelling. She also makes perfume using flowers that grow wild in the rocky terrain. Franca tells stories and charms audiences with her songs and dance. This is her first visit to Australia and is an amazing, inspiring 65 year old lady.

On Saturday 22nd some members of the CWA Queanbeyan Evening Branch provided afternoon tea for the Betty Reid Catholic Ball Debutante Photo Collection from



1964-2000. It was held at St Gregory's School Hall in McQuoid Street. There were loads of photos, dresses and other items of interest on display. Attendees shared heartwarming stories and joyful reminiscing. Well done CWA QEB ladies and congratulations to all for such a successful event.

Then on Sunday 23 I attended, for a short period, the Italian Festa at 18 Carinya Street. It was great to catch up with people I haven't seen

for a while. The spaghetti eating competition was a huge success. Sadly, on Thursday 27 the Queanbeyan Health Walking Group farewelled one of our youngest walkers - Amy Foster. Amy was a sweet, caring young lady, gone too soon. She was 46. She will be missed by us all.

Till next time take care, stay safe & well everyone.

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Bungendore & Braidwood Shop & Win continues

Bungendore and Braidwood 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.

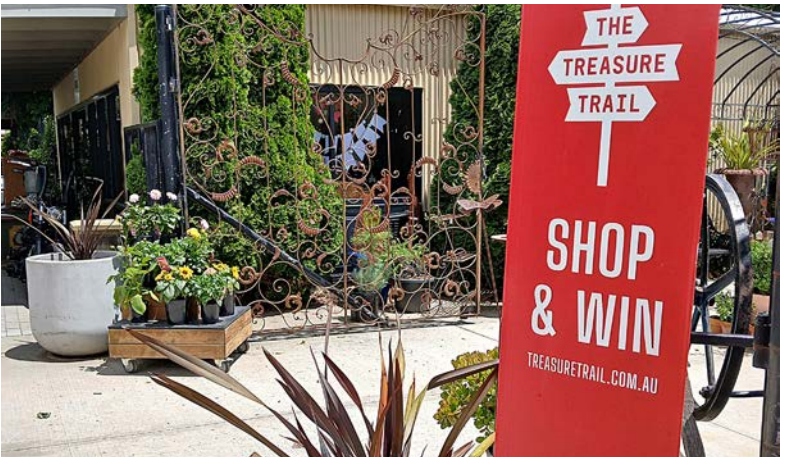
Each town has \$10,000 on offer, including weekly \$500 vouchers and major voucher prizes of \$1000, \$2000, and \$5000. Every time you spend \$20 or more at


a participating business, you'll receive a unique code for your chance to win.

Participating businesses in Bungendore and Braidwood are listed online at [treasuretrail.com.au/win](http://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.






## Zumba Demonstration

Hosted by Qbn Senior Citizens

**Tuesday 16 December 2025**  
**12:30 pm - 01:30 pm**  
Featuring: *Ellie Parr & Zumba class members*  
♀ **Axis Centre: car park, Entrance from Cnr of Campbell St and, Park St, Queanbeyan**



Zumba is a fun, easy-to-follow workout for everybody at every level! There's a reason they call it exercise in disguise! Passion for dance and music has been an integral part of Ellie's life from a very early age. Ellie is a qualified dance instructor specializing in Classical Ballet and Scottish Dancing and has taught hundreds of aspiring dancers in her younger years. Ellie's dancing skills were put to good use in the gym as an Aerobics Instructor throughout Australia during the 1980's, and now as an instructor of ZUMBA, she can share with others her passion of dance, music and fitness.

Ellie loves teaching Zumba for the Queanbeyan Senior Citizens on Tuesdays. It is wonderful to see so many who feel they have "two left feet" grow and blossom as they become more confident. Zumba is not only beneficial for our overall physical fitness but is very good for our cognitive health and is also a wonderful social outlet. If you enjoy dancing, fabulous music, and having fun, come and join us! No previous experience is necessary.

For enquires contact Brenda Russell 0407 201 392 or Kim Collins 0407 902 989  
Queanbeyan Senior Citizens Association  
Address: 1 Farrer Place, (Cnr Lowe & Monaro) Queanbeyan,  
Email: [qbnseniors@gmail.com](mailto:qbnseniors@gmail.com)  
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Community News

White hair syndrome - when you're the last customer served



National Seniors Australia

A new NSA research report reveals your experiences of ageist treatment in shops, cafes, and bars.

It is a generally accepted fact that when we head out on the town to spend on goods or services, we want to have a fun time and be treated with respect.

Whether we are buying a coffee or a new fridge, none of us want to face patronising attitudes and backs turned against us.

Yet that has been the experience of many older Australians as customers in retail and hospitality venues.

National Seniors Australia's latest research report, Experiences of Ageism in Retail and Hospitality, showcases written comments by 130+ Australians aged 50 or older about being ignored or poorly treated as customers in shops, bars, and cafes.

The comments were written in response to a question in the 2024 National Seniors Social Survey, in which older Australians were asked whether they had experienced exclusion or discrimination based on their age.

The 1000+ people who said 'yes' described many and varied forms of discrimination and exclusion, which we fully reviewed in our 2025 report on the question, Elements of Ageism 4: Experiences of Exclusion and Discrimination.

But people's experiences in retail and hospitality settings stood out as worthy of special attention.

This is an under-appreciated form of ageist exclusion that needs to be addressed.

We therefore created this targeted report so that people in the retail and hospitality industries can read about the problem in older Australians' own words.

**Not a trivial problem**

The consequences of ignoring an older customer or serving them last may seem small to the person doing it. Being left

behind happens to us all once in a while, as upsetting or infuriating as it may be.

But when it happens repeatedly, it is debilitating to the person on the receiving end.

The report reproduces all 130+ comments we received on this topic, to help readers get a sense of its prevalence and what it is like to experience the same thing over and over.

**Feeling invisible is a common experience. Comments included:**

"Sometimes in stores, shop attendants ignore you as if you are not there."

"I feel like I'm invisible at times, especially in restaurants. I often joke that it's a good time to rob a bank as no-one sees me!"

"In cafes and restaurants have had the experience of being overlooked or forgotten about. I tell my children it is my new superpower, invisibility."

**When customers are queuing, older people are often served last:**

"Sometimes when there are younger ones being served ahead, even when I have been waiting longer."

"Often when shopping/lining up, you are passed over for a younger customer."

"I call it the 'white hair syndrome'. Often the older person is left waiting while others are served."

**Some commenters told us that if they were out shopping with a younger person, customer service staff would often speak to them instead:**

"Salespeople have addressed my daughter rather than me, despite the fact that I am the purchaser."

"I have the double-whammy of my assumed older age and being in a wheelchair, so often in a restaurant, cafe, or other retail environment, the assistant will refer/speak to my companion and totally disregard me, often not even looking at me."

**At times the service is actively bad, beyond ignoring older**

**customers:**

"I have been treated as if I was an old nuisance by some workers in the deli section of a shop."

"Often get treated by young service providers with disdain. Being almost shouted at when I ask someone to repeat what they said."

To read all the comments people made, download the report at <https://nationalseniors.com.au>

**Calling out ageism**

When this kind of exclusion happens more to older people than younger people, it is clearly ageism - a pattern of discriminatory behaviour based on age. It is illegal. Treating someone differently because of their age contravenes the Age Discrimination Act 2004, whether in customer service or anywhere else.

If a shop or food outlet discriminates against you because of your age, let them know through their customer review channels, including social media. Even send a copy or link to this report if possible! Sometimes people are unaware their attitudes or actions are ageist until it is pointed out to them.

By the same token, if you feel that a business has done a great job of being inclusive towards older people, give them positive feedback so they keep doing it.

It's to businesses' advantage to improve their game. Ageist attitudes are not just bad for customers, they're also bad for business.

People who experience ageist service often do not come back and do not spend their money at that business again.

As one person wrote:

"Often excluded from service in shops - if this happens, I don't use the service again - their loss as I have the means to employ them."

Read the full report <https://nationalseniors.com.au>

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Bungendore Seniors - CHRISTMAS BINGO: Fri, Dec 12

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](mailto:bungendoreseniors@gmail.com)

**CHRISTMAS BINGO**

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

For this date, 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

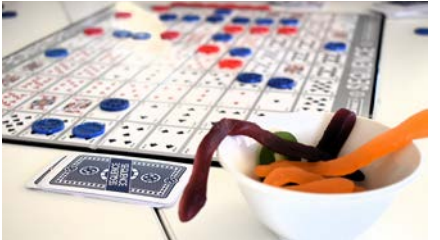
Cost: \$30 for members, \$35 for non-members

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

Dessert - sticky date pudding

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

To book please email [bungendoreseniors@gmail.com](mailto:bungendoreseniors@gmail.com)



**2025 Get-Togethers**

**THURSDAYS**

Thursday 4 December

Thurs 18 December

**FRIDAYS**

Friday 12 December BINGO

**Christmas Break**

Our last get-together for 2025 will be Thursday December 18. Our first get-together for 2026 will be Thursday January 8.

Wishing all our members a safe, healthy and happy Christmas and New Year

**Bungendore Crafters' Co-Operative**

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Community News

Community Achiever Award for Bungendore Quilters

Jane Bloomfield

Last Thursday was a very exciting night for Bungendore Quilters. Usually people duck out of going to an AGM as they don't want to be nabbed for a role on the committee! However, this is not the case with the Palerang Financial Services Limited AGM (the company that runs the Bungendore and Braidwood community bank branches). There was a good turnout and the re-election of three directors and the welcome to new director Christine Allard was excellent. Directors wanting to stand again after their tenure is up is always a great sign of a well-run company.

When the AGM is held in either town, the bank staff nominate community groups to receive the

Community Bank's Community Achiever Award. Everyone knows Rosie from the bank and it was she who was instrumental in nominating the Bungendore Quilters for this award. Make sure you thank her when you next go into the bank!

Initially starting just as quilt shows in 2006 and 2007 and then formally incorporating in 2008, Bungendore Quilters has just held their 18th annual quilt exhibition (two years being missed due to Covid). We have grown from a fledgling group of only a few members to now a group of 55 including five juniors ranging from 7 to 13 years of age. We have classes, retreats and three gatherings a month where we are able to assist those new to quilting with their projects, work on our

own projects or create gift quilts for donation.

We were thrilled to win the 2025 Community Achiever Award and were presented with a certificate and a \$500 cheque for our club - always most welcome! We would like to thank the bank staff and directors very much for instigating this award and to award it to Bungendore Quilters this year. It is wonderful to be recognised for our contributions and commitment to the Bungendore community.

Below: members of the Bungendore Quilters after the Community Achiever Award presentation with bank staff member Rosie and Community Engagement Manager, Nick Fry. Photo supplied



NSW Government to install more EV chargers closer to home

Monaro will receive new electric vehicle chargers thanks to a \$5.9 million investment by the NSW Government across NSW to boost regional tourism and support the shift to cleaner transport.

"As we transition to an electrified grid, EVs are becoming more popular for many people, so it's more than welcome to be receiving six new EV chargers across two sites in Queanbeyan-Palerang in Bungendore and Captains Flat", Member for Monaro, Steve Whan said.

"One of the big draws of increased EV chargers in our region is the visitors it attracts. It makes it easier to visit, stay longer, and support local businesses.

"In fact, a local Snowy Monaro resident recently did a lap of the country in his EV, and encountered no problems or inconveniences on his journey. It's due to programs like this that we're always increasing options for EV drivers and assisting with our net-zero transition."

The Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council area is expected to receive 6 new

EV charge ports at 2 sites in Captains Flat and Bungendore.

Not only will the program make travelling with an EV much more convenient, but it supports local regional economies as more EV drivers stop to explore and spend time in communities while they recharge.

This third round of the NSW Government EV Destination Charging Grants program will see chargers rolled out across 48 regional locations over the next year, helping make NSW the easiest place in Australia to own an EV. It also introduces faster chargers than previous rounds which are powered by 100 per-cent renewable energy.

The NSW Government has now delivered funding for close to 3,300 new chargers at more than 1,200 sites across NSW. Boosting charging infrastructure decreases range anxiety and drives uptake.

For more information on the Electric Vehicle Destination Charging Grant, visit: [www.energy.nsw.gov.au/business-and-industry/programs-grants-and-schemes/electric-vehicles/electric-vehicle-destination](http://www.energy.nsw.gov.au/business-and-industry/programs-grants-and-schemes/electric-vehicles/electric-vehicle-destination)

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-Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December-

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Followed by Supper in the Community Hall

~Christmas Eve~

6:30pm St Thomas' Carwoola  
Traditional Lessons & Carols + Holy Communion  
Queanbeyan Junior Brass+ + Followed by Supper

11:00pm St Philip's Bungendore  
Traditional Holy Communion

~Christmas Day~

8:00am St Philip's Bungendore  
Traditional Holy Communion

9:30am Scout Hall, Bungendore  
Family Contemporary + Holy Communion

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New free toolkit helps Australians manage their money and support their mental health this festive season

With the festive season approaching and cost-of-living pressures continuing to affect households across the country, Beyond Blue and Financial Counselling Australia have launched a new free resource to help people manage their finances and look after their mental health.

The Money and Mental Health Toolkit includes practical tips for managing thoughts and emotions, budgeting, having conversations with banks or utility companies and finding the right support when you need it.

Its launch comes as demand for financial support via the National Debt Helpline phone service remains high, with almost 170,000 calls and chats in the 12 months to the end of October.

Recent results from Beyond Blue’s Australia’s Mental Health and Wellbeing Check found financial pressure was the leading cause of distress for nearly half (46%) of all respondents.

Beyond Blue CEO Georgie Harman AO said the festive season could be a particularly challenging time for many people, when financial and emotional pressures often intensified.

“There are so many expectations around this season and that can bring added pressure, especially when money is tight,” she said.

“Financial stress and mental health are closely connected.

“Financial stress can affect how people feel, think and act. It can lead to sleep issues, relationship strain, and a sense of hopelessness. But it also works the other way - when someone’s mental health is impacted, it becomes harder to manage money, make decisions, or seek support. It’s a two-way relationship.”

Financial Counselling Australia CEO Dr Dominique Meyrick said the Toolkit was a timely and practical resource for people who may be feeling overwhelmed.

“Financial stress can be isolating. People often feel ashamed or unsure about where to turn. The Toolkit offers a starting point - it’s about helping people take small steps, reflect on their situation, and feel more confident reaching out for support.

“Silence and avoidance are common reactions to financial stress, but they can make things feel even more overwhelming. Financial counselling through the National Debt Helpline is free and confidential, and it can make a real difference. We want people to know they’re not alone and that support is available.”

Beyond Blue speaker Megan Barrow knows what it’s like to have financial stress impact her mental health.

The 54-year-old Melbourne woman and small business owner has lived experience of depression, PTSD, anxiety and agoraphobia. Ten years ago, she faced a difficult period trying to manage her mortgage alone.

“I became overwhelmed and started to sink backwards in my finances - going deeper and deeper into debt,” Ms Barrow said.

“This fed into my mental health, and I started to spiral. I lost all hope and couldn’t see a way out.”

With encouragement from her mum, Ms Barrow contacted her bank and asked for financial assistance.

“I was incredibly nervous and embarrassed, but I discovered people were there to help,” she said.

“The weight of the world lifted off my shoulders and I could work on both my finances and mental wellbeing. It took a while to get back onto my feet, but I did.”

The Money and Mental Health Toolkit is the latest in a series of resources produced by Beyond Blue and Financial Counselling Australia, including the Money and Mental Health Quiz - a five-minute online tool that helps individuals reflect on how financial stress may be affecting their mental health and directs them to useful resources. Since its launch last November, more than 11,500 people have completed the quiz, with 74% falling into the ‘struggling’ or ‘critical’ categories, indicating high levels of financial stress and mental health symptoms like feelings of defeat, exhaustion, anxiety, and hopelessness.

Ms Harman encouraged those experiencing distress not to wait.

“We talk a lot about downward spirals, but upward spirals are possible too. Small steps in the right direction can lead to big changes over time,” she said.

“You don’t have to wait until things feel unmanageable. Taking that first step can help you feel more in control, whether it’s visiting our website and downloading the Money and Mental Health Toolkit, or calling the Beyond Blue Support Service or the National Debt Helpline.

“There’s always a way forward. Talking to someone can help lighten the load and give you hope that you can get through this.”

The Money and Mental Health Toolkit is available now on the Beyond Blue website.

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](mailto:sales@aland.net.au) | Website [elmgroveestate.com.au](http://elmgroveestate.com.au)

Image: Artist impression of the new school (subject to change) School Infrastructure NSW



Innovation changing the way we manage bushfire risk

As bushfire seasons become longer and more unpredictable, Essential Energy is turning to new technology and research partnerships to help manage the risks communities face across regional, rural and remote New South Wales. Once an anomaly but now a regular part of life, storms, floods, fires and extreme weather events have challenged networks to evolve their approach to keep the network safer and more reliable.

Advanced bushfire risk modelling, developed in partnership with the University of Melbourne and electricity networks across New South Wales, gives us a far clearer picture of where bushfire danger lies, according to Essential Energy’s Network Risk Strategy Manager, Ian Fitzpatrick.

“This technology brings together data on past bushfire events, weather patterns, vegetation and network characteristics to estimate not only where a fire is most likely to start, but what the impact could be on people, property and the environment if it spreads.”

“So far, thanks to this technology, we’ve been able to pinpoint how the fire risk varies across our vast network,” Ian says.

For example, along the Mid North Coast, where the natural environment is dense, our models show the bushfire risk is higher than before. However, our learnings allow our teams and crews to target the areas where work is needed most - trimming vegetation and repairing assets before the summer heat turns small hazards into bigger problems.

Beyond the modelling, it’s important we’re able to take a closer look at the network, which is being made more efficient due to our evolving drone and helicopter fleet. Where previously low flying small planes were used, drones and helicopter mounted cameras are now at the forefront, providing sharper, more detailed views in more areas across the network.

Essential Energy is also trialling artificial intelligence (AI) to review inspection photos, speeding up defect identification and enabling faster response times. In addition, new pole mounted sensors called Early Fault Detection (EFD’s) are being installed to alert for emerging faults. This technology means we can move from simply finding problems to fixing them sooner, reducing bushfire risk and improving reliability for communities.

Looking ahead, we will continue to invest in new technology and build on our partnerships locally, statewide and internationally to improve the safety and reliability of the network for our communities. By working with all NSW electricity networks and drawing on the expertise of the University of Melbourne, we’re ensuring a consistent, best-practice approach to bushfire risk. Our team also collaborates through national and international forums like Energy Networks Australia (ENA) and the International Wildfire Risk Mitigation Consortium (IWRMC).

“Collaboration is key to tackling bushfire risk. Our network stretches across some of the most diverse and challenging landscapes in New South Wales. With bushfire seasons growing longer and extreme weather events becoming more frequent, we can’t rely on old ways of working. By sharing knowledge and harnessing new technology, every year we’re improving how we manage risk and improve resilience across the network,” Ian says.

To learn more about how Essential Energy is using technology and partnerships to keep communities safe, read our full Bushfire Preparedness and Performance Report.



# Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION



### Upcoming night works and road closures

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#### East-bound side of Edwin Land Parkway between the roundabout at Numeralia Drive and the Cooma Street intersection

- 7-10 December (weather permitting) from 7pm to 6am each night
- This side of the road will be closed with a detour and traffic control in place.
- Drivers will need to turn around at the roundabout at Numeralia Drive/Stringybark Drive

#### Section of Morisset Street between Crawford and Carinya Street

- 10-12 December (weather permitting) from 7pm to 6am each night
- Morisset Street will be closed between Crawford and Carinya Street
- Drivers will be able to cross Morisset Street at the Crawford Street intersection but will not be able to access the roundabout at the intersection of Morisset and Collett Street
- Drivers who approach the roundabout from the southern side of Collett Street will be diverted into the Riverside Plaza car park to turn around

Please expect delays, follow speed limits, and the directions of traffic control.

### FREE Christmas activities and performers on Crawford Street

Come on down to Crawford Street, Queanbeyan in the lead up to Christmas for some FREE festive activities and performers.

#### Saturdays from 10am-1pm:

- 6 December: Bauble decorating with Southern Tablelands Arts
- 13 December: Write a letter to Santa with Miss Constance Spry
- 20 December: Kids face painting and Carols with the Queanbeyan Choir

*Spend \$20. Enter the draw.*  
**TREASURETRAIL.COM.AU**

### Shop and Win in Bungendore and Braidwood

Shop and Win is happening in Bungendore and Braidwood, giving you the chance to win big by shopping local!

To enter the draw, simply spend \$20 or more at a participating store to receive an entry ticket. Head to the Treasure Trail website and enter your unique entry code for your chance to win from each town's \$10,000 prize pool.

There are prizes to be won until Sunday 14 December so shop local for your chance to win!

- Find all participating stores and Terms and Conditions at [treasuretrail.com.au/win](https://treasuretrail.com.au/win)

### Work with Council

Current vacancies include:

- Team Leader Aquatics
- Senior Strategic Planner
- HSEQ Coordinator
- Project Delivery Coordinator
- 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](https://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](https://bit.ly/MinutesAgendas). Meetings are live streamed via [bit.ly/QPRCwebcast](https://bit.ly/QPRCwebcast).

Members of the public can watch the meetings via [bit.ly/QPRCwebcast](https://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](https://bit.ly/QPRCinvolved)

Next meeting dates are:

- 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](mailto: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.

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](https://qprc.nsw.gov.au/events)



### Wallace Street Late Night Shopping

Come on down to Wallace Street in Braidwood on Friday 12 December from 4-7pm for late night shopping!

There will be gift wrapping by the Braidwood Scouts, market stalls, roving entertainers, carols, a food van at 88 Wallace Street, an outdoor broadcast from BWD FM, and plenty of specials to get your hands on!

### 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](https://bit.ly/DPnotices)

### Follow us on social media

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@QbnPalerang

Sign up for our weekly eNewsletter

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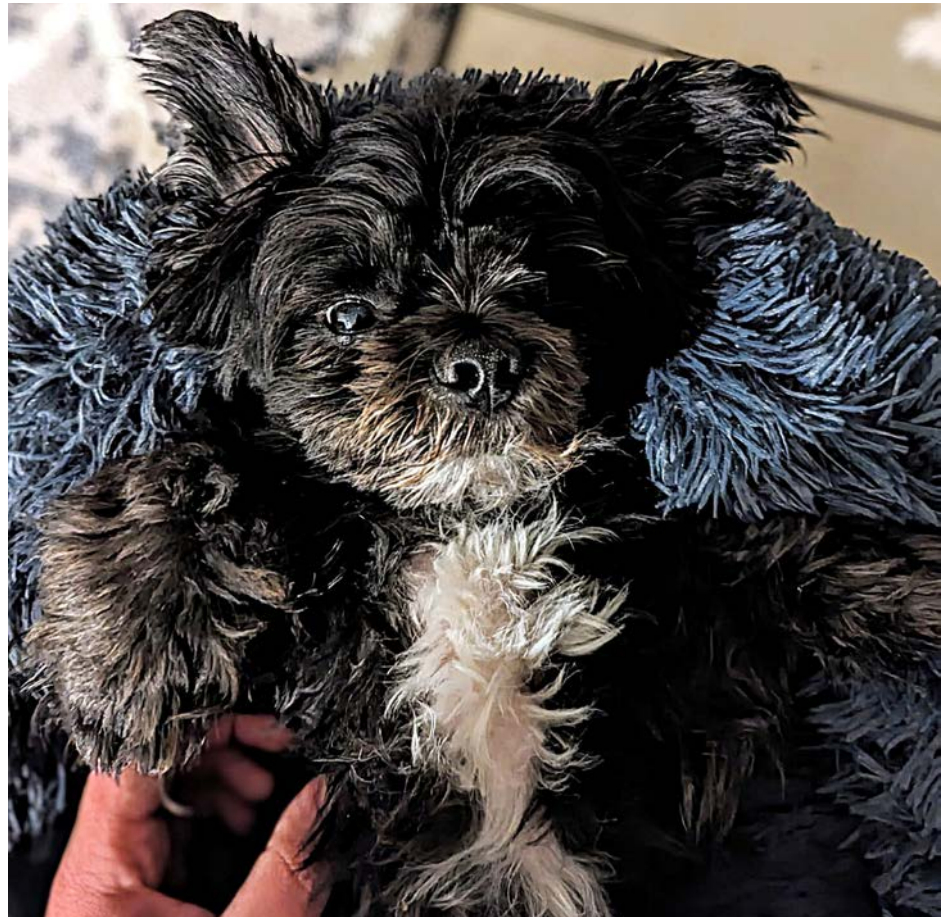


PHOTO OF THE WEEK



New residents safe in their bird box: two Kookaburra chicks.

PET OF THE WEEK



Name: Magnus  
Age: 5

Likes: Bok Choy  
Dislikes Hates getting wet

Claim to Fame: Hikes Mt Jerra with ease despite tiny legs.

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](mailto:monopolyproject@rotaryclubofbungendore.org) and we will sort it out for you (and replenish stocks).  
GET YOURS and GET IT NOW!

Captain BUNgEndore

dREAMING About my perfect summer day.

A fetch-the-BALL game IN the pool. THEN, A good SHAKE AND A ROLL IN the GRASS, to dRY off. FINALLY, A sAuSAge from the BBq.

JAC

Do you have a Photo of the Week? Or, if you would like to see your beloved pet featured as Pet of the Week, please email your photos to [info@regionalindependent.com.au](mailto: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](mailto:info@regionalindependent.com.au)  
Only your name and suburb will be printed

Bungendore Food Hub

A HELP UP FOR OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORTED BY OUR COMMUNITY

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

OPEN WEDNESDAYS 10AM-12PM

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

CONTACT 6228 1261 OR 0422605009

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](mailto:queanbeyan.nsw@lions.org.au)  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lionsofqueanbeyan/>



Public Notices

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](mailto:bungendorebowlo@gmail.com).

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

**Queanbeyan Community Choir**

Everyone is welcome to come along and join this friendly group who sing a variety of songs. No experience required.

Where: Queanbeyan Leagues Club Upstairs Meeting Room (Membership of QLC not required) 2:30-4:pm Saturdays

\$5:00 weekly attendance and \$5:00 yearly membership

Afternoon tea supplied. New members welcomed. For further enquiries [emailyrrrows@bigpond.com](mailto:emailyrrrows@bigpond.com)



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**Bungendore Open Mic: this Saturday**

The organisers of the community event "Bungendore Open Mic" will be running their monthly (December) open mic event this coming Saturday, December 6 from 1pm to 5pm at the Royal Hotel Bungendore

If you are interested in performing, or would like more information contact John on 0447069317, or email [tomthumb1375@gmail.com](mailto:tomthumb1375@gmail.com)

**1st time performers are very welcome!**

**Bungendore Dementia Alliance**

INVITES PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA AND THEIR CARERS TO Morning Tea

When: Monthly on the 3rd Monday of the month: Monday December 15

Time: 10am to 12pm

Where: Bungendore School or Arts

Free Legal Consultations available with Saara Bowen from FEJ Law throughout the morning. Come for a Cuppa, Chat and sing along with Vivian

For More Information Ph: 0411 746 293

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



**Tech Help every Friday**

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

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

**Bungendore Bridge Club**

Bungendore School of Arts, Gibraltar Street, Bungendore

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

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



**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Queanbeyan & District Historical Museum Society**

Date: Monday 8th December 2025  
Time: 5pm  
Venue: Queanbeyan Senior Citizens Centre, 1 Farrer Place Queanbeyan

In conforming with the rules of the society, nominations for Office bearers:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer and
- Committee (6) are to be in writing and duly signed by proposer, seconder and nominee, (all of whom must be financial members), delivered to the secretary not less than 7 days before the meeting.

If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies those nominated are deemed to be elected. If there are still vacancies to be filled further nominations shall be received from the floor at the AGM.

Memberships are due before the AGM. Only financial members can vote at an AGM.

Secretary  
Sandra Hawke  
Q&DHMS



**The DAYS of HILLSIDE**

Purchase your copy from the Community Bank branch, Bungendore

Neville Gallagher

**Mayor's Column**

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We are seeking feedback on the Sporting Grounds Usage Policy and the Sporting Grounds Allocation Policy. These policies aim to set out a transparent, equitable, and sustainable framework for managing the high demand for Council-owned fields, ensuring they are maintained to the highest standard and benefit as many community members as possible. We need feedback from the community to make sure these policies get it right. We will also be speaking with the QPRC Sports Council for direct feedback from local sporting clubs. Have your say until Monday 19 January 2026 at [yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au/sporting-grounds-usage-and-allocation-policies](http://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au/sporting-grounds-usage-and-allocation-policies)

Join us on Crawford Street every Saturday from 10am to 1pm until 20 December for all kinds of festive fun. This Saturday 6 December, come and decorate a Christmas Bauble with Southern Tablelands Arts. On 13 December, you can write a letter to Santa with Miss Constance Spry and on 20 December there will be kids face painting and Carols with the Queanbeyan Choir.

When you're dropping into Crawford Street for these activities, note that we've recently made some changes to short-term on-street parking time limits on Crawford Street between Morisset and Monaro Streets, and on Fallick Lane. The 1-hour time limits have been replaced with a mixture of 1-hour, 30-minute and 15-minute time limits. If you need to park for a longer period, there is 3-hour and untimed parking on the edges of the CBD including in Council car parks - Morisset Car Park, Crawford Car Park, Rutledge Car Park, Lowe Car Park, and Collett Car Park.

Cr Kenrick Winchester, Mayor



**Target Time**

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

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**Brain Training**

RIDDLE:  
The word is: GLACIER

MAGIC SQUARE:  
First line: 6, 11, 4  
Second line: 5, 7, 9  
Third line: 10, 3, 8

VENN DIAGRAM:  
K and B

**Puzzle Solutions**

**Sudoku**

6	2	9	4	7	5	8	3	1
7	4	8	9	1	3	6	2	5
3	5	1	2	6	8	9	7	4
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9	7	5	6	3	1	4	8	2
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**Quick Time Crossword**

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**Crossword**

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Classifieds

Local Markets

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Free legal advice appointments  
A solicitor from South Coast and Country Community Law will be visiting your area for in person legal appointments.

When: Tuesday 9 December 2025  
Where: The Hive, 274 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan

Times: Between 9:30am to 1pm  
Appointments are essential - please call 1800 229 529

What problems can South Coast and Country Community Law help with?

Family Law - Separation, parenting, property, divorce, child support, Employment, Tenancy, Victims Support, Credit and Debt, Centrelink Issues, Power of Attorney and Guardianship documents, Consumer Issues, Penalty Notices, Court Attendance Notices for speeding, licence, registration or alcohol/drug driving, Neighbourhood Disputes, Domestic and Family Violence Orders, Personal Violence

To book an appointment, call 1800 229 529. Staff will complete an intake, and a solicitor will see you or call you back at your scheduled appointment time.

GARAGE SALE

Garage sale - 7am to 3pm, this Saturday 6th December at 49 Southbar Rd, Karabar.

Items for sale include children's books and toys, bikes, an acoustic guitar, a small chest freezer, Bric-a-Brac and much more.

VINTAGE & RETRO

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

OPENING TIMES WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS

Bungendore waste transfer station:

Friday 12.30pm-4.30pm  
Saturday and Sunday 8am-4.30pm.  
Monday 7am-12noon  
Bungendore buy back centre: Saturday 10am-4pm

Bywong waste transfer station:

Friday 2pm-4.30pm  
Saturday and Sunday 8am-4.30pm  
Monday 7am-11am

Captains Flat waste transfer station:

Saturday and Sunday 9am-3pm (gates close at 2.45pm)  
Monday 9am-2pm

Braidwood waste transfer station

Fri, Sat Sun & Mon - 10am to 4.30pm  
Monday - 1pm to 4pm  
Braidwood buy back centre: Sunday 10am-4pm

SAGE HUT WIZARD

Attractive Christmas Vouchers available for psychic readings in Bungendore. \$70 for 30 minutes or \$120 for an hour.

Proven track record of high accuracy, empowering and supportive. Book via sagehutwizard@gmail.com.au www.thesagehutwizard.com.au.

CHOOKS FOR SALE

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

Personalised care for your dog

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

BUNGENDORE SENIORS

Next get together will be Thursday 4 December, at the Bungendore Sports Hub amenities building \$5.00 per person. ALL OVER 55's WELCOME

Business Classifieds

HAROLD BRADLEY TRANSPORT

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



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Gavin Pillidge Courier

Braidwood - Canberra - Braidwood  
Monday - Wednesday - Friday

Mob: 0428 968 162

These 7 kitties & pooches are currently doing time at the QPRC AMF (as of 29 Nov)

www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Services/Animals/Find-Animals-For-Sale-Adoption-and-Lost-Pets

Rehoming No. R251000189



CRN 53 "Dingo", DSH, Male, Approx 8 wks  
Available for adoption



CRN 54 "Tiger" DSH, Male, Approx 8 wks  
Available for adoption



CRN 50 "Coyote" DMH, Female, Approx 12 mths  
Available for adoption



CRN 110 "Butters", Staffy/Lab x, Male, Approx 2 yrs  
Available for adoption



CRN 107 "Kenny", Staffy x Border Collie, Male, Approx 10 mths  
Available for adoption



CRN 111 "Ranger", Labrador x, Male, Approx 3 yrs  
Available for adoption



CRN 48 "Doris", DSH, Female, Approx 1 year. Found in Carwoola on 27 Oct. LOOKING FOR OWNER

Ph: 6285 6269  
Email: animalinfo@qprc.nsw.gov.au

GOULBURN MULWAREE ANIMAL SHELTER has 11 lovely pooches looking for a

2nd chance at a long & happy life (29 Nov)

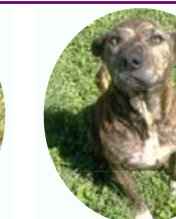
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Jack, Kelpie, Male, Approx 12 mths  
www.petrescue.com.au/li stings/1149028



Walter, Kelpie, Male, Approx 12 yrs  
www.petrescue.com.au/li stings/1155388



Ellie, Staffy, Female, Approx 6 yrs  
www.petrescue.com.au/li stings/1149740



Nicko, Mastiff mix, Male, Approx 5 mths  
www.petrescue.com.au/li stings/1153731



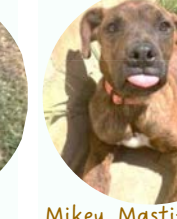
Tommy, Mastiff mix, Male, Approx 5 mths  
www.petrescue.com.au/li stings/1153729



Billy, Mastiff mix, Male, Approx 5 mths  
www.petrescue.com.au/li stings/1153725



Marley, Mastiff mix, Female, Approx 5 mths  
www.petrescue.com.au/li stings/1153730



Mikey, Mastiff mix, Male, Approx 5 mths  
www.petrescue.com.au/li stings/1153735



Simba, Doque de Bordeaux, Male, Approx 4 1/2 yrs  
www.petrescue.com.au/li stings/1142932



Tank, American Staffy, Male, Approx 5 yrs  
www.petrescue.com.au/li stings/1148220



Atlas, Kelpie x English Pointer, Male, Approx 6 yrs  
www.petrescue.com.au/li stings/1153013



Dear Santa,  
Please find homes for all the animals who don't have families to love them.  
Thanks

Remember I'm not just for Xmas, I'm for life...

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Sport

# Bungendore Park Tennis Club retains the Palerang Cup

Each year the Bungendore Park Tennis Club and the Braidwood Tennis Club battle for the Palerang Cup. On a blustery day last Sunday (November 30) the two teams of 12 players per side faced off with Bungendore the victor, retaining the Palerang Cup which they rested from Braidwood last

year, after too many years of the Cups' absence from the BPTC mantle.

The 12 players from each side were divided into "A" and "B" divisions and then 18 sets of doubles tennis ensued. Braidwood "A" team narrowly won the competition for total number of games won, but the Bungendore "B" side were too strong for Braidwood. Overall, the combined total of games won favoured Bungendore.

Bungendore hosted the match this year, which rotates annually, so 2026 will be played on Braidwood home turf.

Bungendore Park Tennis Club President, Bryan Clark said "the day featured high quality tennis all round and some really tough tussles occurring in most matches. The day saw a lot of really entertaining tennis and it was great local town sporting rivalry at its best, where we were lucky to come out the winners."



The BPTC team consisted of:  
Doubles pairs: Division A  
Leo and Mickey Gubas  
Catherine and Peter Robinson  
Bryan Clark and Eric Martin  
Division B

Rob Breust and Ava Merriman  
Sharna Groot and Kristy Bourke  
Dan Leon and Alistair Wilson  
The Bungendore Park Tennis Club will round out the year with an over 18's "Meet your Match" social tennis afternoon on Sunday

December 14 to encourage young adults to meet and expand their networks through tennis. Contact Ava Merriman on committee@bungendoretenniscub.com for more details.  
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