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Saluting our own Service heroes

Debbie Evans

Rain failed to dampen the enthusiasm of attendees at the inaugural "Hometown Heroes- Salute to Service," Community Services Day on Sunday.

The family fun day was held at the Queanbeyan Showground between 10am and 3pm.

It showcased community services like the Army, Navy, Airforce, Police, Fire Brigade, Ambulance and other support services as well as community organisations like Legacy, Queanbeyan Senior Citizens, Disaster Relief Australia and Invictus Australia.

All money raised is to be directed to support the RSL LifeCare Queanbeyan Veteran and Family Hub and their work for local veterans.

The hub is located at 251 Crawford Street and officially opened its doors to the community on April 15, 2025.

The aim of the hub is to provide veteran-centric programs for the health and well-being of veterans and their families.

The hub has been strategically located close to defence bases in the Queanbeyan and Capital Territory region to connect with and support veterans and their families where they live.

The Queanbeyan facility and others like it have been made possible thanks to a grant from the Department of Veterans Affairs in partnership with RSL NSW.

The official opening featured speeches from RSL Chief Veteran Services Officer, David Anderson, Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council, Deputy Mayor Esma Livermore,

Member of the NSW Legislative Council, Nichole Overall, RSL National President, Peter Tinley AM and City of Queanbeyan RSL sub-branch President, Edward Helm OAM.

Deputy Mayor, Esma Livermore, in her speech recognised all those who have gone out and supported the community by their service and acknowledge that the land (Australia) belongs to everyone.

RSL National President, Peter Tinley AM, said the RSL cannot support veterans on its own and recognised the importance of the work of other support agencies.

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A fitting reward for Queanbeyan Seniors

Debbie Evans

Queanbeyan Senior Citizens are rightly proud of their achievements over recent years and their award for Community Organisation of the Year on Australia Day was the icing on the cake.

Seniors now boast an impressive 340 plus membership and have been going ahead in leaps and bounds since settling into their new home at 1 Farrer Place, Queanbeyan.

This was formerly the Tourist Information Centre and is a Council owned building now fully dedicated to the work of the Senior Citizens.

And the work has been at a feverish pace since Seniors looked to base themselves in the building in 2022. At that time President, Brenda Russell, and other committee members attended the October meeting and successfully lobbied Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) for tenancy of the 100-year-old former Municipal Council building.

"They all voted yes to our proposal, but it did take them a while to move out," Brenda said.

Since then, they have worked hand in hand with Council to make the building fit for purpose and the hard work culminated with the official opening and ribbon cutting on March 18, 2025.

As a progressive group the committee have made successive improvements to their business plan and operations to ensure the facility is used to maximum

capacity for community benefit.

They have lowered the membership age to 50 years and developed an activities program designed to broadly appeal including cards, crafts, carpet bowls and yoga.

In fact, Brenda credits yoga, chair and mat, teacher, Sue Scarlett, when she came on board in 2022, with an expedient growth in the Seniors ranks.

"Our numbers soon swelled to 100 when Sue brought her yoga to the Centre."

"Since then, we have added Zumba, 500, Canasta, Mahjong, Tai Chi, exercise yoga and have continued to add sessions to our program as demand has grown."

But the road to all this success has been a long, and at times, difficult one.

Queanbeyan Senior Citizens was first established in 1970 and in 1976 a grant enabled the group to occupy a building next to the Council in Crawford Street.

However, planning for the new Council facility in 2017, saw the Seniors moved out and relocated to Salvation Army building, where they continued to meet twice a week for cards, bowls and a movie once a month.

There was a fall in membership at this time and when COVID hit, the Seniors were badly impacted, being locked out of the Salvo's facility due to the building's sale. Members continued to meet but without a home of their own.

Membership dwindled and it was



not until Council's commitment in 2022 that Seniors reinvented and reinvigorated themselves and the rest as they say is history.

They are now issuing an invitation to join them in a celebration of life as a senior with the Connection, Wellness and Fun Seniors Festival, March 2 - 16.

The program is packed:

9.30 - 10.30am and 11 - 12pm - Tuesday, March 3, Zumba Queanbeyan Town Park. Come along, bring a chair and a drink.

10am - 2pm - Tuesday, March 10, Picnic in Queanbeyan Town Park. Enjoy games like lawn bowls, corn hole, ring toss and a lucky dip.

Bring your own picnic and chair. Or purchase a sausage sandwich \$2, a drink for \$1 and \$2, cake and

slice \$2.

11am - 1pm - Thursday, March 12 enjoy a free sausage sizzle in Queanbeyan Town Park with the Health Walking Group. Bring a chair, meet new friends.

On Monday, March 16 the week will culminate with an Open Day at the Senior Citizens Centre. Doors will open at 10am and run through to 2pm.

This year's Festival is a collaboration between the Queanbeyan Senior Citizens Association and Council. Council granting \$3,000 to support activities in Queanbeyan, Bungendore and across other centres within QPRC.

For more information on the Festival or general activities you

can call the Queanbeyan Senior Citizens Association through contacts; Brenda 0407201 392 or Kim 0407 902 989, email qbnseniors@gmail.com. catch them on facebook facebook.com/qbnseniors or visit their website queanbeyanseniors.org.au.

Above: Senior's President, Brenda Russell (centre), flanked by Vice-presidents, Maria Porreca (left) and Frances Flanagan (right) proudly displaying the Australia Day Award for Community Organisation of the Year. The ladies displayed the award in the pristine, purpose-built kitchen at the Senior Citizens Centre, one of the achievements they are justly proud to provide for the community. The kitchen was made possible by fundraising and donations from the local RSL. Photo Debbie Evans

Regional Water at Dire Risk: Auditor-General

Water security in rural and regional NSW is at dire risk without urgent investment of at least \$1 billion in water infrastructure, according to the state's Auditor General.

The stark warning was included in the recently released Auditor-General's report, which Local Government NSW President Mayor Darcy Byrne says sounds a warning bell about the financial sustainability of locally managed water utilities.

"Access to safe drinking water is a basic human right," Mayor Byrne said.

"Anything less than that is unacceptable for any Australian community, but without urgent investment in water infrastructure in rural and regional NSW we risk these communities being left to wither away," Mayor Byrne said.

"The Auditor-General's report shows in black and white that major investment is needed in

water infrastructure in rural and regional communities, or their access to safe drinking water and wastewater processing will be threatened," he said.

The report also found that two regional and 13 rural councils that supply water to their communities recorded operating losses for their local water utilities, and that even where operating costs were covered, essential infrastructure upgrades were not guaranteed.

Mayor Byrne said the lack of ongoing State Government investment in water management infrastructure was having real-world impacts on communities.

"This is not some theoretical argument. Hundreds of thousands of NSW citizens are already worried about their drinking water supplies," said Mayor Byrne.

"Council owned water utilities serve almost 2 million people in NSW, and without appropriate

funding and support to deliver this basic service of safe drinking water - we are going to start seeing increasing disruption to essential water and sewer services for those communities," said Mayor Byrne.

"The upcoming State Budget is the perfect opportunity for the NSW Government to renew funding for the fully allocated \$1.1 billion Safe and Secure Water Program, or a replacement program to meet this critical need," he said.

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Saluting our own Service heros

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Describing the work of the RSL and other agencies is ongoing with over 5,000 Australian Defence Force personnel leaving the services annually.

"I hope this event will be even bigger and better next year" to support our work, he said.

Nichole Overall said she was honoured to be supporting an event with such an important purpose.

"We are a City of Champions and have has always punched above our weight." She paid her respects to the

region's foundation families whose members had fought for Australia including the Hinksman brothers, the Southwells and the Dawsons who had sent seven sons to World War One and had them all return, and nurses from the local region who have served in conflict.

She also highlighted the exceptional service of Sir Granville de Laune Ryrrie (1865 - 1937) who was born at Michalago, "These wonderful people have paved the way."

For them and those who have followed, she said "for your service, commitment

and dedication, we thank you so much, you are so much appreciated."

Yara Bloom, a representative attending from the Young Endeavour Scheme said, "Its great to see so many people coming together to support the community, especially for veterans."

Jill Kelly from Queanbeyan Legacy said, "the networking has been good and the sharing of knowledge will really help with planning for next year's event."

"Its been nice to see people coming together and to meet and understand the roles of different agencies."



Queanbeyan SES Unit Commander, Zakia Patel, said the event had offered

a fabulous opportunity to promote the SES and its work as well as gaining a

better understanding of the work of other agencies.

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Pig blitz just bacon bits

New data has revealed the NSW Government is contributing just 'bits of bacon' to the desperate effort to curb feral pigs, the state's peak farm body says.

Media reports of 53,000 feral pigs culled by authorities over the past year were dwarfed by the estimated tens of millions of the pests farmers were reporting in the paddock, NSW Farmers' President Xavier Martin said.

"This isn't the whole population

control we need to see, it's just a few bits of bacon," Mr Martin said.

"We've never seen pig numbers this bad before, and I'm hearing report upon report from farmers who have hordes of these pests just tearing through their farms like a relentless force that can't be stopped."

Mr Martin said farmers feared the feral pig population would only surge without the delivery of an effective control strategy

in the next state budget.

"Five figure culls simply aren't going to do the job when numbers are surging, farmers are being restricted in what tools they can use, and there's no guarantee of funding for control programs past June 30," Mr Martin said.

"Previous investments have been helpful, but we need to see the state government commit to a long term, coordinated control strategy that doesn't just draw on a

variety of tactics, but delivers real results.

"The NSW Government has promised to do its bit to control these pests, but we know they're still breeding up on public land as farmers fight an uphill battle against them.

"It's time for the Treasurer to come to the party this state budget season and get serious about feral pigs if we're ever going to break the breeding cycle, for good."

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Bungendore High School Buzz

The start of the school year brings with it a range of emotions including nerves, excitement and anticipation. Bungendore High School's extensive transition program meant that most incoming year 7s had previously visited the school site and were familiar with the layout and some of the teacher's faces.

We started day one early with a barbeque for students, parents and staff to ensure everyone had the brainpower to focus on the incoming rush of information and activities. Our bacon and egg rolls tasted delicious and ensured our new and returning students faced the day ahead with a smile on their faces.

As part of the evolution and



expansion of the school, this year we are functioning across two sites, with Years 7, 8 and 11 on the original campus, which is now called South Campus. Years 9 and 10 now attend school on North Campus which has been stylishly adapted from the old Council Buildings. It's exciting to see our first senior cohort, the Year 11s looking fresh and (almost) grown-up in the new senior uniform.

As we settle into the new school year, we look forward to the challenges and achievements ahead as we assist our parents and community in helping to create and support our future generation.

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Bungendore Seniors 55+

2026 NSW Seniors Festival

This year's Seniors Festival runs for Monday 2 March to Monday 16 March.

Bungendore Seniors have coordinated some fun local events. See pages 12 and 13 for more information.

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

Get Togethers

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

We meet at 10am at the Bungendore Sports Hub amenities building. Cost is \$5.00 per person, which includes morning tea.

See right for dates.

Everyone over the age of 55 is 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

THURSDAYS

Thursday 19 February
Thursday 5 March
Thursday 19 March

FRIDAYS

Friday 13 February
Friday 27 February
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Cost: \$13 per session for members, \$18 for non-members. All welcome to attend

Membership

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We want to hear from people with disability, carers, service providers, and the general community to help develop our next Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) from 2026 - 2030.

The Disability Inclusion Action Plan guides Council's work to improve accessibility and inclusion across our region.

The plan will address four key areas that are important in creating an inclusive community:

- Developing positive community attitudes and upholding the rights of people with disability
- Creating liveable and safer communities
- Supporting access to meaningful employment and independence
- Improving access to mainstream services through better systems and processes

Have your say

The survey is open from Thursday 29 January until Thursday 5 March 2026.

Have your say by completing the online survey on councils YourVoice webpage.

If you need to complete a Word document version of the survey, this is available for download in the document library on this page. Hard copies will also be available at Council's customer service centres. Return hard copies of the survey by:

- Emailing it to council@qprc.nsw.gov.au with the subject title "Disability Inclusion Action Plan"
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Surveys must be received by Council by Thursday 5 March 2026.

Don't just sit there, do something

National Seniors Australia

Even when you are seated, you can make the choice to exercise your mind.

We all know that exercise is good for us, not just physically but mentally as well.

It follows that passive activities, such as watching television, are linked to worse memory and cognitive skills.

But that doesn't have to be the case.

Researchers have found that "active sitting" - such as reading, playing cards, or doing a crossword puzzle - is associated with better brain health.

Associate Professor Paul Gardiner, from The University of Queensland's School of Public Health, said the study could be used to refine public health guidelines and improve cognitive health in ageing populations.

"Health advice could shift from simply saying 'sit less' to encouraging more mentally engaging activities while sitting," Dr Gardiner said.

"This could help people make easy, realistic changes that support long-term brain health and potentially reduce dementia risk."

The study examined the impact of passive and active sedentary activities on cognitive function in more than one million middle-aged and older adults from 30 countries.

"Total sitting time has been shown to be related to brain health," Dr Gardiner said. "However, sitting is often treated as a single entity, without considering the specific type of activity."

"Most people spend many hours sitting each day, so the type of sitting really matters."

"Mentally active sedentary activities include reading, playing card games and puzzles, computer use, and driving, and relate to positive cognitive outcomes, particularly in preserving executive function, memory, and cognitive flexibility."

"These findings show that small everyday choices - like reading instead of watching television - may help keep your brain healthier as you age."

Researcher, Cynthia Chen, who led the study, said the findings did not suggest people spend more time sitting, but to consider what they are doing while they are sitting.

"We know that staying physically active is still essential for overall health," Ms Chen said.

"But when we do spend time sitting, choosing activities that stimulate the mind may offer extra protection for our brain."

Ms Chen said the study was particularly relevant as the global population ages.

"Cognitive abilities often decline with ageing and sedentary time is highly prevalent among older adults," she said.

"Dementia is the seventh leading cause of death globally and one of the leading causes of disability and dependency among older people worldwide."

Ms Chen said the research indicated that activities requiring active thinking, problem solving, and continuous learning could mitigate cognitive decline.

The research, conducted in collaboration with Western University in Canada, Lung Foundation Australia, and Griffith University, has been published in Journal of Alzheimer's Disease.

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Variety is the Spice of Life at the Crafters' Co-Op

The crafters at Bungendore Crafters' Co-Op have certainly been busy! It was inspiring to see the variety and ingenuity of crafts being practiced by the Co-Op members. There was quilting, crocheted blankets and shawls, embroidery, applique, knitted jumpers and cowls, cross stitch, beaded embroidery, amigurumi and journal-making. The group again welcomed new faces and enjoyed learning new craft techniques from crafty friends. The fortnightly BYO craft project evening continues to bring together crafters of all kinds for an evening of inspiration, encouragement and connection.

As well as admiring each other's works-in-progress, crafters admired each other's fine wools, discovered new patterns and exchanged tips picked up along the way. The room buzzed with conversation, creativity and the simple joy of making things together. It was a reminder that crafting is not just about the finished piece, but about the community stitched together along the way.

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

No membership fees, no entry level craft experience and no judgement! The Co-Op next meet for one of these evenings on Thursday 19th February at Bungendore Learning Hub: 55 Gibraltar Street Bungendore, from 6-8pm. Bring along your project and \$5 for room hire and experience the welcoming atmosphere of the Crafters' Co-Op. For further information and to stay in the know with all things local art, craft and workshop opportunities, follow the Bungendore Crafters' Co-Operative on Facebook.

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Ageing Australia makes recommendations ahead of federal budget

Ageing Australia has made a series of recommendations ahead of the federal budget to build a sustainable and investable aged care sector, supported by a workforce to match, that will grow with our ageing population.

"Action is needed now, with the number of Australians aged over 70 set to hit 2.3 million by 2044," Ageing Australia CEO Tom Symondson said.

"The most immediate step the Government can take to relieve pressure on the aged care system is to increase the number of Support at Home packages. At last count, more than 100,000 older Australians were waiting for a package and another 100,000 waiting just to be assessed, so the issue is fast approaching a national emergency."

"Last year, the Government announced the release of 83,000 new packages for 2025-26. Sadly, that's proving to be nowhere near enough, given the surge in demand."

"Just last week, the Productivity Commission revealed the median time between an older person being approved for a package and receiving care doubled from 4 months to 8 months, with many still waiting more than a year. We need

to urgently bring the wait times down. The Royal Commission said nobody should wait more than a month, and we are a very long way from that."

"Helping older Australians stay in their own homes benefits individuals, their families and reduces demand on our health and aged care systems. Without rapid access to home care, too many people end up in hospital unnecessarily or on residential aged care waiting lists, when they could be living in their own home."

Australia also needs to urgently grow the capacity of residential aged care to meet demand.

"We should be building 10,000 beds a year over the next two decades just to meet that demand, but sadly we're only building a fraction of those - about 800 last year."

"We also need a workforce to match. By 2050, aged care will face a projected shortage of some 400,000 workers. Without urgent action, Australia will not have the workers needed to support our ageing population."

"These proposed measures, if adopted, will support a viable and growing sector that can meet the needs of the Australian community."



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Thursday 26 February:
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Friday 27 February: 9 – 11 am

Saturday 28 February: 10 am – 1 pm

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Dementia Morning Teas in Bungendore

Monday February 17, from 10am to 12.00

The Bungendore Dementia Alliance initial focus in 2026 will be on our Dementia Morning Teas. These proved very successful in 2025 with their emphasis on providing friendship in a relaxing and supportive environment.

Whilst sharing a cuppa and delicious eats, those attending can share their experiences, discuss difficulties and learn about supports and services

that are available to help them deal with the challenges of dementia.

Saara Bowen, from FEJ Law, will again be on hand to provide free legal guidance and help to navigate administrative and retirement related processes. She is also able to offer advice about support services and resources when appropriate and where available. Also, Andrew Selems from Baptist Care will be on hand to provide support.

The Dementia Morning Teas are held at the Bungendore School of Arts, 57 Gibraltar St Bungendore from 10.00 to 12.00. The ambience of this historic building lends itself to creating a café like environment, in fact "it's like going to a café for a coffee with friends" says Sonja Simmons an organiser of the Dementia Morning Teas.

Those with dementia and their carer are invited to come along for a friendly cuppa and



chat on the 3rd Monday of the month. The first Dementia Morning Tea will be on Monday the 17th of February from 10.00 to 12.00.

For more information on the Dementia Morning Teas or the Bungendore Dementia Alliance phone Kathleen on 0411 746 293.

Council meeting agenda: Wednesday 11 February 2026

This meeting will be held in the Braidwood National Theatre, 100 Wallace Street, Braidwood. The Public Forum will commence at 5.30pm followed by the Ordinary meeting. Presentations for items on the Agenda can be made in writing, via Zoom or in person. A live stream of the meeting can be viewed at: <https://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au/>

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- 8.2 Draft Licence Agreement - Braidwood Men's Shed Inc. for part of 69B Cowper Street, Braidwood
- 8.3 Draft Licence Agreement - Southern NSW Local Health District - 12 Southbar Road, Karabar
- 8.4 Finalisation of Planning Proposal - Bungendore Sports Hub - Rezone 7 and 15 Halfway Creek Road, Bungendore
- 8.5 2026-27 Operational Plan Development and Community Engagement Plan
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- 9.1 Condition of Remaining Timber Bridges
- 9.2 Auditor General's Annual Local Government Report
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Notices Of Motions

- 11.1 Notice of Motion - Review of Parking Policy - Caravans on Wellsvale Drive, Googong
- 11.2 Notice of Motion - Road Signal Phasing

Councillor Questions

- 13.1 Councillor Questions - Expenditure on Bus Shelters in 2025-26
- 13.2 Supplementary Report - Councillor's Questions for Agenda Items

Reports For Closed Session

- 15.1 Riverside Plaza Parking Enforcement Contract

Item 15.1 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

15.2 Assessment Enquiry Update

Item 15.2 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (e) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

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

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Australian Government

Community News

Queanbeyan Seniors 50+ activities

Mondays

Chair Yoga - 9.30am

Mat Yoga - 11.00am.

Contact Sue on <https://www.agewell.yoga>

Tuesdays

Zumba Gold 9.30am
Zumba Normal Impact 11.00am

Monday Yoga & Tuesday Zumba at AXIS Centre, 22 Campbell Street (building next to Lions Bookshop in Queanbeyan Town

Park). NORMAL IMPACT ZUMBA & MAT YOGA OPEN TO EVERYONE (not just seniors)! Monday & Tuesday Classes during school terms.

Tuesdays & Thursday

Exercise Classes

Times - 9.30-10.30am (1 Farrer Place, Queanbeyan)

Wednesdays - Tai Chi Qigong - 11.45-12.45pm - NEW class added from 1.00pm-2.00pm. Bookings essential -

please email qbnseniors@gmail.com or call 0407 902 989. 1 Farrer Place, Queanbeyan

Thursdays - Zumba - 11.00am to 12.00pm @ Veterans Hub - Upstairs 251 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan - NEW ACTIVITY COMMENCING 12 February.

FRIDAYS - Mat Yoga - 9.30am Chair Yoga - 11.00am. Contact Louise... <https://sunlightyoga.com.au>/no booking required (NOW AT AXIS CENTRE in the Park near the Lions Book Club.

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.

Craft & Chat - weekly on Mondays - 11.00am till 2.00pm. Cost \$2.00. Bring your own lunch and your own project or work on a project for the Seniors.

Mondays

500 - 1.00pm-3.00pm
Cost \$2.00

Wednesdays

Canasta - 10.00am-12.00 noon
Cost \$2.00

Euchre - 1.00pm
Cost \$3.00

Mahjong - 1.00pm-3.00pm
Cost \$2.00

Thursdays

Rummikins - 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 12.30pm, Rear 1 Farrer Place. Next meeting is on 17 February 2026 and the one in March is on Tuesday 17th.

Riverside Plaza Stall - monthly We will be in Riverside Plaza on



Saturday 14 February 2026.

Membership for new members only \$20.00 per annum. New members very welcome.

For further information, please contact Brenda at 0407 201 392 or Kim at 0407 902 989.

Alternatively, you may email qbnseniors@gmail.com.

Visitors are welcome during activity hours at the rear of 1 Farrer Place, Queanbeyan Contact - Brenda (0407 201 392),

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Be part of something bigger, Queanbeyan SES is recruiting!

Brent Hunter

Since 1964 the NSW State Emergency Service has been part of the Queanbeyan community, responding to storms, floods and conducting countless rescues in their 62-year history. Originally, known as the Civil Defence they were borne out of an unimaginable tragedy that rocked the growing city. In December 1963 two young girls, Robin Grame and Jannette Yann went missing while wading in the Queanbeyan River near Hayes Street while trying to escape the summer heat. A large search party was quickly assembled, including police, sailors from HMAS Harman and upwards of 50 local residents to look for the missing girls, who were unfortunately located the next day having drowned.

At the very first meeting of the Queanbeyan Municipal Council in 1964 it was decided that the town would acquire adequate rescue equipment, including 'grappling irons and search lights'. Alderman Jack McNamara and firefighter Ray Morton wanted to do more, going one step further establishing the first Civil Defence unit in Queanbeyan to ensure

the town had a coordinated and trained rescue squad. Both men invested heavily and trained to become instructors and recruited eight more men to join them. The Queanbeyan Civil Defence was up and running in early 1964 and over the years has continued to grow and evolved to meet changing demands and natural disasters.

The modern-day Queanbeyan Unit is still that coordinated rescue squad that Jack and Ray envisaged to look over Queanbeyan. Volunteers at the Queanbeyan Unit still undertake specialist rescue roles to protect the community, such as in-water rescue operators, who swim into treacherous floodwater to rescue those who have been washed away and vertical rescue, rescuing people from heights and depths. At its core the NSW SES responds to community requests during storms and floods to protect their property, cutting fallen trees, tarping damaged roofs, pumping and diverting floodwater out of homes, NSW SES volunteers are quick to help those in need. Made up entirely of volunteers the Queanbeyan Unit is reliant on locals stepping



up to be part of something bigger than themselves. Queanbeyan Unit Commander Inspector Zakia Patel said, "the NSW SES offers people opportunities to learn new skills through nationally recognised training as well as travelling the state to help where we are needed". With just shy of 100 volunteers the Queanbeyan Unit is made up of a diverse range of people from all walks

of life, nurses, CEOs, teachers, law enforcement, firefighters, public servants, everyone works together for the betterment of the community. "Our diverse volunteer base is amazing; we have a really good group of people who are just wanting to help their community when needed" said Inspector Patel.

The Queanbeyan Unit is hosting an open day on the 14th of February from 10am - 2pm at their

headquarters, 34 Erin Street in Queanbeyan. With a free BBQ and plenty for everyone to see and do, get hands on with the life saving equipment used and speak to volunteers about the roles they undertake.

Ready to take the next step? Head to <https://www.ses.nsw.gov.au/> volunteer to apply now.

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Community News

Are you prepared for the share market changing in 2026



by Phil Harvey
I love the beginning of every year. It is always good to reflect on the previous year and predict what will happen in the future. From an investment perspective, if you get this right you will help set yourself for a better future.

Reflecting on 2025

The year started off with the inauguration of Donald Trump and the Liberation Day announcement of global tariffs. This was the dominant factor until June when the story quickly pivoted to Artificial Intelligence. Any company that mentioned they were doing something with AI was embraced by the market. The large tech companies

are supposedly spending around \$2 trillion on AI related infrastructure and services.

A significant amount of this money will go into new data centres and hardware. But a significant amount will need to go into satisfying the increased energy demand. It has been suggested that US based data centres will increase their need for energy from 4% of the US energy market to over 20%.

Coming at a time of energy transition from fossil fuels to renewables and the global unrest, this has created a perfect storm for commodities.

What is in store for the future?

Stocks, commodities and energy prices are likely to

continue where they left off in 2025.

As businesses increase their prices due to the increased commodity and energy prices, inflation will become more of a problem. With persistent inflation, the reserve bank will be under pressure to increase interest rates.

Increased interest rates will be a double-edged sword for many businesses as it will increase their cost of doing business and it will reduce demand for their goods and services.

In the broader Australian market, the dividend yield historically sits between 3.5% and 4.5%. It is now approaching 3%. In the broader US market, the dividend is close to 1%

compared to it's long-term average of 2%.

As the dividend percentage is simply the dividend / share price, the only way to increase it is for company profits to increase or the share price to decrease.

Based on this, I predict broader market returns will be lower this year than in previous years. I don't expect company profits will increase so therefore it is logical that share prices will fall or at best stay where they are. That said, there will still be sectors that will perform well.

In 2024 and the early part of 2025, industrial companies, financials and real estate performed better than the miners, energy producers, consumer staples and

healthcare.

This started to shift in late 2025 and I predict this will be continue in 2026. I expect over the next year the miners and energy producers are the big winners and the boring ones like supermarkets and healthcare just continue giving returns of 7% or more.

What could you do?

What you should do depends on your situation, noting this is not personal advice. At a general level:

- If you are investing with a 1-2 year timeframe, consider holding more mining and energy companies than industrial or technology. If you are risk averse, cash could well be your friend.

•If you are investing with a 3+ year timeframe, stay invested but again consider holding more mining, energy, and healthcare companies. Importantly, be prepared to move if and when sentiment changes in the next year or two.

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More volunteers are needed to provide ethics classes in our region in 2026

The team of Primary ethics volunteers in our region recently celebrated with Eva Papadopoulos her completion of 10 years as a volunteer ethics teacher at Queanbeyan Public school.

When asked what motivated her to volunteer and to maintain that involvement despite a busy work and family life, Eva said that when she enrolled her eldest child at Queanbeyan Public School in 2015, she was delighted to see such a progressive and exciting option for children.

"My enthusiasm was short-lived, however, when I realised that my child wasn't able to participate due to a shortage of volunteer teachers", she said.

This led Eva to register her interest, complete the training course and became a volunteer ethics teacher.

At the time Eva was a stay at home mum, but because the commitment involves just one half-hour class each week, when she returned to work she was able to accommodate the commitment in her work schedule.

Eva said that teaching Primary Ethics has been incredibly rewarding. "I love watching the kids formulate, express and refine their opinions on various ethical issues, through discussion with their peers. Listening to the ideas of your peers is so important and often leads to changing your mind about what you think - which is

great!"
Eva said that being a volunteer Ethics Teacher is also a great opportunity to engage with the community and help shape the development of our young people. "What could be more rewarding than that?"

The Primary Ethics program was introduced over 10 years ago to provide an option for children who do not attend scripture classes, with lessons delivered by volunteers from the school community, as well as the broader community.

There are currently about 40,000 NSW children attending weekly ethics classes in 500 NSW schools. As well as Bungendore Primary, in our region the

program is now offered in all four government primary schools in Queanbeyan, as well as at Jerrabomberra and Sutton primary schools, but more volunteers are needed to meet the demand for classes.

Ethics lessons invite students to explore everyday situations that raise ethical issues, such as truth and lying, getting even, greed, being fair or unfair, cheating, friendship, drugs in sport, being an ethical consumer.

Regional Manager Jim Neely, who is also a volunteer ethics teacher, said that volunteers come from all walks of life and you don't need any teaching experience.

"As the commitment only



involves about an hour a week during school terms, like Eva many of the volunteers are working and are able to fit it into their schedules".

"Importantly, all lesson materials are provided by Primary Ethics, and the classes are kept small to enable all children to participate in the

discussions", he said.

"Also, the training, which is free, can be undertaken, with other volunteers, either face-to-face or on-line".

Curious to find out more? Visit primaryethics.com.au, or contact Jim at jim.neely@primaryethics.com.au

Above: Jim Neely and Eva Papadopoulos

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Craft Evenings
Thursday 19th February
Thursday 5th March
55 Gibraltar Street
6-8pm
\$5 - BYO craft project
Contact Thalia: 0412 884 120



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Community News

Maria's Community Corner



Maria Porreca

Wow what a wonderful day Australia Day was this year. In the past I have never attended an Australia Day Ceremony in Braidwood. So, my beautiful friend, Nicki, and I travelled to Braidwood to enjoy the scenery and the ceremony there. Well, we were treated to a very delightful surprise. Ms Margaret Shea, outgoing President of Braidwood CWA Branch was awarded Senior Citizen for 2026, and the CWA Branch itself was awarded Braidwood Community Organisation for 2026. Both were two new award categories that were introduced this year. But the surprises didn't end there.

After the ceremony we hightailed back to Queanbeyan to help set up the refreshments for the VIP's and their guests at the Ceremony here. Again, organisations and people I know received awards. Queanbeyan Community Organisation went to Queanbeyan Senior Citizen's Association, Queanbeyan Community Event was awarded to Pramathon 2025, and Queanbeyan Senior Citizen was Janice Moore. I was over the moon and so happy for them all. Congratulations everyone, each award was very well deserved.

Refreshments at the Ceremony for the VIP's and their guests were provided by CWA Queanbeyan Evening Branch. And what a tantalizing, delectable spread it was too! Well done once again Queanbeyan Evening



Branch. The Branch holds its monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of the month commencing at 7.00pm. For more information, please contact queanbeyaneveningbranchcwa@gmail.com New members very welcome.

Queanbeyan Senior Citizens are busy organising activities for the Senior's Festival to be held 2-16 March. One big event is on Tuesday 10th and it's a Picnic in the Park from 10.00am-2.00pm. You can bring your own picnic or buy a sausage sandwich, drink or cake slice. There will be games such as badminton, pickle ball, bean bag toss, bocce, cornhole, dart, golf, football, gum boot toss, ping pong, ring toss and table tennis, just to name a few. You could win

a prize - and there will also be live entertainment. Many community organisations will also be on hand to answer your queries.

A new activity on offer at the Senior Centre, 1 Farrer Place, is Tai Chi Qigong. Two sessions available on Wednesdays - at 11.45am-12.45pm and again 1.00-2.00pm. Cost is \$10 per session, and you will need to book by calling 0407 902 989.

The Mini Art Exhibition is on again from 2-28 February at the Queanbeyan Library and is well worth a visit. There are some amazing artists in Queanbeyan.

Till next time take care everyone and keep cool.

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Vale Barbara Schafferius 'Cookie'

1st Bungendore Scouts reformed in September 2001 after a large meeting was held in the school multipurpose hall to re-start the group after a long hiatus.

Two leaders who lived in Bungendore, Ian and Barbara Schafferius attended this meeting and volunteered to start the Cub Pack as they were both fully trained Cubs Leaders.

Ian became the Cub Packs 'Akela' and Barb was Assistant Cub Leader, known as 'Cookie'.

The Cub pack started with 40 members and the first meeting was held in the Anglican Church Hall. District could not believe it when they came down to help with the investiture of 40 Cubs in one ceremony. Ian and Barb were not only looking after a large Cub Pack in Bungendore but also a pack from First Canberra.

The duo ran the Cub Pack from 2001 to the end of 2004 when they decided to retire and travel this great country.

Barb 'Cookie' gave unending support and

without that support it would have been very difficult to manage such a large group of Cubs. Many of the Cubs that Barb 'Cookie' mentored are now adults in their 30's and I am sure they will remember the fun times they had and appreciate all the life skills both indoors and outdoors from their time in this Cub Pack under Barb 'Cookie's' guidance.

A memorial service for Barbara Schafferius 'Cookie' will be held on the 14th February 2026 at the Scout Hall from 2.30pm - 3.30pm. Family, friends and members of the Scouting community are welcome to attend.

Sharon Rasker
1st Bungendore Scouts
Publicity officer/Historian
Photo supplied of Barbara



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Make sure you always put all of your food scraps in the green lid bin, your local farmers will thank you.

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Queanbeyan-Palerang 2026 Seniors Festival



Tuesday 03 March Zumba Participation

9:30 am - 10:30 am & 11:00 am - 12:00pm
Featuring: Ellie Parr

Queanbeyan Town Park, Lowe Street

Zumba is a fun, easy-to-follow workout for everybody at every level! There's a reason they call it exercise in disguise! 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.

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. These events are FREE of charge.



Wednesday 4 March Mad Hatters Tea Party

10am to 12 noon - Phil's Op Shop,
Butmaroo Street, Bungendore

*A teapot sings, a clock strikes none,
The party's just begun—
The Hatter's hat is tall and wide,
The tea is never done.*

Don't be late for this very important date.....

Join us for a morning of fun where Mad is the dress code! Mad Hats, fun dresses, and over-the-top accessories, bring a hat to decorate. The wonderful thing about hats is, almost anything can be a hat – a scarf, a cap, a beanie, or any crazy creation you can pull together.

Let your imagination run wild.

We will have some creatives on hand to lend their expertise on how to make that perfect fascinator or add a bit of style to that plain summer hat.

Prizes for best hat, best accessory and best outfit. Lucky door prizes.

Come for the fun, stay for the laughter – and don't forget your sense of whimsy! A delicious morning tea is included.

This event is free of charge for seniors (55+): bookings are essential, phone 0419 025 533 or email bungendoreseniors@gmail.com



Tuesday 3 March Bowls on the Green, Lunch with Tasty Bites

9.30am to 1.30pm - Bungendore Bowling
and Sports Club

Ever wanted to try bowls? Join us for a fun and relaxed morning at the Bungendore Bowling and Sports Club, perfect for beginners and first-timers. No experience is necessary – this is all about enjoying a social game, sharing a few laughs and spending time with friends. Come along, bring a smile and have a go. Bowls will be provided, just wear comfortable clothing and appropriate footwear.

After bowls our fabulous hosts at the Bungendore Chinese will serve up a sit-down snack lunch (3 options available).

This event is free of charge for seniors (55+): Please note: Drinks are at own expense. Bookings are essential, phone 0419 025 533 or email bungendoreseniors@gmail.com



Tuesday 3 March Songs and Scones CAPTAINS FLAT

10am to 12 noon at Captains Flat Community
Hall, Captains Flat

Time for a delicious Devonshire morning tea and live entertainment from Tea4Two. Pam and Graeme, a vocal and guitar duo have been performing around Canberra and Bungendore for more than 15 years. Their mellow harmonies are the heart of their sound and together they create an intimate musical atmosphere that takes you back into your memories but also encourages a bit of singing along and toe-tapping along the way.

So, sit back and enjoy the scones, the harmonies and good company. Lucky door prizes.

This event is free of charge for seniors (55+): bookings are preferred, to register your interest please phone Chloe on 0422 605 009

This event is supported by The Bungendore Anglican Church and Captains Treasure Op Shop, Captains Flat.

Thursday 5 March Bungendore Seniors – Bingo

10am to 12 noon - Bungendore Sports Hub

Join us this morning for a few games of bingo and a delicious morning tea. This event is free of charge for seniors (55+).



Friday 6 March Boot Scootin' for Fun and Fitness

10am to 11.00am - Bungendore Sports Hub

Looking for something new and enjoyable? Boot Scootin' is easy to learn, gentle on the body and a wonderful way to meet others. It's less about getting the steps right and more about having fun.

Our friends from Bom Funk dance studio will guide us through this relaxed, beginner-friendly session. It's all about moving at your own pace, having a laugh and enjoying good company. You don't need to be a dancer or a country music fan – just comfortable shoes and a willingness to give it a go. Along the way, you'll improve balance, coordination and mobility, all while enjoying music and social connection.

This event is free of charge for seniors (55+): bookings are essential, phone 0419 025 533 or email bungendoreseniors@gmail.com



Thursday 12 March Walk the Park with Qbn Health Walking Group

11:00 - 1pm at Queanbeyan Town Park, Lowe Street

Come and meet the walkers of the Queanbeyan Health Walking Group and make new friends. Enjoy a relaxed walk with delicious food and great company at our upcoming **free** sausage sizzle event. Whether you're a regular member or new to the group, everyone is welcome to join in the fun.

Queanbeyan-Palerang 2026 Seniors Festival

Thursday 12 March

Learn, Protect and Connect: Stay Scam Savy

10am to 1pm - Bungendore Sports Hub

Join nbn Local for a practical, easy-to-follow session designed to help seniors feel confident and safe online. We'll unpack the most common online and phone scams affecting our community, show you how to spot the warning signs, and share simple steps to protect your personal information. You'll also learn what to do if something doesn't seem right and where to find trusted support.

What you'll learn

- Recognise the latest online and phone scams
- Simple ways to keep your information secure
- What to do if you think you've been targeted
 - Reliable places to get help and more information

Who should come?

Seniors, carers, and anyone keen to boost their digital safety skills. All welcome—no technical experience needed.

A snack lunch with tea and coffee will be provided after our session.

This event is free of charge for seniors (55+): bookings are essential, phone 0419 025 533 or email bungendoreseniors@gmail.com

Tuesday 10 March Picnic & Games in the Park

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Queanbeyan Town Park: Lowe Street

Come along to this FREE event and have some fun. We have a variety of games to enjoy: Lawn Bowls, Corn Hole, Ring Toss, Golf game, golf chipping - and many more

Try your luck with the Lucky Dip

Bring your own chair, picnic or purchase a sausage sandwich for \$2, drinks for \$1 & \$2 or a cake or slice for \$2 each.

Bring your mates and make some new ones - everyone is welcome! Remember to bring your own chair.

Let's celebrate the seniors in our community - see you at the festival! There are plenty of opportunities to relax, participate, chat and connect.



**Wednesday 11 March
Songs and Scones**

BUNGENDORE

**10am to 12 noon at Phil's Op Shop,
Butmaroo Street, Bungendore**

We are back at our fabulous Op Shop today for a delicious Devonshire morning tea and live entertainment from Tea4Two and a gold medal Barbershop Quartet. Pam and Graeme, a vocal and guitar duo have been performing around Canberra and Bungendore for more than 15 years. Their mellow harmonies are the heart of their sound and together they create an intimate musical atmosphere that takes you back into your memories but also encourages a bit of singing along and toe-tapping along the way.

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**Friday 13 March
Fun and Games**

**10am to 12 noon at the
Bungendore Sports Hub**

Join us this morning for our regular get-together. Enjoy great conversation, a few laughs, some games and a delicious morning tea.

This event is free of charge for seniors (55+)



BRAIDWOOD & VILLAGES

Digital Art- using AI to make your own masterpiece and surprise yourself (and the grandkids) - keep an eye out for more details

Monday March 2: Movies and morning tea:

10am at the Araluen Federal Hall- the Best Exotic Marigold Hotel. Come and join the Araluen Coffee and Craft women for some fun and a great morning tee

Tuesday March 3: Have a Hit - come and see if you've still got it- join the morning tennis group at the **Braidwood Tennis Club at 9.00am** for an hour's play- you might want to join up.

Cyber Safe - Be smart about Avoiding Finance Scams Community Bank Braidwood will be giving us information and advice about recognising and avoiding the scams - lots of us have already been caught, or had near misses.

Wed March 4, 10am - 11.30am: Mongarlowe Community Hall

Thur March 5, 10am - 11.30am: Nerriga Community Hall

Wed March 11, 10am - 11.30am: Majors Creek Rec Ground Hall

Monday March 9: Chair Yoga at **the Glasshouse** with Christina, **11am -12.** Enjoy an introduction to Yoga sitting down- it's fun!

Wednesday March 11: Chair Yoga at the **Mongarlowe Hall** with Christina from **10.30am - 11.30am.** Enjoy an introduction to Yoga sitting down- it's fun!

Thursday March 12 and Saturday March 14: Drive around Town in the Gellibrand- the Dodge that has been restored by the local community. Meeting at the old D&S motors on Thursday 12th at 10.30am, and on Saturday 14th all day! Gold coin donation.

Friday March 13: Expo at the **National Theatre from 11- 2.00**

Come and meet some organisations you might like to join, including the RFS and Lions. Information about support services available for Seniors

Enjoy tasty finger food from Java

Check out the look for winter- "The Fashion Edit- quality basics and fun accessories for autumn and winter"

**Monday 16 March
Queanbeyan Seniors
Citizens Centre Open Day**

10am-2:00pm

Rear of 1 Farrer Place, Queanbeyan

The Queanbeyan Seniors Citizens has been operating since 1976. Senior Citizen's is a dedicated organization committed to promote the welfare of all Senior Citizens in the City of Queanbeyan and surrounding districts in the following ways:

- To establish and maintain a club for senior citizens.
- To maintain appropriate facilities for the use by senior citizens.
- To raise funds for the functioning of the Seniors' Centre.

To provide a place where senior citizens can meet, engage socially, extend their mental alertness, and participate in physical activities.

Current membership 320 and rising.

Try activities and enjoy light refreshments. Let's celebrate the seniors in our community - see you at the festival! Plenty of opportunities to relax, participate, chat and connect.



Queanbeyan Seniors Citizen Events

For enquires contact Brenda Russell
0407 201 392 or
Kim Collins 0407 902 989

Email: qbnseniors@gmail.com

Facebook: [facebook.com/qbnseniors](https://www.facebook.com/qbnseniors)

Website: www.queanbeyanseniors.org.au



Bungendore Seniors Association Events

For enquiries phone Sharon
on 0419 025 533 or email
bungendoreseniors@gmail.com

Braidwood Seniors Events

For enquiries phone Laurann
Yen on 0417 433 846 or email
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Community News

Entries now open for the KIDS' PAVILION COMPETITION



COMMUNITY BANK BUNGENDORE PRESCHOOL FAIR 2026 KIDS' PAVILION COMPETITION

SUBMISSION FEE: Gold coin or donation, per exhibit, upon entry

PAVILION CATEGORIES

Section A - Lego formation - Country Barnyard, 2 categories: under 10 years of age and 10 - 18 years of age

Section B - Photography - Local Landscape or Hero, 2 categories: under 10 years of age and 10 - 18 years of age

Section C - Paint or Draw - Farm Animal, 2 categories: under 10 years of age and 10 - 18 years of age

PAVILION AWARDS

Participation certificates given.

Placeholders determined by a guest judge/s, and awarded a cash prize, donated by Warmer Sol Photography.

First place awarded \$20
Second place \$10
Third Place \$5 cash prize

DELIVERY OF EXHIBIT

Exhibits may be delivered the day before i.e. Friday 27th February 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm to the Pavilion site at Mick Sherd

Exhibits may be delivered on the day i.e. Saturday 28th February 7:30 am - 8:30 am to the Pavilion site at Mick Sherd

Judging to occur 8:30 am - 9:00 am, Saturday 28th February, the pavilion will be closed to the public during this time

FOR ALL ENTRY DETAILS & MORE INFORMATION, VISIT OUR WEBPAGE OR EVENT

LINK:

<https://bungendorepreschool.com.au/community-bank-bungendore-preschool-fair-2026/>

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1c2uy19kgt/>

SECTION A: LEGO FORMATION - COUNTRY BARNYARD
Criterion: All models are to be ORIGINAL, i.e. Not a Lego box kit with assembly instructions.

Theme: Country Barnyard (inspiration examples; veggie patch, farm animals, barn, machinery, crops)

Brand: Duplo and Lego blocks/pieces only

Dimensions: All models not to exceed a 38cm square, any size accepted up to that max

Presentation:

All models must be attached to a rigid board base

Recommendation is to use a Lego branded board plate (maximum of 38 x 38 cm), so pieces remain in position

If this is unavailable, any sturdy board fixture within a 38 cm square limit will suffice (e.g. Thick cardboard base, wooden board)

SECTION B: PHOTOGRAPHY - LOCAL LANDSCAPE OR HERO

Criterion: Photos must be ORIGINAL work taken within the last twelve months

Photo Study: Local Landscape: Photo of NATURE (Landscape, flora, fauna native to area)

Local Landscape: Photo of local SCENE/SITE (40 km radius of Bungendore)

Local Hero: PORTRAIT (Photo of a person/people of special importance to you)

Camera/Type: Phone or hand-held camera, both accepted, film or digital capture

Dimensions: Overall print maximum size of A4 (30 cm x 21 cm), NO frames allowed

Presentation: Prints to be securely mounted on heavy cardboard, matte paper, black in colour, with a maximum border of 1-3 cm

SECTION C: PAINTING OR DRAWING - FARM ANIMAL

Criterion: Artwork must be an ORIGINAL creation

Theme: Farm Animals (subject e.g pig, cow, sheep, rooster, horse, cattle dog, duck)

Art Mediums: The following materials are accepted: Paints (acrylic/oil paints), water colour paints, coloured pencils, graphite pencils, charcoal, textas, oil pastel, chalk pastels, crayons.

Use is up to artist's discretion e.g. Use of only one or combination

Dimensions: Overall maximum size of A4 (30 cm x 21 cm), NO frames allowed

Presentation: Backing paper is NOT a requirement. However, if the exhibitor would rather, art work may be securely mounted onto cardboard or heavy paper, colour of their choice, with a border range of 1-3 cm

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First General Meeting of the Year

A very successful first general meeting for 2026 was held at the end of January by members of Bungendore Quilters. A number of new projects were discussed along with the usual reports by the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Librarian. The group now has just over a hundred and seventy books on inspiration, techniques, beginning quilting, blocks and books on quilts from around the world. A wealth of knowledge available to all members. Ola is our Librarian and does a great job of keeping our books in order.

We discussed the challenge for this year as well as our raffle quilts for our exhibition in November. We usually have three raffle quilts each year – 1st and 2nd prize are

adult quilts and the 3rd prize is a child's quilt. This year we already have the child's quilt made and ready to go!

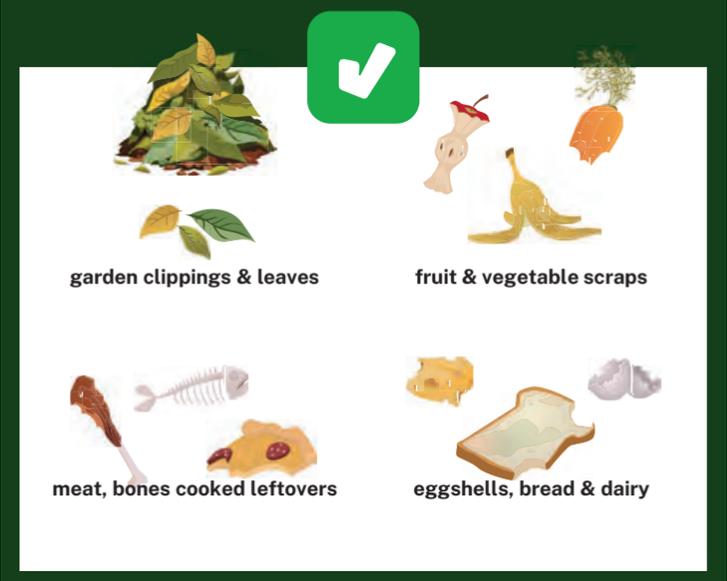
Member's involvement in 2026 projects include First Nations gift quilts through The Canberra Hospital, gifts quilts for Louisa House and raffle quilts for groups such as the Bungendore Pre-School. We are looking forward to our meetings this month as well as the retreat at the end of the month. Places are still available if you would like to participate.

www.bungendorequilters.com.au

Photo supplied of members enjoying the Community Centre backyard



KEEP PUTTING THESE IN YOUR FOGO BIN!



LEAVE THESE OUT OF YOUR FOGO BIN!



Community News

FOGO: The right place for your food and garden waste

A regional 'Scrap Together' campaign across Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, Snowy Monaro Regional Council and Snowy Valleys Council continues to promote the green FOGO (Food Organics Garden Organics) bin to residents. The education campaign promotes the use of the service and clarifies that only food scraps and garden waste should be disposed in the FOGO bin. It aims to keep green bins free from contaminants like plastics.

One key finding from bin audits is that roughly 50% of residents in surveyed areas with FOGO services are still not diverting any food waste from landfill. This highlights the need for continued public education and the adoption of easy-to-use programs like FOGO.

While the process is designed to be simple, maintaining proper waste separation is essential. This includes:

- Removing all packaging from food scraps.
- Peeling off plastic fruit stickers.
- Avoiding unaccepted items, such as pet waste.

The collected materials are professionally composted, creating a nutrient-rich soil amendment. This process returns valuable carbon and nutrients to the soil,

improving its health and supporting plant growth. Proper sorting ensures the final compost is of high quality and doesn't contaminate the composting process. Councils and contractors can use the compost on local parks and sports fields.

Accepted Items

FOGO programs generally accept a wide range of food items, including:

- Dairy
- Citrus peels
- Onions
- Meat and bones
- Corn husks
- Fruit and vegetable scraps

By participating in these programs, individuals can make a tangible contribution to environmental conservation and a more sustainable future.

Reduce throwing out food

While FOGO is for unavoidable food waste such as egg shells and bones, Council also encourages the reduction of edible food being thrown out. The average NSW household throws away over \$40 worth of edible food every week. Throwing away food also wastes the resources like energy and water that went into growing, packaging, producing, transporting,

selling and preparing the food.

Five tips to reduce your food waste:

- Plan your meals.
- Use a shopping list.
- Use up leftovers and excess ingredients.
- Store food correctly.
- Reduce portion sizes.

To get tips and tricks on your food waste journey, sign up for the Love Food Challenge at www.lovefoodhatewaste.nsw.gov.au.

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The FOGO mandate and the NSW EPA

To increase diversion rates, the NSW EPA has set targets, including a mandate to separate business food waste for relevant businesses and all NSW households to have a FOGO collection service by July 2030. The resulting compost can be used to enrich soils, improving their health and water retention, and ultimately creating a circular system where nutrients are

returned to the land rather than being wasted. More information about these mandates can be found on the NSW EPA website.

The campaign is delivered by Canberra Region Joint organisation in collaboration with Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, Snowy Monaro Regional Council and Snowy Valleys Council and funded by the NSW Government.

Photos supplied of how Council FOGO material is processed into compost



Queanbeyan Veteran and Family Hub

Here for veterans and their families, every day

What's on at the Hub

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

Visit the Hub today

251 Crawford St, Queanbeyan

Open Monday to Friday
9am to 5pm

In partnership with

NSW SES QUEANBEYAN UNIT

OPEN DAY

SATURDAY

14th February

34 Erin Street,
Queanbeyan

10am - 2pm

DISPLAYS & DEMOS

- Learn how to prepare for floods & storms
- Interactive demonstrations & displays
- Learn more about becoming a volunteer
- Meet your local NSW SES members!

To find out more about the NSW SES contact Zakia Patel at:
qbn.ops@ses.nsw.gov.au

Community News

Bungendore SES celebrates and recognises volunteers

On December 13 2025, Bungendore SES members had their end of year awards presentation where we also celebrated the NSW SES 70th birthday.

A number of volunteers were presented with the NSW Premier's Citation. This recognised their dedication and commitment to supporting the community through challenging weather conditions in 2022 and 2023.

Other awards included: Dianah Brown for 20 years long service and John Snell for 5 years' service.

Unit citations were presented to Gordon Bruce and Janine Hansen for outstanding support in the logistic and training streams.

Thank you to Matt Price Deputy South Eastern Zone Commander and Rob Cunneen Queanbeyan-Palerang Local Commander for presenting these much deserved awards.

Thank you also to Bobby at the Chinese restaurant at the Bungendore Bowling and Sports



Club for providing our volunteers with an excellent lunch.

Now we're well into this storm season, there are some actions you can take to minimise damage to your property:

- Trim trees and branches that

could fall.

- Fix any damage to your roof, including broken tiles and debris.
- Clean your gutters, downpipes and drains to prevent blockages.
- Secure loose outdoor furniture and items when not in use.

It's also a good idea to check your home and contents insurance is up to date. See www.ses.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare for more information.

Bungendore SES trains every fortnight from 7 pm and our next training session is 19 February.

Feel free to come along and have a chat about how you can help your local community.

See www.ses.nsw.gov.au/volunteer/unit-volunteer for more information.

Photo supplied

Council meeting summary: Wednesday 28 January 2026

QPRC

Here is the summary of the resolutions made at the Ordinary Council meeting of 28 January 2026. The archived recording of the meeting and the Public Forum are both available at: <https://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au/archive.php>

- In the Public Forum, Council heard from six members of the public who made presentations about items on the agenda including: a development at 1 Wolesley Place Jerrabomberra; a Planning Proposal concerning densification in South Jerrabomberra; a development application for change of use modification at The Forest Road Bywong; and legal proceedings in relation to the proposed Viking Club in Jerrabomberra

- Council heard presentations from staff on the Waste Management Strategy Post Exhibition Report and the Reconciliation Action Plan

- Council waived all fees associated with the funeral of the late Eric Clutterbuck held in The Bicentennial Hall, Queanbeyan on Friday, 30 January 2026

- Council granted conditional consent to DA.2024.0222 for construction of multi-unit dwellings with 46 units, car parking spaces, landscaping and infrastructure and strata subdivision at 270 Glenrock Drive, Googong

- Council granted conditional consent to DA.2025.0372 for construction of multi-dwelling housing with 5 buildings containing 44 units, earthworks, strata subdivision, landscaping and associated infrastructure at 1 Gooandra Circuit, Googong

- Council granted conditional consent to a modification DA.2023.0378.A to change of use 159 The Forest Road, Bywong

- Council granted conditional consent to DA.2025.0387 for construction of a storage facility, ancillary office, car parking, signage and associated services at 1 Wolseley Place, Jerrabomberra

- Council endorsed letter of support to NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for gateway review of PP.2024.0009 which seeks to permit Seniors Housing and Multi-Dwelling Housing on land zoned RE2 Private Recreation

- Council endorsed the Planning Proposal to amend the QPRLEP 2022 to rezone land, reduce minimum lot sizes and permit specialised retail premises within South Jerrabomberra, and will forward to NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure. Council will undertake agency consultation and public exhibition as required, and finalise the making of the plan if no objections received. Council supported the review and update of the South Jerra Development Control Plan 2015

- Council will submit a response on the Proponent's Response to Submissions Report to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure maintaining Council's objection to the modification of DA1-01-2000 for the Barina Quarry and will request to have a public meeting

- Council endorsed policies for public exhibition at <https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au> including: Annual Fire Safety Statement, Public Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure, Fireworks (Pyrotechnic) Display, Compliance and Enforcement, Roadside Vegetation Management

- Council received and noted Captains Flat Total Flood Warning System Design Report 2025, and authorised applications for

grant funding with any co-funding requirements to be considered in future budgets

- Council adopted the QPRC Waste Management Strategy 2025-45

- Council will provide a letter of support to Crown Land for sale of portion of a lot to allow Queanbeyan District Basketball Association to construct an upgrade facility. Council endorses leasing this portion of the Council Managed Crown Land to QDBA to allow them to proceed with stage 2 of their upgrade

- Council approved a Cultural Grant of \$500 to local artist Karen Sorensen towards costs for an arts exhibition at Rusten House Art Centre, Queanbeyan

- Council received investment report for December 2025, noting return of \$1,074,318

- Council received information report about the upgrade of the Queanbeyan Sewage Treatment Plant, noting conditional approval of the development application

- Council received information report about NSW Planning Reforms

- Council received information report about road renewal and maintenance activities in 2nd quarter of 2025-26

- Council received information report about Land and Environment Court proceedings Tuggeranong Valley Rugby Union & Sports Club Ltd vs QPRC

- Council received information report about formal endorsement from Reconciliation Australia of the QPRC Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan 2026-2027

- Council received information report about Health, Safety, Environment, and Quality (HSEQ)

Quarterly Report from 1 October to 30 December 2025

- Council received information report with bi-annual compliance reporting

- Council received information report with resolution action sheet

- Council received and noted the minutes of the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee on 20 November 2025, receiving and noting recommendations around process to manage the proposed Nellie Hamilton Centre First Nations Sculpture Project and noting a recommendation to retrospectively endorse the non-commissioned mural artwork in Braidwood. A further report will be presented to Council

- Council noted the draft minutes of Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting on 8 December 2025

- Council received and noted minutes of Small Business Advisory Committee on 10 Dec 2025, endorsed amended Terms of Reference to include one representative nominated by each of the region's business chambers, and one representative nominated by Regional Development Southern NSW & ACT

- Council will receive a staff report on response to heatwave event from Wednesday 7 to Saturday 10 January 2026 and will hold a workshop on the 2025 National Climate Risk Assessment and its implications for QPRC

- Council received report with answers to councillor questions about parking spaces for The Q Performing Arts Centre

- Council received report with answers to councillor questions about a data centre approved for the Poplars at Jerrabomberra

- Council received report with

answers to councillor questions about EV chargers in the Lowe Street Car Park in Queanbeyan

- Council received report with answers to councillor questions about volunteer participation in Australia Day events in 2025

- Council received report with answers to councillor questions about rates revenue by subcategory

- Council received report with answers to councillor questions about urban bulky waste collection

- Under the new Code of Meeting Practice, responses to questions from Councillors on business listed on the Agenda are provided as a Supplementary Report 'Questions with Notice' and have been added to Council's website

- In closed session Council deferred consideration of a matter about flooding on Queanbeyan River to receive further information on: minimum warning time for safe evacuation in the event of a major flood; maximum available time for evacuation in Queanbeyan CBD when Googong Dam reaches a flood peak; feasibility and cost estimates for developing an automated early warning system for residents in high flood-risk properties along Queanbeyan River; how other local Councils in NSW have addressed the matter of multi-dwelling units in high flood-risk properties; and other Council's involvement in the state voluntary house raising and purchase scheme and any risk mitigation measures they have adopted. Results from above will be shared with the Queanbeyan Floodplain Management Committee

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>

Community News

Bungendore CWA News

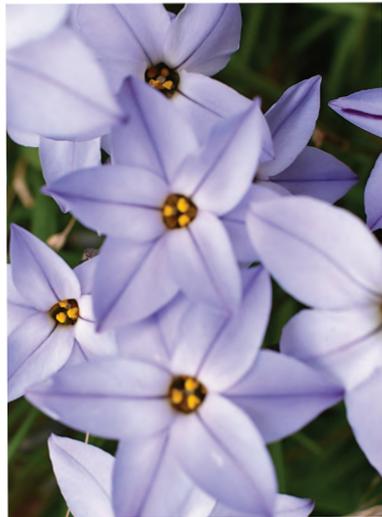
Bungendore CWA

Meeting Sunday February 15

First CWA branch meeting of 2026 is on Sunday 15th February at 10am. All new members are welcome. Why not pop on by and say "Hi" and see what we are about.

Bulb Fundraiser

Our annual Bulb fundraiser is



back! Get those gardens ready for bountiful spring blooms and help our branch at the same time. head to the below to order.

<https://www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/bungendorecwa/cutoff.html>

Land Cookery Comp

The CWA Land Cookery competition is open to ALL members of the community in NSW or ACT. You don't have to be a member of the CWA to participate.

Maybe we could have a battle between local community members?

Friend Vs Friend

Neighbour Vs Neighbour

Shop owners Vs Shop Owners...

Loads of fun to be had. There are 16 sections plus 2 Junior sections, so something for everyone.

Please head over to <https://www.cwaofnsw.org.au/.../The-Land-Cookery.aspx...> for further information and recipes on the schedule. And keep an eye on our

social media pages for updates.

Important Info:

- CWA Land Cookery Officer - Joan Sherd
- Contact: bungendore.publicity@gmail.com
- Branch Comp: Sat Feb 28th,
- Where: Bungendore CWA rooms - 9am - 12 am
- Drop off times TBC

Let's get baking Bungendore!

Handicrafts collections

Are you looking to clean out your crafting Stash? Want to help the CWA create a craft library.

We are looking to create a small library of crafting items to enable us to host small workshops at little to no cost. Suggestions of items are as follow:

- *felt *colour pencils/pens
- *fabric scraps *embroidery floss
- *embroidery hoops *scissors *glue/glue guns * needles *patterned paper *string/twine *beads/trinkets
- *pins *rulers/measuring tapes



- *tape/fancy tape *crochet hooks
- *knitting needles *buttons

Any other crafting item you may think suitable. I ask that items be either near new and /or in excellent condition please.

We do not need any yarn at this stage!

We will also need any container - small to medium to hold our supplies (NO large tubs please)

Items can be left at the CWA room.

Thank you!

Book Club
1st Wednesday of the month

Garden Club
3rd Saturday of the month

Craft and Chat
4th Monday of the month

Mahjong
4th Tuesday of the month.

CWA Room - Gibraltar Str,
Bungendore

Tomorrow's farmers celebrated at the Crookwell Show

Debbie Evans

"Farmers of Tomorrow" were celebrated through a carefully crafted program of events putting young people at the forefront at the 147th Crookwell Show on the weekend.

Crookwell Show President, Michael Lowe, said the "Farmers of Tomorrow" theme of the show had been devised with junior events to highlight the importance of bringing young people through the ranks to continue to grow the agricultural sector.

The events for young farmers included special judging classes, the Young Farmers Relay, whip cracking, egg and spoon race.

Mr Lowe said the Crookwell Show Society had been fortunate to welcome young members in recent years. "They have recognised the need to mentor and nurture up and coming farmers, and young people with an interest in supporting the rural sector." He said.

The two-day event was held on a weekend of mixed weather. Attendees enjoying a sunny, warm Saturday while Sunday's rain

was very welcome and put many a smile on the faces of farmers across the region.

On Sunday the committee had to pivot and move the Young Farmers Challenge indoors into the Pavilion and the whole event was well received by spectators.

Another of the highlights of the show was the announcement of the Crookwell Show Young Woman of the Year, Emily Greer. Emily will now represent Crookwell at the zone judging for The Land Sydney Royal AgShow NSW competition on February 28 in Gunning.

Emily will join other entrants from the RAS NSW South-East zone which takes in a vast area including Gunning, Taralga, Cooma, Goulburn, Yass and Tumut.

Emily, originally from Dubbo, moved to Crookwell in mid-2025 to join the Crookwell Elders team as a rural supply specialist and Livestock Production Trainee.

She worked in rural industries as far a field as Western Australia before joining the Elders team and

continues to pursue her passion for agriculture studying for a Bachelor of Agriculture at Charles Sturt University.

Since moving to Crookwell, Emily has embraced the local community and said she has enjoyed everything about her experience with the Show Society.

"Especially meeting new people and now representing the Crookwell community."

"I am very proud to represent Crookwell," she said.

Emily is also an important member of Crookwell Dogs and the local Rugby Union Club.

President Lowe described the weekend Show as being "extremely successful" with the committee already turning their attention to 2027's event.

Other events held as part of the show were cattle, horse, sheep, Commercial Flock Ewe competition, Sports Shear and Wool Handling competitions, poultry, pavilion sections, car and bike show, Junior Show Person Competition and carnival rides to entertain all ages.

Photos: Debbie Evans

Left: Bernadette Oakes and Mike Savage travelled from Picton to enjoy the Crookwell Show on Saturday. Both said they were impressed with the whole event and especially enjoyed the delicious food served by the Show Society cooks.

Above Right: Crookwell Show Society Young Woman of the Year, Emily Greer, with Show Society President, Michael Lowe. Emily says she will proudly represent Crookwell at the RAS Zone Finals of the Young Woman of the Year on Saturday, February 28 at The Old Coach Stables in Gunning.

Right: Crookwell locals, Dr Johanna Kovats and Sue Reedy,



taking in exhibits entered by talented locals in the Show Pavilion. Exhibits included cooking,

art, photography, flowers and other artistic and craft items.



Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Music by the River 2026 SOLD OUT

Tickets for Music by the River 2026 are now sold out! We can't wait to see you all as the Canberra Symphony Orchestra, Kirrah Amosa and Greg Gould rock you with the hits of Queen by the banks of the Queanbeyan River on 21 February 2026.

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

World Wildlife Day Photography Competition

Enter your photos in the 2026 World Wildlife Day Photo Competition! Simply enter your photos of plants, animals, fungi or bugs that are native to our area for your chance to win some great prizes.

The competition is open to people 18 years and under who live in our local government area. There is a Best Entry prize in each of the four age categories and a Best Overall prize.

- ▶ Submit your entries by 11:59pm on 3 March at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/wwd-photo-comp

Join the AXIS HUB: free weekly youth program

AXIS HUB is a free weekly youth program for young people ages 12-17!

Whether you're looking to relax, get creative, or just have a good time, this program is the perfect space for young people to chill and socialise. The sessions will include activities like board games, cooking, arts and craft, sports games, basketball and more.

This program is run in collaboration with Headspace.

- When: Tuesdays from 4-5:30pm (during school term)
- Where: Axis Centre at Queanbeyan Park
- ▶ Learn more and register your interest to attend at bit.ly/AXIS-HUB

LET'S GET OUR SCRAP SORTED

What goes in your FOGO bin?

Did you know all your food scraps including meat, bones, and citrus peel can go in your FOGO/green lid bin?

Containers, packaging, tea bags, coffee bags, paper towels, any type of plastic, treated or painted timber, nappies, pet poo, soil, rocks, and branches thicker than your arm can NOT go in your FOGO/green bin.

- ▶ Pick up free FOGO caddy liners at any Council office and learn more about FOGO at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/FOGO

Work with Council

Current vacancies include:

- Development Compliance Officer
- Coordinator Rangers
- Customer Service Officers

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

Council Meetings and Times

Council holds Ordinary Meetings twice a month on a Wednesday, excluding December and January. Meetings start at 5.30pm. Agendas and business papers for the meetings are available on the Friday prior to the meeting from bit.ly/MinutesAgendas. Meetings are live streamed via bit.ly/QPRCwebcast.

Members of the public can watch the meetings via bit.ly/QPRCwebcast and make a presentation during the public forum via Zoom, by submitting a written presentation, or in person.

Members of the public can make a:

- Written presentation - submit by midday on Tuesday
- Zoom presentation - register by midday on Wednesday
- ▶ Register to make a presentation at bit.ly/QPRCinvolved

Next meeting dates are:

- 11 February 2026 (Braidwood)
- 25 February 2026 (Queanbeyan)

Written Questions on Notice

Questions on notice from the community must be submitted in writing or via email to public.forum@qprc.nsw.gov.au by 12pm on the Wednesday prior to the meeting. All questions and responses will be tabled at each Public Forum, provided to the person who asked the questions and published on our website.

2026 Category 1 ClubGRANTS open!

The 2026 Queanbeyan-Palerang ClubGRANTS Category 1 funding round is open! Each year registered clubs across NSW provide funding support through ClubGRANTS to local community and sporting groups and charities.

Category 1 funding applies to projects that support community welfare and social services, community development, health services, and other projects that aim to improve the living standards of low income and disadvantaged people.

- ▶ To learn more about eligibility and to apply online by 5pm 31 May 2026, visit www.clubgrants.com.au

FREE child car seat safety checks

Have your child car seats, harnesses and booster seats checked for safety and fit on Saturday 28 February between 9am and 2pm.

- ▶ Bookings are essential and can be made at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Free-child-car-seat-safety-checks

Disability Inclusion Action Plan survey

We are gathering feedback for the next Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) from 2026 – 2030. The Disability Inclusion Action Plan guides Council's work to improve accessibility and inclusion across our region. We want to hear from people with disability, carers, service providers, and the general community.

- ▶ Have your say until 5 March at yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au/DIAP-community-survey

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

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

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Community News

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Warren Yates spinning up a storm at the Crookwell Show. Warren is a member of the Goulburn Handweavers and Spinners who provided demonstrations in the Pavilion as part of the Crookwell Show on Saturday. Photo Debbie Evans

Letter

QPRC Self-Haul Waste vouchers

Thank you to the QPRC Waste Management Team for sorting out the incorrect charges for our mixed waste disposal as reported in the Letters to Editor a few weeks ago. After a few emails back

and forth this issue was cleared up and vouchers returned to us for the overcharge. Great effort team.

C. Allard
Bungendore

Bungendore Seniors: Chair Yoga recommences on a Tuesday

Chair Yoga is a gentle and effective way to support your physical and mental wellbeing, especially for those wanting to maintain strength, flexibility, balance, and calmness in a safe and supported way. Practised while seated, Chair Yoga is ideal for older adults or anyone recovering from illness or injury, helping improve mobility, reduce stress, and even support better sleep.

Classes are open to everyone who'd like to experience the benefits of Chair Yoga and enjoy the connection of exercising with others in a friendly environment.

Classes have now resumed and are held on Tuesdays, 2.30pm at the Scout Hall, Turallo Terrace, Bungendore.

\$13 for Bungendore Seniors members / \$18 for non-members

Many participants report benefits such as improved hand grip, limb strength, reach, balance, mood, and overall agility. The low-impact exercises are also known to help manage conditions like osteoporosis, osteoarthritis, and arthritis by reducing joint pain and improving quality of life.

For more information or to book, contact Sue Scarlett at sue@agewell.yoga or call 0411 407 737.

Come join us - feel stronger, more balanced, and connected.



PET OF THE WEEK



Name: Percy
Age: 2
Likes: Prawns and cardboard boxes
Dislikes: The doorbell
Claim to fame: Hid from guests during his second birthday party



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

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

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For more information: Phone 0461 365 831 Email: queanbeyan.nsw@lions.org.au
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lionsofqueanbeyan/>

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, BIRBALTA STREET BUNGENDORE

CONTACT 6248 1261 OR 0422606009

Puzzles

BRAIN TRAINING

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

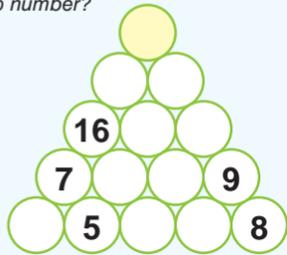
Mind the Gap

Can you place a well-known three-letter word in the spaces of each row to complete the seven-letter word? The shaded letters should spell out a word meaning memento.

W	E				N	D	
B	R				R	Y	
E	N	C				D	
E				O	M	E	
G	L	U				E	
F	R				I	C	
D	E	C				G	
S					B	E	T

Add Up

If the number in each circle is the sum of the two below it, what is the top number?



Half-minute Hurdles

Beginning with the Start number, and moving round the track one calculation at a time, see how far you can get in thirty seconds. You can jot down your total in the hurdle every third step. Don't expect to complete the lap in thirty seconds - finish in your own time.

START: 32

HURDLE 1:

HURDLE 2:

HURDLE 3:

HURDLE 4:

HURDLE 5:

HURDLE 6:

HURDLE 7:

FINISH:

Calculations: x2, +9, -14, -12, +3, ÷2, ÷5, +42, -16, +5, Halve it, ÷2, +6, -16, +9, x3, -11, +8, -15, ÷4, x3, -2, Double it, +18

Quick Time Crossword

1		2	3		4	5	6	7
		8			9			
10					11			
		12		13				
			14			15		16
17		18		19		20		
				21			22	
23	24		25			26		
27					28			
29						30		

- Across
- 1 Fine sediment (4)
 - 4 Enemies (4)
 - 8 Sphere (3)
 - 9 Copies (4)
 - 10 Formal act (4)
 - 11 Trap (5)
 - 12 Unharmful (4)
 - 14 Golfer's aid (3)
 - 15 Become firm (3)
 - 17 Australian state (abb) (3)
 - 19 Craft (3)
 - 21 Former Russian ruler (4)
 - 23 Girdles (5)
 - 26 Vast sum (4)
 - 27 American state (4)
 - 28 Star sign (3)
 - 29 Challenge (4)
 - 30 Celestial body (4)
- Down
- 1 Allowing no laxity (6)
 - 2 Large quantity (4)
 - 3 Luxury (5)
 - 4 Devoted follower (3)
 - 5 Gems (5)
 - 6 Ever (poet) (3)
 - 7 Compass point (init) (3)
 - 11 Prophets (5)
 - 13 Exploits (5)
 - 16 Stifled laugh (6)
 - 18 Of the sun (5)
 - 20 Domesticates (5)
 - 22 Uprising (4)
 - 23 Rudimentary shoot (3)
 - 24 Greek letter (3)
 - 25 Definite article (3)

Sudoku

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

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

Crossword

1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9		10
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52								53									54	

Target Time

Target: Average 16, Good - 24, Excellent - 32+

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

G	F	A
N	R	C
A	E	R

- Across
- 1 Surfing necessity
 - 4 Books in a series
 - 8 Locked up
 - 11 Limits
 - 12 Green vegetables (6,5)
 - 14 Composition
 - 16 Non-coastal
 - 17 Commercial music
 - 18 Shut in
 - 19 Checks
 - 21 Tentatively
 - 23 Spider's trap
 - 27 Presented
 - 28 Bitter herb
 - 30 Anchor
 - 31 Drowned valley
 - 32 Defeat
 - 33 Baseball term
 - 34 Grew weary
 - 37 Sailing vessel
 - 38 Amicable
 - 40 Offender
 - 43 Sternly
 - 45 Fool
 - 46 Proverbs
 - 48 Meddles
 - 50 Deepened
 - 51 Ideal
 - 52 Nimble
 - 53 Globes
 - 54 Leg from knee to foot
- Down
- 1 Tortuous
 - 2 Of a virus
 - 3 Mollycoddle
 - 4 Hollow vessel for flowers
 - 5 Landlord
 - 6 Boggy
 - 7 Burns
 - 8 Uncut polished gem
 - 9 Natural manure
 - 10 Took apart
 - 13 Record
 - 15 Agile
 - 19 Used up (3,4)
 - 20 Chorizo, eg
 - 22 Approaching
 - 24 Treated unjustly
 - 25 Wither
 - 26 Console
 - 27 Alliance
 - 29 Feng shui principle
 - 35 Yarns
 - 36 Mildness
 - 38 Small flute
 - 39 Face veil
 - 40 Fault-finders
 - 41 Sweat source
 - 42 Looter
 - 44 Rise from bed (3,2)
 - 47 Greek letter
 - 48 Essence
 - 49 Offspring

Public Notices

Comments open for Revised Unsealed Road Policy 2025

QPRC
 At the Council meeting on 17 December, Councillors voted to re-exhibit the revised Unsealed Road Policy to allow the community the opportunity to provide feedback on the revised document. This policy was previously exhibited from 27 October to 6 December 2025.

The new draft Policy has been reviewed taking into account the feedback received. The revised policy is available for download in the document library on councils website.

The revised Unsealed Council Road Policy 2025 is open for community comment from 18 December 2025 to 28 February 2026. This can also be viewed:

At Council's Customer Service Centres, between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday
 Feedback can be provided on the draft

- Policy through:
- Completing an Online Submission Form on the YourVoice page of councils website
 - Emailing it directly to council@qprc.nsw.gov.au with the subject title "Revised Unsealed Council Road Policy 2025"
 - Hand writing your submission and delivering it to Council's Customer Service Centres
 - Posting your submission to PO Box 90, Queanbeyan NSW 2620

Only written submissions will be considered and these must be received by Council before 28 February 2025. Any submissions received may be included in the final report to Council.

CASUAL BAR STAFF REQUIRED

We are looking for bar staff to join the BBSC team.

Must be over 18 and available to work evenings and weekends and hold a valid Responsible Service of Alcohol Competency Card.

Prior bar experience is preferred but not essential as training will be provided.

Email Matt and Lindsay at bungendorebowlo@gmail.com to discuss becoming a part of the Bowlo team.

Mayor's Column

I am very excited to welcome the Mighty Canberra Raiders back to Queanbeyan! The Raiders are playing at Seiffert Oval as part of the 2026 NRL Pre-Season Challenge, in a Friday night blockbuster against the Melbourne Storm. Seiffert Oval was the Raiders original home ground and we're looking forward to an amazing local crowd. It's on Friday 13 February with the NRL kick off at 5.30pm. Get your tickets online via Ticketek.



We are seeking feedback on Council's next Disability Inclusion Action Plan from 2026-2030. The DIAP guides Council's work to improve accessibility and inclusion in our community. A community survey is open until Thursday 26 February. We want to hear from people with disability, carers, service providers, and the general community. The DIAP aims to uphold the rights of people with disabilities and improve access to mainstream services through better systems and processes. Your input helps us remove barriers and improve accessibility in our community. To complete the survey, go to yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au

I am proud to announce that Council's Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) for 2026-2027 has been formally endorsed by Reconciliation Australia. Reconciliation is important for our community and for us as a Council. This RAP focuses on developing and strengthening relationships with First Nations Peoples, engaging staff and stakeholders in reconciliation, and developing and piloting innovative strategies to empower First Nation's Peoples. As we continue our path towards reconciliation, we hope that this RAP will be an ambitious but achievable guide for us over the next couple of years. The RAP is now available to read at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/first-nations

Council has adopted the Waste Strategy 2025-2045. This strategy will guide Council's waste and resource management over the next 20 years, with a focus on reducing landfill and maximising resource recovery. Adopting the Strategy does not mean there are any changes to collections or frequency of either red, yellow and green bins. The community's feedback has helped us understand the unique waste issues of our city, towns, villages and rural areas. Find out more about the Waste Strategy 2025-2045 at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/strategies-and-plans

Charleys Forest Road will be closed at the Third Curradux Creek causeway from Tuesday 17 February until Tuesday 17 March, weather permitting. The existing structure will be removed, and a new causeway will be constructed to improve flood resilience and road safety. We appreciate the patience and cooperation of residents as we upgrade this important infrastructure. This project is proudly funded by the NSW Government.

Cr Kenrick Winchester, Mayor

Queanbeyan Probus Club: next meeting Mon, 16 Feb

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

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

There are men's clubs, ladies' clubs and combined clubs and is a community service of Rotary Clubs. They are not-for-profit making and non-denominational. The first club, established by Rotary, was

in 1996 at Caterham, England. It is now worldwide with a global membership of over 2,000 clubs.

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

Goulburn Multicultural Festival 14th Feb 2026: 10am - 4pm

Come and join the crowds at Belmore Park for one of Goulburn's most colourful and spectacular events. The Multicultural Festival will have over 20 visiting and local cultural groups in the most colourful and exciting performances.

There is a variety of multicultural food and street stalls, community markets, live music, and kids' activities to add to the flavour of the day. This is a great festival for the whole family!

Proudly funded by the NSW Government's Reconnecting Regional NSW Community Events Program in association with Goulburn Mulwaree Council and a range of local sponsors.

173 Auburn Street Goulburn NSW 2580
 info@gmc.org.au
 02 4803 9042

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 Seniors Association: Notice of AGM

The Bungendore Seniors Association AGM will be held at the Bungendore Sports Hub on Thursday 19th February at 12 noon. All welcome.
 bunendoreseniors@gmail.com

Queanbeyan Community Choir

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

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

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

Afternoon tea supplied. New members welcomed. For further enquiries emailayrrows@bigpond.com

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

Target Time

Target: Average 16, Good - 24, Excellent - 32+

acre, afar, agar, anger, arcane, area, arena, arrange, caner, carafe, care, carer, carnage, crag, cranage, crane, earn, facer, farce, fare, farer, fear, fern, frag, FRAGRANCE, franc, garner, gear, grace, nacre, near, race, racer, rage, rang, range, ranger, rare, rear.

Brain Training

MIND THE GAP:
 Weekend, Brewery, Encoded, Epitome, Glucose, Frantic, Decking, Sherbet. The shaded word is: KEEPSAKE

ADD UP: 58 HALF-MINUTE HURDLES: 1 - 59, 2 - 25, 3 - 31, 4 - 9, 5 - 52, 6 - 24, 7 - 63, 8 - 64

Sudoku

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

Puzzle Solutions

Quick Time Crossword

S	I	L	T		F	O	E	S	
T		O	R	B		A	P	E	S
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T	A	S		A	R	T			I
		O		T	S	A	R		T
B	E	L	T	S		M	I	N	T
U	T	A	H		L	E	O		E
D	A	R	E			S	T	A	R

Crossword

W	A	V	E	S		V	O	L	U	M	E	S		C	A	G	E	D
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N	A	R	R	O	W	S		S	T	R	I	N	G	B	E	A	N	S
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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, 10am to 2pm, in the Community Hall, Foxlow Street, Captains Flat. Enquiries to CFCM.Markets@captainsflat.org.au

the market @ bungendore

10am-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

BUNGENDORE WAR MEMORIAL HALL

If you are looking for a venue for a party or another event then check out the Hall. We have plenty of tables and chairs, a well equipped kitchen and our rates are very reasonable.

Please contact Jill on 6238 1470 for bookings.

BUNGENDORE SENIORS

Next get together will be Friday 30 January, at the Bungendore Sports Hub amenities building \$5.00 per person.

ALL OVER 55's WELCOME

OPENING TIMES WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS

Bungendore waste transfer station:

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

Bywong waste transfer station:

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

Captains Flat waste transfer station:

Saturday and Sunday 9am-3pm
Monday 9am-2pm

Braidwood waste transfer station

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

Personalised care for your dog

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



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

When: Thursday 5th February
Where: RSL Lifecare, Level 1, 251 Crawford Street Queanbeyan

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

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

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

VINTAGE & RETRO

Vintage and retro secondhand shop open Friday, Saturday and Sunday - 10.00 am to 5.00 pm

ART BY ANDERS

144 Uriarra Rd Crestwood Queanbeyan.

Treat yourself this Valentine's Day Buy Local

CB BOBCATS

Bobcat & excavator, with attachments & truck for hire. Residential & rural. Landscaping, topsoil & roadbase. Rural animal graves. Phone Cameron on 0423 513 238



LIONS COMMUNITY BOOKSHOP

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

CHOOKS FOR SALE



Layer pullets, 22 weeks, Isa W, B, R, LS, BTR, SLW. Order today for delivery to Bungendore

Friday 20 March. Phone Jim on 0428 194 105

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



POSITIONS VACANT

Motel Housekeeper required - (Queanbeyan). Casual position Start 8.50am - 2-4hrs. Some weekend work required Suited to someone who is reliable, punctual, with a positive attitude Experience preferred but not essential Phone 6297 7366 8am - 6pm

Gavin Pillidge Courier

Braidwood - Canberra - Braidwood

Monday - Wednesday - Friday

Mob: 0428 968 162

RSPCA: All these special animals are hoping to find their forever families as soon as possible (7 Feb). Meet them at the RSPCA Shelter.

Website: rspca-act.org.au/adopt-pet Animal Viewing Hours: Mon-Sat 10-3

Contact: 6287 8100



GUS (M)

Mastiff
Approx 10½ yrs

rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn000004U0IAM



SKYLA (F)

American Staffy
Approx 3 yrs

rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn000006CXsIAO



ROXY (F)

Mixed Breed
Approx 2 yrs

rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn000007KbaTIA



KOKO (F)

Bull Mastiff mix
Approx 4 yrs

spca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn000009rvSnIA



SUNNY (M)

German Short Haired Pointer
Approx 1 yr

rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn000009xHdHIA



BINDI (F)

Staffy
Approx 18 mths

rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn00000879ZpIA



TRIXIE (F)

Border Collie
Approx 2 yrs

rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn000009y3gzIA



ZEKE (M)

Miniature Poodle
Approx 1 year

rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn000009xh6zIA



WINNIE (F)

Labrador

rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn00000A2hCnIA



SOUNI (F)

DSH Approx 3 yrs

rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn000009uGwCIA



TRIXIE (F)

DSH Approx 4 yrs

rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn000009pfnwIA



PORCINI (M)

DSH Approx 4 mths

rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn000009t0n4IA



TEDDY (F)

Rex Approx 6 yrs
rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn000009pxaLIAQ



BILLY (M)

Lop Eared Approx 4 yrs
rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn000009pxaMIAQ



REGINA

Indian Ringneck
Approx 2 yrs
rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn00000A0zgrIAB



TOFU

Pigeon
rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn00000A291RIA



BILBY

Pigeon
rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn000007ZISfIAO



MICRORAPTOR

Dove
rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn0000090h3RIA



SIR PERCIVAL

Pigeon
rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn000009x3r7IAA



SIR GALAHAD

Pigeon
rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn000009y8APIA



ROGER

Chinese Silky Bantam
rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn000009pyplIAA



ERNIE

Chinese Silky Bantam
rspca-act.org.au/adoption-list/pet/a3aMn000008NdrCIAW

Every pet deserves a loving safe home.



In addition as of 7 February

DAS has 15 dogs looking for wonderful new homes See: www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/adopt

Goulburn Mulwaree Animal Shelter has 15 dogs/pups, a cat and a horse hoping to catch the eye of someone special

See: www.petrescue.com.au/groups/11042/Goulburn-Mulwaree-Council

Adopt don't shop



Sport

BRC Equestrian Experiences Adult Camp

Bungendore Riding Club

Bungendore Showgrounds came alive on 22-23 November 2025 as 36 enthusiastic Bungendore Riding Club members gathered for a full weekend of Equestrian Experiences—two days designed to inspire, challenge, and build confidence. With a blend of exciting new activities and much loved favourites, the camp offered something for every level of rider.

Thanks to funding support from Equestrian NSW, the club was able to deliver an expanded and engaging program that provided riders with a rare opportunity to train across both traditional and alternative disciplines. Whether

participants aimed to refine their technique, step outside their comfort zone, or prepare for the upcoming competition season, the weekend delivered meaningful learning and memorable moments.

Alongside dressage, show jumping, cross country, and horse archery, riders also enjoyed sessions in obstacles and mounted games. These activities were supervised and encouraged by senior club members highly proficient in these disciplines, ensuring a safe, supportive, and confidence building environment for all.

Riders rotated through sessions with a highly respected coaching



team: Dressage with Sarah Venamore, Show Jumping with Ben Netterfield, Cross Country with Fiona Gruen, and Horse Archery with Liberty Deaman. Each instructor brought their own expertise and energy, creating a dynamic and encouraging learning atmosphere.

riders attending their first clinic, the atmosphere was warm, welcoming, and filled with shared learning. Off the horse, participants enjoyed time to socialise and unwind—including a lively trivia night following a delicious Saturday evening dinner.

already in the works for 28-29 November 2026. Mark your calendars and keep an eye out for updates and other Adult Riding activities—next year promises to be just as memorable.

Photo credit:
CatDan Photography

www.catdanphotography.com

From seasoned competitors to

The Bungendore Riding Club's next Adult Riding Club Camp is



Bungendore Swim Club



Congratulations to our last swimmers of the week for 2025, Henry and Violet and to Remi, Mason, Macy, Tobias

Bungendore Swim Club
Photos supplied



Sport

Wamboin Golf - February 2026

Sunday, 1 February dawned a pleasantly cool morning after the searing heat of previous days. Would it hold for the afternoon's Desiccation Pennant, we hoped? You bet it did. The day was sponsored by the Gordon and Bailey families whom we thank for the prizes and refreshments. They called for play to be determined by the Staple Foot system. And so it was.

Back in the shelter shed, as the Captain struggled to translate the stuttered Sanskrit of our scorecards, we conned our world. We are to have a Royal Commission on the Bondi atrocity. The central issue will be 'hate speech'. The following parable will show the struggle of Laocoon proportions in coming to grips with hate speech: in a Five Nations game legendary Scottish rugby half back, Roy Laidlaw, was regularly pinged by the ref for putting the ball in the second row. During a break in play Laidlaw said to the ref "Ref, if I called you a bastard you'd send me off wouldn't you?" "Yes Roy, I'd send you off". "But if I only think you're a bastard you wouldn't

send me off for that, would you?" "No Roy, I couldn't send you off for what you think". "Well ref, I think you're a bastard". Of course he was sent off. The Royal Commission will merely enrich the key players.

It'll be a shame if the Coalition survives. Proud Little David, backed up by a man who can't spell caravan, pulled a masterstroke of duplicity and put the old Country Party back in the outfield (where it belongs) just as Elbow was on the ropes after a tardy response to Bondi. It would be entertaining to see them all consigned to the back benches while the Libs field candidates in old Country Party seats at the next election. They might even do better than One Nation, whose support base is demented Victorian boomers now living in sunnier climes. Unless the winner of the Anguish/Hasty stoush doesn't push them farther to the Right.

While people were dying in the streets of Iran, where was the outcry from the annoying Ms Thunderberg, self-appointed whistle blower on the alleged



thieves of her future? Where was the dull, bored voice of Penny Wong, the Gazans' friend? And the Greens? And the universities? And the usual rent-a-crowd of noisy suspects? Their concern for the rights of Arab people seems bewilderingly selective.

The latest stroke of that silly old sausage, the Donald, is something called 'Bored to Pieces'. National leaders pay \$1.5B to listen to him ramble on about his manifold cunning plans to make the world a better place - like the way he's fixing America. At the recent business colloquium in Davos two people gave memorable speeches. Canadian PM, Mark Carney, used his allotted time to deliver an oratorical master class for which he received a standing ovation. By contrast Donald Trump, King of the Wild Frontier, endlessly repeated the 32 words he knows and, as old mate Barry Humphries would have put it, got the clap he so richly deserved. Emboldened by the Trump play for Greenland, the ACT's D'Oyly Carte government is trying on a land grab from Yass Council. The goal is to protect

the Territory's national security, gain access to the Yass reserve of rare earths and stop Russia's Special Military Operation to annex Gungahlin. Now that Grytpipe-Thynne has called time on his Washington gig, Neddy Seagoon has made Moriarty our new ambassador to the US. Yingtong Iddleye Po. A small mercy - it could have been Eccles.

The Captain restored order and welcomed our guests, Amy and Taylor Miners, progeny of Stephen, formerly known as the Major Miners. That title is now held by his son. It's a kind of Aparthight. The googly ball went to Little David Proud for picking the absolutely worst time to do an incredibly stupid thing. It was passed to Pete Harrison but he can't remember why he earned it. So we gave it to Ken Gordon whose drive carried the water over the dam at Frances' but was trapped by the supposedly heritage-listed wire fence. The dummy spit or, as my old chum Dickens put it, Great Expectations, was shared by Tim Barter who was prejudicially surprised by his partner's errant

ball and gave in to expletive; and David Bailey who threw his club in frustration. Anyone who can hyperventilate and doesn't mind getting wet can have it. LD and NTP ball winners were Ken Gordon's Norwegian alter ego 2, Stephen Miners 2, Deb Gordon, Gerard Ryan and Tim Barter. Winner of the nine hole comp was Steve Lambert 44/17 from Gerard Ryan 39/16 and Pete Harrison 55/12. Winner of the 18 hole comp was Stephen Miners 76/44 from Vicki Still 82/37 OCB from Taylor Miners 84/37. Well done, all players!

Next month is March when we play for the Mad March Hare Medallion. What japes and wheezes as we honour the memory of Lewis Carroll by donning our silly hats and other Wonderland accoutrements. Join us at 12.15pm on Sunday, 1 March at the Wamboin Hall for the 12.30pm start. Meanwhile, the trains in Spain fall over - take the plane.

Larry King, golfer

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