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Events, fairs and festivals

Lot's happening over the next couple of weeks across the region. This Saturday, 28 February 2026 the Community Bank Bungendore Preschool Fair & Pig Races returns to Mick Sherd Oval in Bungendore.

Plenty of attractions, entertainment, food and events. See page 10 for the full program.

The **NSW Seniors festival** kicks off on Monday 2 March and runs through to Sunday 15th. Some highlights

include the Mad Hatters Tea Party in Bungendore, Scones and Songs in Bungendore and Captains Flat and a very informative Scam Savy presentation. See the full program on pages 12 and 13.

Captains Flat Community Information Meeting on Wednesday, 04 March 2026, 6pm to 7pm.

Council invite Captains Flat residents to come along to chat with councillors and staff.

Held in the Captains Flat Multipurpose Health Centre, 204 Foxlow Street, Captains Flat, 2623,

Queanbeyan Multicultural Festival

Saturday, 28 March 2026,

10am to 4pm

Ready to eat your way around the world, dance to a new beat, or maybe just have a super day out in Queanbeyan Park? Our Multicultural Festival is back ready to wow crowds and fill bellies and hearts for another year.

There will be two stages featuring dance acts from around the world. The festival is about colour, movement, food, love and learning the many amazing cultures that make up our community.

This year will feature international performers, market stalls, sporting demonstrations more craft activities for the kids and of course delicious food

As this is one of our busiest events, council asks that attendees leave their pets at home unless they are a service or assistance animal.

Sharon Baxter-Judge

Left: Music by the River was a huge hit last Saturday night when the Canberra Symphony Orchestra rocked the music of Queen!

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Community News

New Bungendore Probus Club is Buzzing

The Bungendore Probus Club is a recent initiative for active retirees. It centres around outings, travel, finding new and stimulating interests, contributing to community and of course lots of socialising and fun. We only started in August last year but already have 25 active members: no mean feat in a small town like Bungendore. The club aims to keep retirees in our community connected and supported, which is important for mental and physical health in the mature years. We meet monthly on the first Monday of each month at 10.00 am, at St Mary's Parish Hall, Turallo Terrace, Bungendore. At most meeting we have a speaker, plan and report on activities and always make time for relaxed conversation and connection. So far, we have used ice-breaking activities to get people mingling and to find out about each other. These have certainly been enjoyed by the members, but we also find they need no encouragement to get talking - even the quiet ones are quickly pulled into the buzz of conversation. Since establishing the club, we've enjoyed lunches at local cafés and restaurants, as well as day trips,

including a very popular cruise on the Clyde River at Batemans Bay. Last November, one of our members hosted a Melbourne Cup lunch in their beautiful garden just outside Tarago; another hosted a whisky tasting session, and I believe that on one very hot summer day, a few members had a dip in the club president's swimming pool. The club has hosted some fascinating speakers, including a snake handler, wildlife carers, a man who was on the ground in New York for 9/11, and timely and practical advice from ACT Council on The Ageing (COTA). This year we plan talks from a cheese maker, a Speech Pathologist who will talk about communication issues at different life stages, a representative from Australian Skeptics and a speaker on pets and healthy ageing, to name a few. We also encourage our members to share their skills, interests and experiences, both in formal talks and in 'Cameos' in which the president 'live' interviews members during the meeting. All members have a say in the activities we undertake, and we actively encourage suggestions. Upcoming activities



include computer training sessions and troubleshooting, a tour and lunch at Captains Flat, and a retirement information session. Next Thursday 26th members are invited to meet at the Royal Hotel on Gibraltar street for dinner and conversation. Also coming up in 2026 is the exciting possibility of liaison with researchers at Australian National University to participate in citizen science, contributing to knowledge about

local water management issues. The club is part of the wider network of Probus South Pacific, which means that we can liaise with other clubs in the ACT and NSW region and take part in travel activities and entertainment, organised to keep costs down. These are considerable benefits for a small local club and there is the added peace of mind of public liability insurance for club activities and travel.

Anyone interested in joining or learning more is welcome to email bungendoreprobus.pres@gmail.com. Starting the club has been a great initiative and it is encouraging to see it taking root and enriching local life in Bungendore. Photo supplied of Probus members Ann, Lee, Lyn and Robyn enjoy a lunch to celebrate the new year.

Picnic and Games in Queanbeyan Park: Tues 10th March 10am to 2pm

Tues 10th March 10am to 2pm. As part of the NSW Seniors Festival, Queanbeyan Seniors Association have organised a fabulous day out on Tuesday 10th March. All are welcome to attend. Come along for some fun and enjoy games like Bocce, Corn Hole, Ring Toss, Golf game golf chipping and many more. A fab lucky dip is also on offer.

Bring your own chair, picnic or purchase a sausage sandwich for \$2. Drinks are \$1& \$2 and cake, or slices are on offer for just \$2. Bring your mates and make some new ones - everyone is welcome! Remember to bring your own chair. Along with games there will be a huge variety of information stalls. The day is a relaxed, welcoming event bringing together a wide range of local community groups

all in one place. It's a great opportunity for older residents to discover what's happening across the region, meet friendly faces and learn about clubs, activities, volunteer opportunities and support services available close to home. From social groups and hobby clubs to health, wellbeing and community organisations, there's something for everyone. Whether you're looking to try something new, make connections or simply gather information, the Seniors Mini Expo makes it easy to explore the many ways to stay active, informed and involved in our community. Groups showcased will be Goodwin Queanbeyan Day Club, Home in Queanbeyan, Hospital Auxiliary, Jerrabomberra Rotary Club, Legacy, Lion's Club, Meals on Wheels, Minstrel Brothers - entertainment, Pickle Ball, Presbyterian Church,



Queanbeyan Bowling Club, Queanbeyan Evening Branch CWA, QPRC Library, Queanbeyan and District Museum, Queanbeyan Police, Queanbeyan Veteran & Family Hub, Queanbeyan View Club, Queanbeyan Rotary, Jerrabomberra Rotary and the

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



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Main street works starting

Debbie Evans

"We've known its coming and generally everyone agrees, the quicker the better." This is the reaction of Queanbeyan Chamber of Commerce President, Anthony McDonald, to the start date for works to upgrade Monaro Street.

Works will start on Thursday, March 12, 2026, according to Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council.

Mr McDonald said local business has known the project is coming and there will certainly be some pain for them while the work is underway.

The refresh was originally going to take 12 - 14 months, working in stages but Council was granted approval to shorten the timeframe undertaking all works at once over a six-month period.

"Most people are supportive of the

shorter timeframe." Mr McDonald said.

There was a meeting held between Council, contractors and the business community on Monday to discuss how best to manage the expectations of business and getting people into traders during the refresh.

"As long as it gets done in the six months it will be ok, but if the program blows out it could be a disaster," Mr MacDonald warned.

"At the end of the day, it's a much-needed improvement," he concluded.

"Council has been working towards improving Monaro Street for a long time," said Mayor Kenrick Winchester.

"The key message for residents is that Monaro Street will be closed to vehicle traffic for six months. We know this work will be disruptive

and we are aiming to minimise how long people are affected.

"We were considering a plan to do one lane at a time, but this would have meant a construction time of at least 18 months. We have worked with businesses and Transport for New South Wales, and we all agree that closing the road and reducing the amount of construction time is the way to go.

"All of Monaro Street will be closed from the Atkinson Street roundabout to Lowe Street.

"Pedestrian access will remain along both sides of the road, including along the Queens Bridge, and businesses will be open and accessible throughout construction.

"Works will include replacing the road surface and updating underground infrastructure. The existing travel lanes and parking will remain in the same layout with a fresh new surface, while the medians will be modified, footpaths will be upgraded, and gutter heights will be lowered.

"The upgrade forms part of Council's broader plans to transform and reinvigorate the Queanbeyan CBD as part of the CBD Transformation Strategy, Queanbeyan CBD Spatial Masterplan, and Queanbeyan Place Plan.

"Monaro Street will be upgraded from Lowe Street to Collett Street,



improving the safety, accessibility, and aesthetic of our CBD. For many years, the community has identified this as a key priority.

"We will also be continuing our business support package to help local businesses over the course of the works.

"This includes our Shop Front Improvement Program that will see façade renovations for 20 businesses along Monaro Street. These upgrades, along with the planned Queanbeyan Leagues Club redevelopment, will form part of a total refresh for our main street.

"Supporting local jobs and businesses is an important part of this project and we are glad to be working with a local company from the Canberra region in Dale and Hitchcock to get the job done.

"The Monaro Street Upgrade isn't just about fixing the road; it's about investing in the future of our

community."

The tender for construction was awarded to Dale and Hitchcock Civil Pty Ltd at the 28 May 2025 Council meeting.

The \$17,250,000 project is funded through \$10m of grant funding under the NSW Government's Drought Stimulus Package. Council accepted this offer of grant funding in 2020 and agreed to arrange loan funding of \$5.25m as co-contribution for the project.

Transport for NSW have allocated an additional \$2 million funding for the project, to be spent in 2026.

Alternative routes and further information about traffic management are available at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Monaro-Street

Further details about the construction timeline will be available soon.

Above: artist impression of Monaro St refresh. QPRC



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Community News

Have your say on the Disability Inclusion Action Plan community survey: comments close March 5

Debbie Evans

The community is being invited to give Council guidance for the development of a new Disability Inclusion Action Plan and Bungendore resident, Elaine Heskett, is planning to share her unique perspective as a visually and hearing-impaired resident.

Elaine is encouraging others to take part in the survey, as every person with a disability has their own perspective on life in the Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) area and what can be done to further support them.

The survey is available online through the QPRC website and printed versions can be picked up for completion from the QPRC offices in Queanbeyan, Bungendore and Braidwood.

Interviewing Elaine is an eye-opener to the enormity of challenges faced by the disabled in our community. People who simply want to live their lives as normally as possible.

Elaine and her husband moved to Bungendore five years ago and Bungendore's shortcomings were immediately obvious to Elaine in her circumstances.

Elaine said "I found there was almost a complete lack of tactile tiles in the village.

"These tiles are vital for the visually impaired. Depending on their shape and location they can indicate direction, warn of a change of terrain and even keep people safe. For example, on railway platforms a row of tactile tiles will keep people from walking over the edge and assist them to find safe entry to train doors.

"Bungendore also lacks any colour contrast on roads which is vital for people with limited vision to know where they on a roadway i.e. halfway or almost fully across. This greatly improves safety.

The road between the Malbon and Cleanseeds in Bungendore is a prime example of a road that is dangerous for Elaine to cross, as there are no coloured markings, "There's just nothing to tell you you're in the middle of the road."

Whilst Elaine has Greta, a guide dog to assist her, using her dog is not always possible, especially if the dog is unwell or when it is too hot for a dog to traverse footpaths and roadways and she must then

use a cane.

In this instance other obstacles that confront Elaine and others like her are uneven footpaths, often raised by tree roots, potholes along dirt pathways and uneven surfaces and sunken irrigation systems in parks.

Even taking to the street near The Gathering in Bungendore is fraught with obstacles for Elaine, like a narrow walkway between tables placed closed to the building and next to the kerb.

Elaine finds further complication at this location with people having their dogs with them at tables. This can pose a distraction for her dog Greta from job, not to mention the danger of confrontations between the dogs.

This can quickly escalate to a serious problem for Elaine where she becomes disorientated and must spend time re-focus herself.

Well-meaning passers by who want to pat her guide dog also distract Greta and make life a little harder for Elaine who needs her dog to always be on track.

Additionally, Elaine now makes regular bus trips to Queanbeyan to visit her husband who is in care in Warrigal. This presents her with another set of different and testing scenarios to overcome in the city.

For example, the bus shelter on John Dwyer Crescent that she uses to pick up the bus to Queanbeyan, has walls and there is no way for her to see or hear approaching vehicles which means she must stand outside.

In many instances she can't even hear approaching vehicles if they are electric.

On arrival at the Interchange in Queanbeyan, Elaine is confronted by a noisy, crowded environment but she accepts the challenge and sets out to Warrigal through Riverside Plaza. She must then navigate several sets of lights where bollards have been placed directly in the path of sight impaired pedestrians.

"The bollards are at lights on the way to Warrigal and are in completely the wrong spots, and I must find my way around them to the guttering where I can cross. Along the route there are also loose and raised pavers," all of which Elaine must navigate.

She has now created a "mind



map" to help navigate obstacles she must pass on the way to see her husband and return.

These are not the only locations where there are issues for the sight impaired and Elaine has raised other sites through Snap Send Solve reports to Council such as the Old Post Office, the Museum and the Council depot.

"With so many obstacles it's hard to have confidence in being in Queanbeyan, and I avoid many places like parks and banks."

However, in other areas of life technology has been a Godsend for Elaine, like smart glasses that describe surroundings and the Be My Eyes App that uses a phone's camera to help the visually impaired to find things that are dropped or can't be located otherwise.

Elaine is only one person in the community facing challenges and Council is keen to hear from anyone who has a disability or cares for someone with a disability.

A statement from Council inviting participation in the survey for the 2026 - 2030 Disability Inclusion

Action Plan says Council; "Wants to hear from people with disability, carers, service providers, and the general community.

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

Thank you for sharing your experiences and ideas. Your input helps us remove barriers and improve accessibility and inclusion in our community."

The opportunity to participate in the survey closes on Thursday, March 5, 2026.

Above: Elaine with guide dogs: Greta and retired Mr Darcy

NSW Government announces extra public holiday this year

The NSW Government will ensure Anzac Day is appropriately commemorated in New South Wales, announcing an additional public holiday on the Monday following Anzac Day this year and in 2027.

Under the Public Holidays Act 2010, Anzac Day is fixed to 25 April each year regardless of the day on which it falls. In 2026, Anzac Day will fall on a Saturday, and in 2027 it will fall on a Sunday.

This will not change, however there will be an additional public holiday this year and in 2027.

25 April will always remain the day of national commemoration. Dawn Services, marches and community ceremonies held on that day will continue to be the central focus of remembrance across NSW.

Anzac Day is not simply a date on the calendar it is a living tradition observed in towns, suburbs and cities right across our state.

Each year, thousands of families rise before dawn, gather at local memorials, march alongside veterans and reflect on the service and sacrifice that shaped our nation.

The additional holiday on Monday does not replace Anzac Day. Rather it reinforces its importance and significance as well as making it consistent with other major public holidays.

Unlike New Year's Day, Christmas Day and Boxing Day, there are currently no additional public holiday arrangements in place in NSW when Anzac Day falls on a weekend, which occurs on average twice every seven years.

NSW has fewer public holidays than all other mainland states and territories.

The experience of the additional public holidays will form part of a NSW Government review of the state's public holidays to commence in 2027, that will consider:

- the current number of state-wide public holidays in NSW
- whether NSW should have an additional public holiday
- whether there should be a permanent change to Anzac Day public holiday arrangements when Anzac Day falls on a weekend

The review will be informed by community, business, veteran groups and other stakeholder feedback, as well as the economic and social impacts of the additional public holiday in 2026 and 2027.



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Council Meeting Summary - 11 February 2026

QPRC

Here is the summary of the resolutions made at the Ordinary Council meeting of 11 February 2026 held in Braidwood.

Unfortunately we had internet issues and weren't able to livestream the meeting. However, the archived recording of the meeting and the Public Forum are both available at: <https://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au/archive.php>

Council heard from seven members of the public who made presentations about items on the agenda including: the unauthorised mural painted on the Braidwood Council office; and an allocation for the Braidwood Heavy Horse Show

- Council will retain the unauthorised mural of volunteer Zomi Frankcom that was painted on the Braidwood Council office.
- Council approved an allocation of \$1,210 to support the Braidwood and District Heavy Horse Association towards costs for a Braidwood Heavy Horse Show from the Events Assistance Scheme Category 2
- Council endorsed a 5-year licence agreement with the Braidwood Men's Shed Inc. over part 69B Cowper Street, Braidwood
- Council endorsed a 5-year licence agreement (and option for an additional five years) for 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2030 with Southern NSW Area Health Service over 12 Southbar Road, Karabar to continue

community health service (including maternal and child health services)

- Council endorsed a planning proposal to amend the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Local Environmental Plan 2022 to amend zoning of 7 Halfway Creek Road, Bungendore and unformed public road reserve from zone RE1 Public Recreation to RU1 Primary Production; and to amend the zoning of 15 Halfway Creek Road, Bungendore also known as the Bungendore Sports Hub, from RU1 Primary Production to RE1 Public Recreation. All associated maps will be amended to align with the new zone boundaries
- Council endorses the process and timetable for the preparation of the 2026-27 Operational Plan and associated Community Engagement Plan
- Council endorsed the Transport Investment Policy and Transport Investment Framework for public exhibition for 28 days, and if no submissions are received the policy and framework will be adopted
- Council noted the NSW Office of Local Government's Model Public Forum Rules supplementary guidance for the 2025 Model Code of Meeting Practice and adopted changes to Section 4: Public Forums in the Code of Meeting Practice
- Council received an information report about the condition of the remaining timber bridges in the QPRC area
- Council received an information report about the Auditor General's Annual Local Government Report
- Council received an information report with a response from Waverley Council's Mayor Will Nemesh to a condolence letter following the Bondi Beach tragedy
- Council will receive a report reviewing the Parking and Enforcement Policy as it applies to caravans, trailers and recreational vehicles, particularly along Wellsvale Drive, Googong
- A motion proposing development of a report on changing the phasing of traffic signals at intersections in the Queanbeyan CBD to reduce waiting times for pedestrians and cyclists was declined
- Council received a report with answers to questions about expenditure on bus shelters
- Council received a supplementary report with responses to questions from Councillors on business listed on the agenda
- In closed session, Council resolved not to renew or re-enter into an agreement with the Riverside Plaza to provide parking enforcement
- In closed session, Council received an information report about an assessment enquiry

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>

Bungendore Preschool Fair & Pig Races on this Saturday

The lineup is vast with a huge range of entertainment! There will be ongoing Entertainment rolling across the whole day, as well as structured scheduled Events.

With plenty of new attractions added to the itinerary, there's something for everyone! This is our biggest Fair yet! All money raised will go towards the relocation of Bungendore Preschool. A special presentation will announce the intended developments for a new preschool building, a much welcomed and vital expansion for our community!

Please show your support over the various purchasing windows. Come by the Preschool Tent and buy a 'GAMES ALLEY' or 'SURF N SLIDE' entry pass for the kids, snap up a few raffle tickets for yourself, grab some tasty lunch or a sweet treat and choose the winning porker during the pig races!

See page 10 for the full program,

Below: Piggy and Bungendore Branch Manager Sally with preschoolers getting some practice in before Saturday's Tug-a-War



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How You Can Have Your Say on Council's 2026-27 Budget

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) has outlined how it plans to prepare its 2026-27 Operational Plan and Budget – and importantly, when and how the community can have input.

The Operational Plan sets out what Council intends to deliver over the next financial year, including projects, services and spending priorities. In simple terms, it's Council's yearly Operational Plan and budget rolled into one.

Recent changes to the NSW Model Code of Meeting Practice mean Councillors can no longer hold briefing sessions about matters that are listed for decision at a Council meeting – including the budget.

This is designed to ensure more discussion and deliberation happens in formal Council meetings that are open to the public.

As a result, more of the budget conversation will now take place in public meetings rather than behind closed workshop doors.

There will be three important Council meetings where the budget will be discussed:

1/ 29 April 2026 - Extraordinary Meeting

Councillors will review priorities and budget bids and decide what will be included (or excluded) in

the draft plan.

2/ 13 May 2026 - Ordinary Meeting

The draft Operational Plan will be reviewed and, if supported, placed on public exhibition.

3/ 24 June 2026 - Ordinary Meeting

Councillors will consider community submissions and adopt the final plan.

At each of these meetings, members of the public can speak during Public Forum.

Community Meetings Across the Region

This year the May meetings are being brought forward to April to engage the community earlier in the budget development process. A council spokesperson said the intent being to hear from the community while the budget is still being drafted rather than hear from them after a draft has been released for comment.

"We believe this change will increase community engagement and transparency around the budget development process" they added.

Holding the Community Meetings in April also complements the Operational Plan Development and Community Engagement Plan endorsed by Council at the 11 February meeting.

Council Community Meetings in Bungendore, Queanbeyan, Braidwood and Nerriga have been confirmed as follows:

- **Thursday 9 April, 6-8pm - Norah Starrs Bungendore Community Centre**
- **Tuesday 14 April, 6-8pm - Nellie Hamilton Centre, Queanbeyan**
- **Thursday 16 April, 6-8pm - Braidwood Servicemens Club**
- **Saturday 18 April, 10am-12pm) - Nerriga Hall**

Wamboin and Araluen community dates and locations are yet to be confirmed.

Council is encouraging all community organisations and committees to present their ideas, projects and aspirations as part of the planning process.

The Operational Plan determines where your rates are spent and what projects move forward – from roads and infrastructure to community facilities and services.

Council rate pegs for 2026-27

The NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) set council rate pegs for the 2026-27 financial year back in October 2025.

Tribunal Chair Carmel Donnelly said at the time that IPART sets a separate rate peg for each of

the State's 128 local government areas and core rate pegs range from 2.5% to 4.2%.

QPRC's rate total peg was set at 3.1%.

The rate peg only applies to a council's 'general income', which is mostly from rates and makes up around a third of councils' total income on average. Councils receive revenue from multiple sources other than rates, including grants and user fees and charges.

"It is now up to councils to decide whether rates will rise. The rate peg doesn't automatically change the rates notice people receive from their council. Each elected council will decide whether to increase rates, which categories of rates to change, and what concessions apply to people in need of financial assistance", Ms Donnelly added.

At the QPRC meeting held Wednesday 11th February staff confirmed that the QPRC's Rate Structure Review Panel will be holding workshops over the next 6 weeks and will report back to council at the end of April, early May. Director of Corporate Services, Kate Monaghan confirmed that "the panel are not looking at changing the total amount of revenue that council receives but the distribution of revenue."

Sharon Baxter-Judge

Man charged after allegedly travelling 218km/hr near Yass

A man has been charged with a number of driving offences, after he was allegedly detected travelling at 218km/hr in the State's south.

About 12:30am on Sunday 22 February 2026, officers attached to Yass Highway Patrol were conducting stationary speed enforcement on the Hume Highway, just north of Yass, when they allegedly detected a sedan travelling at 218km/hr in a 100km/hr signposted zone.

Officers pulled over the vehicle and checks revealed the 47-year-old male driver had not held a valid driver's licence since 2009.

A roadside breath and drug test allegedly reported a positive result for both.

He was arrested and taken to Yass Police Station where he allegedly returned a reading of 0.088 grams of alcohol. The oral fluid test allegedly returned a positive result for cannabis and methamphetamine. The results have been sent off for secondary testing.

He was charged with drive recklessly/furiously or speed/manner dangerous, never licensed person drive vehicle on road and drive with mid-range PCA and illicit drug.

He was granted conditional bail to appear in Yass Local Court on Thursday 26 March 2026.



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Council Meeting Agenda - 25 February 2026

Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on 25 February 2026, commencing following the Public Forum, no later than 6.30pm. The Public Forum commences at 5.30pm. Presentations for items listed on the Agenda can be made in writing, via Zoom or in person. WB Freebody Chambers Nellie Hamilton Centre, 257 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan

A live stream of the meeting can be viewed at: <http://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au/>

Reports To Council - Items for Determination

8.1 DA.2025.0118 - Demolition of Existing Buildings, Construction of a Shop-top Housing Comprising of Commercial Premises and 24 Residential Units, Landscaping and Associated Site Works - 28 & 30 Lowe Street, Queanbeyan

8.2 DA.2025.0425 - Demolition of a Food and Drink Premises, and Fuel Tank, and Construction of Diesel Canopy, Underground Fuel Tank, Related Earthworks, Drainage and Signage - 42-44 Malbon Street, Bungendore

8.3 DA.2025.0453 - Construction of Multi-dwelling Housing Comprising of Three Buildings Containing 30 Units, Landscaping, Earthworks and Associated Infrastructure - 25 Gooandra Circuit, Googong

8.4 Community Participation Plan

8.5 Queanbeyan Bowling Club Amenities Upgrade

- 8.6 Lighting Upgrade Parks
- 8.7 Waste Facility Service Levels
- 8.8 2025-26 2nd Quarter Budget Review Statement
- 8.9 Tralee Works in Kind Agreement
- 8.10 RFT 2025-12 Briars Sharrow Bridge Upgrade - Design and Construct - Contract Negotiation and Award
- 8.11 Local Transport Forum - Terms of Reference
- 8.12 Post Exhibition Report Draft Captains Flat Community
- 8.13 Submission on the NSW Government's 'A New Approach to Strategic Planning: Discussion Paper'
- 8.14 Investment Report - January 2026

Reports To Council - Items for Information

- 9.1 Car Parking Strategy
- 9.2 Infill Housing Strategy
- 9.3 Delivery Program Update December 2025
- 9.4 The Y Canberra Region: Youth Program at the Norah Starrs Community Centre Bungendore
- 9.5 SSD Shop Top Housing 50 Morisset Street, Queanbeyan - Minister's Response

Councillor Questions

- 13.1 Councillor Questions - Naming of Places Policy
- 13.2 Councillor Questions - Street Trees - Tralee
- 13.3 Councillor Questions - Bungendore Aquatic Centre - Flood

- Impact and Risk Assessment
- 13.4 Councillor Questions - Advice of Traffic Signal Phasing Notice
- 13.5 Supplementary Report - Councillor's Questions for Agenda Items

Reports For Closed Session

15.1 Legal Matters Update - 1 July 2025 to 31 December 2025
Item 15.1 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (c) (e) (g) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; AND information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law; AND advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

15.2 RFT 2025-13 Reschs Creek Bridge Upgrade - Design and Construct
Item 15.2 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

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>

Queanbeyan Uniting Church Jumble Sale: this Saturday

The Queanbeyan Uniting Church Jumble Sale is as popular as ever. It is the go-to place to find a good bargain!

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

And we go on doing our best to serve the community

during these difficult times, helping people to recycle and repurpose goods that would otherwise end up in landfill.

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

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

We are open from 9am to 12pm.

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

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Community News

Queanbeyan Probus Club - First Meeting for 2026

The Probus Club of Queanbeyan meets on the third Monday of each month from 10am to approx. 11.30am at the Queanbeyan Bowling Club, Corner of Canberra Ave and Campbell St., Queanbeyan. Our aim is to have fun, provide fellowship and make new friends. Each month the Club has a short formal meeting, morning tea, usually a Guest Speaker, followed by lunch at a local eatery.

The Club held its first meeting for 2026 on Monday, 16 February. The members were joined by five visitors.

Our first guest speaker for the year was Toni Lea-Howie, Director of Operations, Charities ACT & South East NSW, from Ronald McDonald House at the Canberra Hospital.

Ronald McDonald House is a global charity which was started in 1974 by a Philadelphia paediatrician, Dr. Audrey Evans Together with another partner and McDonald's. They identified a gap in the health care system where "out of

town" families of children had nowhere to stay while their child was receiving treatment. Ronald McDonald House was founded to provide a "Home away from home" for these families. They realised that children recover faster if their families are close by. In addition to free or low-cost accommodation, they also provide food, comfort, and other medical support services. Globally, there are now 390 Ronald McDonald Houses.

Ronald McDonald House Canberra is located within the Centenary Hospital for Women and Children and was established in 2012. They are an independent, not-for-profit organisation.

Toni explained that they provide support in several ways, including providing accommodation to regional families who live more than 100kms away from Canberra and whose baby / child (up to the age of 18 yrs) needs to undergo treatment at the Canberra Hospital. This includes mothers going through high-risk

pregnancies and families who have lost a child. They also accommodate families with children undergoing treatment at other hospitals in Canberra

Other services include: Ronald McDonald Family Room which offers a welcoming place for families to relax while their children are undergoing treatment in a nearby ward.

Ronald McDonald House Hospitality Cart where volunteers visit the wards in Centenary Hospital for Women and Children and hand out free goodies.

Ronald McDonald Family Retreat Batemans Bay (two seaside units) which provides a welcome getaway for families with seriously ill children.

They also offer a Learning Program and a Scholarship award for deserving young people to assist with university fees, apprenticeship tools, books, etc.

They currently have 167 active volunteers and



celebrate diversity. They are committed to fostering a community where kindness, empathy and inclusion thrive.

To date, the House Program has helped 186 families. The charity relies on donations from the local community, including corporate sponsors, to continue. For every \$1.00 invested, \$3.60 of social and economic value is created by RMHC.

How you can help:

- Meals from the Heart
- Corporate Volunteers
- Program Volunteers
- Workplace giving
- Independent fundraising

Further information can be found through their website actfundraising.rmhc.org.au.

The Queanbeyan Probus Club is always keen to welcome new members. If you would like to come along to one of our meetings please contact the Club's

President, June on 0417 680 250. She can provide additional information and ensure a member is available to introduce and welcome you.

Sue Page
Queanbeyan Probus Club

Photo supplied of guest speaker, Toni Lea-Howie, Director of Operations, Charities ACT & South East NSW, from Ronald McDonald House Canberra, together with Club Secretary, Jenny Jones (left) and our Speaker organiser, Claire Leggett (right).

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

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.

Mondays

500 - 1.00pm-3.00pm
Cost \$2.00

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.

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 March 2026.

Riverside Plaza Stall - monthly We will be in Riverside Plaza on Saturday 21 March 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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Learn, Protect and Connect: Stay Scam Savy

Thursday 12 March 2026: 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 (assorted sandwiches + fruit) 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

Community News

No, the Tarago Incinerator Hasn't Gone Away

One of the surprising things we hear from people across Bungendore, Braidwood, Queanbeyan, Canberra and beyond is this: many don't know about Veolia's Tarago incinerator proposal at all, think it's already operating because of the existing landfill, or believe it was stopped back in 2022 when thousands of objections were lodged.

We wish that last one were true.

In 2022, when Veolia's proposal went on exhibition, our regional community achieved something extraordinary. Farmers, businesses, health professionals, community groups, councils and politicians from across the spectrum stood shoulder-to-shoulder. An overwhelming 98.8% of submissions objected, one of the strongest regional responses to a development proposal this state has seen. But the project was not withdrawn. It remains very much alive.

For those new to the issue, Veolia wants to build a large-scale waste incinerator at Woodlawn, near Tarago to burn hundreds of thousands of tonnes of Sydney's household, commercial and industrial waste each year. It would operate 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for 25 years, pumping pollution and CO2 into the air, while generating 2 million tonnes of contaminated and toxic ash to be dumped onsite, and produce a paltry 30MW of power (a coal-fired power plant with equivalent emissions produces 876,000MW of power).

Toxic by-products including dioxins, furans, PFAS and heavy metals would not only enter the air but accumulate in surrounding soil and water, threatening human health, the environment and our region's agricultural reputation.

The project sits in planning limbo while the company says it is "seeking more information" and waiting on government processes. Meanwhile, the threat remains parked on our doorstep.

We need to be crystal clear: this has not gone away. The longer the delay, the more people assume it has either already happened or been safely dealt with. Neither is true.

In the past month, national attention returned through the ABC 7.30 program examining incinerator plans across regional NSW, including Tarago. The report highlighted Sydney's looming landfill crisis and the push to move waste to regional communities, while experts challenged claims that incinerators are "safe" simply because some operate in Europe. Importantly, the NSW Government has deemed such facilities too dangerous for Sydney – so why are they considered acceptable for regional areas?

At the same time, a NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into proposed energy-from-waste facilities is underway, with public hearings planned for Parkes in April and Goulburn in May.

But here's the hard truth: inquiries,

media stories and technical reports do not stop projects like this on their own. People do.

Only by people in Bungendore, Braidwood, Queanbeyan, Tarago and surrounding communities standing up, speaking up and taking action can this be stopped – and we can stop it. Our region has already shown what is possible. But Communities Against The Tarago Incinerator (CATTI) cannot do it alone. We need more voices, more conversations, and more people sharing information with neighbours, clubs, schools, businesses and local groups.

If you thought this was over, now is the time to re-engage. If you're new to the issue, now is the time to learn. And if you've been involved from the start, now is the time to bring someone else with you.

Because in cases like these, silence implies endorsement – and that is exactly what this proposal depends on. Speak up and take action now. The future of our region depends on you!

Find out more on the web and Facebook:

www.notaragoincinerator.com
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100080002033843>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/491803828839813>

James Innes
 President, Communities Against The Tarago Incinerator (CATTI) Inc

Bungendore Quilters: Broderie Perse Workshop

Broderie Perse is French for Persian embroidery. It is an 18th-19th century appliqué technique involving cutting intricate motifs, typically from floral or animal printed fabric, and stitching them onto a background fabric to create a collage or a scene. These can be used in quilting, to decorate a piece of clothing or can be framed and hung.

We recently had a workshop run by Gai who has completed numerous Broderie Perse collages, some being framed or used in the making of bags,

etc. A number of members did the workshop and enjoyed choosing their fabrics, cutting out the designs and arranging them ready to be stitched onto another piece of fabric or clothing.

Merle had some gorgeous fabric pieces with flowers and moths which she cut out and arranged onto the back of a brightly coloured denim jacket. We are looking forward to seeing all the finished layouts and how they will be used.

Photo supplied and Gai with Broderie Perse examples



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Community News

\$4.5 billion infrastructure funding gap leaves NSW public schools behind

New data reveals a deep and growing divide in school infrastructure funding in New South Wales, with private schools outspending public schools by \$4.5 billion over the past decade while there has been no ongoing Commonwealth capital funding for public schools since 2017.

The building divide in Australian schools: How capital funding fuels educational inequity reveals that nationally private schools have outspent public schools on capital works by \$38 billion over the past decade, including \$5.4 billion in 2023 alone.

It shows that capital investment in private schools averaged \$2,746 per student

per year between 2014 and 2023, compared with \$1,237 per student in public schools.

In NSW alone, private school capital investment exceeded public schools by \$1.2 billion in 2023. The report also shows that the top 5 highest-spending private schools in NSW collectively spent more the total capital expenditure of 3581 public schools combined.

AEU Federal President Correna Haythorpe said the divide is being driven by Commonwealth policy settings that fund capital works in private schools while leaving public schools without a long-term federal stream.

“Elite private schools are spending hundreds of millions of dollars on castle-style libraries, Olympic-sized swimming pools, rooftop sports courts and multi-storey innovation centres, while the Commonwealth has provided no ongoing capital funding stream for public schools since 2017,” Ms Haythorpe said.

“We have a system working for the wealthy and against everyone else. That is not an accident, it is the result of policy choices that keep directing public funding towards already wealthy private schools.”

Between 2017 and 2025, the Commonwealth’s Non-Government School Capital Grants Program has

delivered more than \$1.6 billion to private schools, with new data showing a further almost \$3 billion scheduled between 2025 and 2034. By contrast, public schools receive no permanent federal capital stream.

NSW Teachers Federation President Henry Rajendra said the consequences are being felt in classrooms across the state.

“Too many NSW public schools are forced to use ageing infrastructure and relying on demountables that are cramped and unfit for modern teaching and learning.”

“This lack of capital investment is entrenching a two-tier education system

where elite schools are building luxury facilities while public schools struggle for basic classroom space.”

In NSW, there are more than 6,600 demountable buildings on public school sites, with 4,899 classified as teaching spaces. In the AEU’s State of Our Schools survey, 36 per cent of NSW principals said they will run out of classroom space within the next three to five years.

Ms Haythorpe said public schools deserve modern facilities that support high-quality teaching and learning.

“We know that great facilities deliver great results for students and for teachers.”

“If the federal government want schools to do more,

including supporting students with complex needs, they must invest in the buildings and spaces that make that possible.”

“A guaranteed long-term federally funded capital works package will provide much needed improvements to public schools and ensure schools are fit for the future.”

The AEU is calling on the Commonwealth to provide an immediate injection of capital funding to public schools, establish a permanent capital works fund, and negotiate a joint partnership with state and territory governments to ensure all public schools have access to adequate and safe 21st century learning environments.

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

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

THURSDAYS

Thursday 5 March is **BINGO day!**
Thursday 19 March
Thursday 2 April
Thursday 16 April
Thursday 30 April

FRIDAYS

Friday 27 February
Friday 13 March
Friday 27 March
Friday 10 April
Friday 24 April

Membership

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

2026 membership is now due.

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

Below: Recently the Rotary Club of Bungendore kindly donated a Bungendore Monopoly game to the group.



Wednesday 4 March - Mad Hatters Tea Party

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

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

Join us 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 / text 0419 025 533 or email bungendoreseniors@gmail.com

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We're excited to host a great family day out at the annual Community Bank Bungendore Preschool Fair!

The lineup is vast with a huge range of entertainment! There will be 'Ongoing Entertainment' rolling across the whole day, as well as 'Structured Scheduled Events'. Details below.

With plenty of new attractions added to the itinerary, there's something for everyone! This is our biggest Fair yet! All money raised will go towards the relocation of **Bungendore Preschool**. A special presentation will announce the intended developments for a new preschool building, a much welcomed and vital expansion for our community! Please show your support over the various purchasing windows. Come by the Preschool Tent and buy a 'GAMES ALLEY' or 'SURF N SLIDE' entry pass for the kids, snap up a few raffle tickets for yourself, grab some tasty lunch or a sweet treat and choose the winning porker during the pig races!

<p>ONGOING EVENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BUFC Games Alley Zone • Surf n Slide (waterslide) • Kids Pavillion • Market Stalls • Food Trucks & Coffee Vans • Live Music • Mudhooks Dining Tent • Rotary Sausage Sizzle • Sam's Spinning Smoke • Mellabella Gelato 	<p>PIGLET RACES</p> <p>RACE 1: 9:45 AM</p> <p>RACE 2: 11:00 AM</p> <p>RACE 3: 11:45 AM</p> <p>RACE 4: 12:30 PM</p> <p>RACE 5: 1:15 PM</p>
<p>STRUCTURED EVENTS</p> <p>9:00 AM • Dachshund Races / Best Dressed Comp</p> <p>9:15 AM • Tug of War (Preschool Kids/Families)</p> <p>9:45 AM • Tug of War (Adult Sports Clubs/Groups)</p> <p>10:00 AM • RFS Inaugural Hoseball Competition</p> <p>10:30 AM CEREMONY - FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT</p> <p>11:00 AM • Donut Eating Competition</p> <p>12:00 PM • Boot Toss Competition</p> <p>1:00 PM SPONSORS SHOUT OUT - RAFFLE DRAW</p>	<p>ONGOING DISPLAYS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bungendore Equipment Hire • Wizard 4 x 4 • Cricket ACT • Bungendore Netball Club • Bungendore United Football Club • Bungendore Rotary Club • Bungendore Lions Club • Empire Performing Arts - Bungendore • Bungendore Preschool Home Produce Stall

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Community News

Council Community Donations Grant Helps Deliver New Outdoor Living Upgrade for Affordable Housing Tenant

Karabar Housing Cooperative is pleased to announce the completion of a new outdoor living upgrade at one of its affordable housing properties, made possible through Council's Annual Community Grant (Category A). The project has created a safe, accessible and welcoming space for the resident to enjoy year-

round. The project transformed a previously underutilised outdoor area – which had been limited to a small portico – into a functional and sheltered living space. The new covered pergola provides shade and weather protection, while a tiled deck offers a level, durable and low-maintenance

surface designed to be accessible for a tenant with limited mobility.

This upgrade will support the tenant's independence, wellbeing and ability to spend time outdoors safely. Access to a comfortable outdoor area encourages social connection, physical activity and improved mental health, particularly for people living alone.

Karabar Housing Cooperative oversaw the project to ensure full compliance with building standards and selected materials suitable for long-term, low-maintenance use. The improvement also enhances the presentation of the property and contributes positively to neighbourhood amenity.

"This project reflects our commitment to providing not just affordable housing, but homes that support dignity, independence and wellbeing," a Cooperative spokesperson said. "Small, targeted upgrades like this make a meaningful difference in the daily lives of our tenants and strengthen our community as a whole."

Karabar Housing Cooperative sincerely thanks Council for its support through the Annual Community Grant program, which helped make this important improvement possible.

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Queanbeyan Junior Brass Inc - New Enrolments Available Now

Looking for something new and fun that your child can do? We would like regional families to know about an excellent brass band for children aged about 8 years and upwards, in primary and high school. Our concept is simple: we offer free music tuition and free brass instrument rental. Our aim is to enhance a child's experience and joy of music.

This young band is now over five years old and has 26 members but there is plenty of room for more, so we have some vacancies and suitable instruments right now for new players. We rehearse weekly after school at 4pm on Tuesdays (senior band) and Wednesdays (beginner's and junior band) in Queanbeyan and present concerts in the community regularly.

The advantages of music tuition and performance are well known in education circles and Naplan exams have proven children with musical knowledge achieve academically higher grades. Music lessons and instrument rental are provided free of charge because of our sponsors, and all our staff are highly qualified volunteers with international performance, music education experience, and all required checks and clearances are up to date.

We are a socially happy group and currently have instruments available for new learners. You are invited to contact us now for an interview using our email address (qjbrass@outlook.com), and we shall endeavour to find a suitable instrument for your child (based on current teeth and jaw structure).

This is a great experience for all who are interested in fun times and music performance. We look forward to hearing from you!

Contact details are Email - qjbrass@outlook.com (John Thompson)

Phone or text - 0415 526 572 (Paula Thompson)

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- 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 - Registration required - 11:00am to 12:00pm
- FRI:** Mind Body Balance Tai Chi - 9:30am to 10:30am

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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 will guide us through a friendly session at your own pace, enjoying good company. Whether you're a dancer or a country music fan, bring your own 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.

BOOKED OUT

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: Bocce, 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.

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

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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
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Braidwood Seniors Events

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

Braidwood Show and Shine Car Show: Sat March 7

The Braidwood Motor Club will be holding its third annual Show and Shine Car Show on Saturday 7th March at the Braidwood Showground in conjunction with the annual Braidwood Show. The Braidwood Motor Club was established in 2014 and currently has 75 members.



The Show and Shine is a chance for the club members to showcase their vehicles as well as other clubs and individuals from surrounding districts. Its a great opportunity to enjoy a social outing for car lovers and enthusiasts. All clubs and individuals are welcome to join the display. Registration will be from 8:30 am with an entry fee of a \$5 donation per car (all profits will go to a local charity). Each car entry will receive 2 free passes to the Braidwood Show and trophies

will be awarded for the following categories: People's Choice, Best Pre 1960 vehicle, Best Pre 1980 vehicle, Best Pre 1994 vehicle and Best Post 1994 vehicle. Entry to the event for spectators is free.

Proudly sponsored by the Bendigo Bank.

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Why smart people struggle to make good financial decisions

Phil Harvey
A few years ago I started working with a couple in their mid-40s. Both IT professionals. Combined incomes over \$500,000. Two investment properties. A growing share portfolio. A busy family life.

From the outside, they were doing everything right, and in many ways they were. But when we stepped back and mapped everything out, a few things became clear.

1. Most of their wealth was concentrated in two investment properties and a mix of randomly put together shares in the name of the highest income earner.
2. Their super hadn't been optimised as well as it could have been.
3. Investments weren't being held through the right structures.
4. They didn't have enough personal insurance.
5. There was no clearly defined target – just a sense that they were "on track."

They, like many in a similar situation, were reluctant to get advice. Their thinking was they are well educated and earning a high income, therefore they really should have the ability to do it themselves. This is something I see all too regularly, with the main issue being

people focusing too much on what to invest in (or what investment platform to use) and disregarding what structure to use.

Most people's financial structure tends to evolve:

- An investment property when cash flow improves
- Another property when equity allows
- Super contributions when there's leftover capacity
- Shares accumulated over time with spare cashflow.

Each decision makes sense in isolation. But making the decisions in isolation means the amount of tax they pay is higher than it needs to be. The more tax you pay the less money you have.

Like any project, we approached this through a series of logical steps:

1. We started by looking at the bigger picture. What were they trying to achieve? Retirement in three years or maximise wealth over 15 years? Knowing this makes a big difference to the path needed.
2. We then looked at their existing structures and designed a more tax effective structure. This allowed us to minimise tax and maximise long-term wealth.
3. Once we knew the structures they needed, we then looked at their debt to make sure it was borrowed in a way that helped minimise tax. And no, having a mortgage and

investing your surplus funds in shares is not the best way to do it!

4. We then figured out how much insurance they needed.
5. And finally, we looked at the investments they had compared with the investments they needed. Yes, choosing the investment was the last thing we did.

For many IT professionals, especially dual-income households, the real risk isn't failure. It's drift. It could be the difference of retiring with \$5 million or retiring with \$10 million. It could be the difference between being financially independent at 50 v's 60.

Strong income creates opportunity. Investing with clear intentions creates freedom.

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

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



Maria's Community Corner



Maria Porreca
Sunday 8th February dawned as a wet and miserable day but that didn't stop

the inaugural RSL Community Services Day from going ahead. Many community Services attended proudly showcasing their equipment, skills and wares. These included the Army, Navy, Air Force, Police, Ambulance, Fire Brigade, Queanbeyan SES, Young Endeavour Scheme and other services as well as many community organisations such as Legacy, Disaster Relief Australia, Invictus Australia, Queanbeyan Senior Citizens Association and CWA Queanbeyan Evening Branch. Rotary cooked up a storm with their sausage sandwich and egg and bacon rolls. Queanbeyan Evening Branch of CWA provided delicious Devonshire Tea for attendees and the harmonious Australian Military Wives Choir entertained us all. The event was a great success and promises to be even bigger and better next time. I understand that will be in 2028 and I'm eagerly looking forward to it.

Planning is well and truly underway for this year's Pramathon to be held on Saturday 9th May. It is gearing up to be bigger and better than last year. So note it in your diary and we look forward to enjoying the festivities with you.

Saturday 14th was the Jerrabomberra Community Day. This is it's 5th year and although there were many other community events on that

day, it was very well attended. Community groups represented included the CWA Queanbeyan Evening Branch, Queanbeyan Senior Citizens, Probus, Toastmasters, Jerrabomberra Residents Association, Red Cross, Rotary and so many more. It is an opportunity for people to ask questions and find out about all these different community groups in our region.

Then off I went to help at the Queanbeyan Seniors stall in Riverside Plaza. We were quite busy in the afternoon but apparently was rather quiet in the morning. There were so many cute and gorgeous things on sale as well as a variety of home baked goods to tempt you.

Hope you all had a wonderful and loving Valentine's Day.

I also attended the Giuliani Day of Remembrance. A day to remember the tragedy of the Italian victims of the Fiobe and Julian-Dalmatian exodus. Here, as in many Italian communities around the world, this national tragedy of Italian history, which saw approximately 15,000 victims of the Foibe massacres and the exodus of 350,000 people from Istria, Fiume, and Dalmatia (now in Croatia) is commemorated. It is observed nationally in Italy. The Italian Ambassador, Embassy staff and some exiles affected by those events were also in attendance. The event included a solemn commemorative wreath laying ceremony.

Till next time take care and stay safe everyone.

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Community News

Bungendore Fine Art Gallery: March - April Exhibition - Three artists

“Water & Oil” Featuring Donald and Lynne Ho & “Colours in Nature” Featuring Robert Pereson

Opening Saturday 7 March

Meet the artists 1 - 3 pm on Saturday 7 March

Donald is a retired teacher based in Canberra. He re-discovered the

joy of watercolour painting during the COVID19 lockdown in 2020. He draws a lot of inspiration for artists like Eudes Correia and Andre Kano.

Donald is a member of Queanbeyan Arts Society, and he has won several prizes in competitions run by the society over the last few years.

In his paintings, Donald enjoys the challenge of creating something spectacular from ordinary, everyday objects.

Lynne Ho: was born in Sydney, NSW. As a child, Lynne always wanted to paint and when the opportunity arose to learn from Nigel Thomson, a 1983 & 1997 Archibald Prize winner, she grabbed the chance without any hesitation. Lynne spent a few years in the early 1980's under his guidance. Lynne has received numerous awards from the Queanbeyan Art Society in the monthly art competitions. Having learnt Portraiture from Nigel Thompson and wanting to improve her Landscape technique, Lynne has undertaken master classes in Landscape painting with both John Wilson and Ted Lewis. Her inspiration at the moment comes from appreciating and acknowledging all the wonderful colours weaved into God's beautiful creation that is around us.

Robert takes his inspiration from



the natural world of the Australian landscape. His artwork is vibrant, colourful and expressive.

Bungendore Fine Art
Open 10am to 4.30pm, Friday to Monday

42b Ellendon Street, Bungendore

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Seeking Expressions of Interest in Volunteer Grants

Great news for community groups across Eden-Monaro—the 2025-26 Volunteer Grants Program is now open for Expressions of Interest.

Whether it's running weekend sport, helping at the local hall, supporting community centres, or stepping up in our emergency services, volunteers play a huge role in the life of every town and village in Eden-Monaro.

This year, \$66,665 in funding is available, with grants between \$1,000 and \$5,000 available to support the volunteers who keep our region connected and strong.

These grants can help with things like small equipment purchases, safety gear, volunteer training, fuel reimbursements, and resources to promote local volunteering opportunities. There's also a strong focus this year on encouraging

more young people to get involved in volunteering, helping secure the future of our community organisations.

Community groups interested in applying must submit an Expression of Interest to my office by 3 April.

A local committee will consider the EOIs, and shortlisted organisations will then be invited by the Department of Social Services to submit a full application.

Funding is available across three categories:

- Category 1 - General Volunteer Support: Items like communication equipment or insurance that help volunteers work safely and effectively.

- Category 2A - Supporting Volunteers Helping Priority Groups: For groups working with children

and young people, First Nations communities, newly arrived migrants, people with disability, unemployed people, veterans and ADF members, and women at risk of isolation or gender-based violence.

- Category 2B - Volunteer Run Community Activities: Projects that support the priority groups above or activities that build understanding between different cultures or address gender-based discrimination.

The program forms part of the National Strategy for Volunteering 2023-33, which aims to strengthen participation in volunteering across Australia. Here in Eden-Monaro, it's a great opportunity to back the volunteers who give so much to our local communities.

If your group is thinking of applying



or needs assistance with the process, please reach out to my office—we're here to help.

To make an Expression of Interest,

or for more information visit: www.kristymcbain.com.au/grants-news/2025-26-volunteer-grants

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RUOK?

Join us in
Bungendore

Free social bowls and BBQ with RUOK?

Date: Sunday 15 March 2026
Time: 2.00pm - 3.30pm
Where: Bungendore Bowling & Sports Club

Drop in for tips, free resources and a chat about how regular, meaningful conversations can make a difference when someone you care about is struggling.

Ask RUOK? Any Day - because a conversation could change a life.

ruok.org.au

EVERYONE WELCOME



BUNGENDORE CRAFTERS' CO-OPERATIVE

Craft Evenings

Thursday 5th March
Thursday 19th March

55 Gibraltar Street
6-8pm

\$5- BYO craft project
Contact Thalia: 0412 884 120

ANZAC COMMEMORATIVE DINNER 2026



The Bungendore War Memorial Committee is pleased to be hosting the annual Bungendore ANZAC Day Commemorative Address and Dinner at 'The George' (Lake George Hotel) on Friday 01st May 2026.

The Dinner is open to all members of the community. There will be two guest speakers to provide entertainment during the evening. Door prize and Raffles to be conducted.

Date: Friday 01st May, 2026
Venue: 'The George' @ Lake George Hotel, Gibraltar Street, Bungendore
Time: 7:00pm pre-dinner drinks for a 7:30pm dinner
Dress: After 5 (coat and tie) / Mess Dress (with miniatures)
Cost: \$95 per head - includes 3 course dinner and first drink (full bar service then available)

Bookings via Trybooking for tickets, Scan the QR code or go to



<https://www.trybooking.com/DJMEN>

Community News

Inquiry Exposes State-Wide Risks in Current NSW Waste Policy, Chair Says

The Chair of the Parliamentary inquiry into proposed Energy-from-Waste (EfW) facilities, NSW Nationals Upper House member Nichole Overall, says the first public hearing revealed unresolved policy contradictions and major gaps on waste costs, recycling outcomes and environmental risks across NSW.

"What emerged were significant concerns about the regional locations the government has approved to host EfW facilities and also serious shortcomings in the NSW Government's waste management strategy, particularly when it comes to Sydney's waste," Mrs Overall said.

The MP also confirmed that following the initial Public Hearing on December 15, further hearings will be conducted over

two days at Parkes on April 13 and 14, an additional Sydney hearing scheduled for May 4, and **Goulburn/Tarago on May 14 and 15.**

A range of witnesses appeared at the first hearing in the NSW Parliament, including project proponents, with questioning focused on the absence of clear, consistent information underpinning key decisions.

"The Committee sought clarity in the decision-making framework for site selection, the costs and benefits of EfW from a whole-of-state perspective, and how system-wide impacts are being assessed," Mrs Overall said.

"A consistent tension was that the current policy confines large-scale EfW to regional precincts without

clear justification, while industry experts and the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) stated that such facilities can operate safely anywhere if regulations are met."

"At the same time, Local Government representatives emphasised waste is generally best managed closer to where it's generated, and raised concerns about the inequity of the regions bearing the long-term burden of managing Sydney's waste."

Mrs Overall also pointed to evidence about the state waste levy, which raises approximately \$1 billion annually but is absorbed into the government's general budget rather than directly reinvested into waste management.

"With NSW not on track to meet the government's own waste targets, concerns emerged that committing to a single, long-term solution risks limiting future options and that solutions need to be broad-based," she said.

Mrs Overall also questioned why the government's earlier public position - that NSW standards would be more stringent than international benchmarks - had been softened, without a clear explanation or supporting evidence.

She said community acceptance remains a central, unresolved issue - a primary reason the inquiry was established.

"Social licence is critical. The Regional Australia Institute (RAI) made clear in its 2024 report

that community involvement and alignment with local values and expectations are essential for the success and sustainability of such major, long-term infrastructure."

Mrs Overall also noted that she as Chair and other Committee members had issued numerous supplementary questions for further clarification.

"Waste isn't necessarily a clickbait headline, but it's critically important and it affects us all," she said.

"The purpose of this inquiry is to ensure decisions of this scale - with consequences for communities, councils, industry and future generations - are based on clear evidence, transparent reasoning and a genuinely whole-of-system approach."

The Craft Bursting at the Seams

The recent BYO Project Craft Night at Bungendore Crafters' Co-Operative was one of our busiest gatherings yet, with a fantastic turnout that filled the room with energy, colour and creativity. Tables quickly disappeared

beneath a wonderfully varied array of projects: drawing journals sat alongside embroidery hoops, knitting needles clicked and crochet hooks whirled, and beads and jewellery findings annoyingly bounced along the floor! There was

cross-stitch in progress, French knitting underway, clothes being carefully mended and altered, and even upcycled bags taking on new life. It was a joy to see so many different crafts side by side, each maker absorbed in their own

process while still sharing in the collective buzz of the evening.

"Show and Tell" was a true highlight and turned into a lively celebration of skill and inspiration. Members shared newly learned techniques, works-in-progress, finished pieces and exciting snippets of local craft news. We were especially delighted to welcome several new faces, who were warmly embraced by our many returning friends. There was plenty of catching up to do, and the hum of conversation carried on well into the evening.

Over the weekend, Bungendore Crafters' Co-Op also hosted a Nature Drawing Workshop, which brought together a group united by a shared love of the natural world. The workshop explored drawing not only as a skill to develop, but as a way of deepening observation and understanding - learning to draw and drawing to learn. Participants created detailed eucalyptus leaf studies and botanical-style diagrams, experimented with expressive

charcoal seed pod drawings, and produced richly coloured watercolour leaf paintings. The sessions were both relaxing and invigorating, offering a wholesome pause to slow down, look closely, and connect with nature through art.

With such strong attendance and enthusiasm across both events, it's clear that our creative community continues to grow. We look forward to many more evenings and workshops filled with shared skills, inspiration and friendship. If you would like to join us at our fortnightly BYO Project Craft Nights, come along to Bungendore Learning Hub: 55 Gibraltar Street Bungendore. The Co-Op meets every second Thursday from 6-8pm, with the next evening being held on Thursday 5th March. The Co-Op also hosts monthly craft workshops. Follow Bungendore Crafters' Co-Operative on Facebook for workshop details and local craft news.

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Braidwood Concert Series

Eishan Ensemble is undertaking a national tour to celebrate their 10th anniversary and Braidwood is 3rd on the tour venues and the only one in this region. Led by Iranian-Australian tar virtuoso and composer Hamed Sadeghi, the ARIA-nominated ensemble weaves Persian folkloric music with contemporary jazz and improvisation, creating a sound deeply rooted and modern. Joined by Michael Avgenicos (saxophone), Adem Yilmaz (percussion), and Maximilian Alduca (double bass), Eishan Ensemble has developed a distinctive musical language shaped by the diverse backgrounds and artistry of its members. This anniversary tour offers audiences an intimate and resonant musical experience. Venue: St Andrew's Anglican Church on Sunday 8th March from 3pm. Tickets on sale online: [https://events.humanitix.com/eishan-](https://events.humanitix.com/eishan-ensemble-in-braidwood)

[ensemble-in-braidwood](https://events.humanitix.com/eishan-ensemble-in-braidwood) or on sale at the door from 2.30pm: \$45 adult, \$40 concession, under 18s free.

Our third concert features two outstanding performers, both post-graduates of The Juilliard School, New York and esteemed teachers at ANU School of Music: Edward Neeman (piano) and Rachel Johnston (cello). You are invited to an afternoon of romantic and rebellious music for cello and piano, bringing two of the repertoire's most beloved sonatas: Dmitri Shostakovich's Sonata no. 1 in D minor and Johannes Brahms' Sonata for Cello and Piano in E minor. Their beautiful melodies and turbulent character have seen them become audience favourites as well as defining works in the history of this instrumental combination. Venue: St Andrew's Anglican Church on Saturday 28th March from 3pm. Tickets on sale online: <https://events.humanitix.com/edward-neeman-and-rachel-johnston-sonatas-for-cello-and-piano> or on sale at the door from 2.30pm: \$35 adult, \$30 concession, under 18s free.

Tommaso Giroto, a young classical guitar-playing phenomenon who launched our 2025 Summer season, is returning to Braidwood by popular demand! Tommaso brings a wonderfully diverse program performing works by Bach, Sculthorpe, Crivici, Takemitsu, Albeniz and Dean. He will be performing at the Braidwood Uniting Church on Sunday 19th April from 3pm. Tickets available online: <https://events.humanitix.com/tommaso-giroto-all-in-twilight-classical-guitar> or on sale at the door from 2.30pm: \$30 adult, \$25 concession, under 18s free.

For our final concert in this program, we welcome back



to Braidwood one of the most versatile and dynamic ensembles working in Australia today. Phoenix Collective Quartet are known for their eclectic programming, interweaving string quartet classics with contemporary and popular genres. The Collective will perform Hisaishi's String Quartet, a work they premiered in Australia with the composer's permission in 2023. Selections from some of Hisaishi's most-loved anime scores will complete a program full of quirky fun and discovery. Venue: St Andrew's Anglican Church on Sunday 3rd May from

3pm. Tickets online: <https://events.humanitix.com/phoenix-collective-the-art-music-of-joe-hisaishi> or on sale at the door from 1.30pm: \$45 adult, \$40 concession, under 18s free.

We look forward to welcoming you to one or all of our concerts this year. For further information, please contact the Concert Co-ordinator: artwork123@icloud.com or check our facebook page: Braidwood Concert Series for regular updates.

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A growing problem we can't ignore: African lovegrass

Bella Hart, Land Services Officer

What is African lovegrass?

African lovegrass (*Eragrostis curvula*) is a highly invasive weed that threatens both native landscapes and productive farmland. It thrives in poor, sandy or acidic soils and tolerates heat and drought, allowing it to spread quickly across our region. One plant can produce several rounds of seed each year whenever warmth and moisture are abundant, giving it a significant advantage over many other grasses.

It outcompetes other plants and is largely unpalatable to both livestock and native animals, which leads to increased grazing pressure on surrounding vegetation, making more room for African lovegrass to form dense stands.

Impact

African lovegrass has already become a big problem in the ACT and Monaro and is becoming more widespread

in Bungendore and surrounding areas.

Where it has established on a large scale, it has put a crippling financial strain on farms with control costs and loss of productive pastures, while also devastating native areas by choking out groundcover species and altering habitat composition.

It is also a major fire risk as it burns with more intensity than other grasses, and it regenerates after fire very aggressively.

How to spot it

African lovegrass can be difficult to identify as there can be quite a bit of variation between individual plants and there are several other similar looking native and pasture grasses.

To narrow it down, look for Christmas trees and curls:

- Christmas tree shaped seedheads when fully developed
- Curly leaf tips on older plants
- Grows in tussocky clumps up to 1.2 m tall

- Narrow, roughly 3 mm wide leaves

- Typically has a small ring of white hairs at the base of the leaf blade called a ligule.

Individual plants can look quite different to one another, so it pays to always double check.

How it spreads

Seed spreads easily via:

- wind over short distances
- livestock, native animals and other domestic animals like dogs
- machinery, vehicles and people
- contaminated hay or feed
- water
- soil movement.

What you can do

Preventing further spread is the best control.

- Keep vehicles, boots and equipment clean, especially when travelling or getting outdoors.
- If feeding livestock, know where your hay or feed comes from, and use

a designated feeding paddock so livestock can empty out before moving to clean areas.

- Avoid overgrazing and maintain sufficient ground cover

If you already have African lovegrass:

Be careful to avoid mowing over African lovegrass with developed seedheads.

For smaller infestations or individual plants, chip them out with a mattock and dispose of (in the red bin in peri-urban areas).

For larger infestations, spray with a semi-selective or broad spectrum herbicide. It is susceptible to chemical control while it is actively growing, and with recent rain and warm weather, the time is NOW!

Make good management decisions to avoid further seed spread, and time control efforts to stop seed set.

African lovegrass is a landscape changer, but with early action and good



hygiene practices, we can slow its spread and protect our productive, natural and urban spaces. For more information or help with identification, scan the QR code to visit the NSW WeedWise website, or contact Local Land Services or QPRC.

Photo supplied African lovegrass. Note the 'Christmas tree' shape of the

seedhead and the curly ends of the leaves.



African Lovegrass WeedWise

Seven ways to stop your seedlings from giving up

By Andy Taylor, Senior NRM Advisor

While the challenges are significant, we'd like to emphasise that thoughtful planning and consistent follow-up can greatly improve revegetation outcomes and landscape recovery. The following steps are recommended to boost project success:

1. Plan with climate variability in mind

Selecting the 'right' planting window is no longer straightforward. Successful projects now build in flexibility—monitoring short-term weather forecasts, avoiding peak-heat periods, and preparing to delay works when seasonal conditions deteriorate. Consider smaller, staggered plantings

to spread the risk. Instead of 1000 plants all at once, consider 200-300 every year for 5 years.

2. Prioritise rigorous weed control before and after planting

Weeds are one of the strongest factors in early failure. Effective programs begin controlling weeds at least a season ahead to reduce competition at planting and maintain follow-up control until plants are well established. Mulching, selective herbicides, and/or weed mats can all contribute to improved success rates.

3. Protect new plants from grazing pressure

Uncontrolled herbivores are often the difference between success and failure. Tree guards, exclusion fencing,

and temporary electric fencing can dramatically increase survival rates when designed with the threats in mind. On larger sites, monitoring wildlife patterns and controlling feral animals is essential to reduce persistent pressure on young plants. Understand what pests you have when planning your revegetation project.

4. Assess and improve soil health

Understanding soil constraints before planting can save considerable time and resources down the line. Simple remedies like deep ripping compacted



soils, adding organic matter, or incorporating microbial inoculants, can make a substantial difference to seedling establishment and long-term survival.

5. Choose appropriate species and seed sources

People are increasingly selecting native seed from nearby regions (where it is warmer and drier) to anticipate the hotter and drier conditions caused by climate change. Using a mix of provenances can spread ecological risk and weave in better adapted genetics. Working with experienced nurseries also ensures seedlings are hardy and ready for field conditions.

6. Commit to long-term maintenance

The first 5 years of a project are critical. Successful revegetation programs plan and budget for watering during extreme heat, replacing lost plants, controlling weeds, and

controlling pests. Regular monitoring helps detect problems early, before the site fails and the investment is lost.

7. Working with neighbours

Working with neighbours or a local community group can significantly boost motivation by helping you feel part of something bigger, and collaboration can achieve results more quickly.

Being upfront about expectations is important, as revegetation is a long-term process and landscapes need time to mature. But sharing milestones—such as first flowering events, bird activity, or canopy closure—helps individuals and communities appreciate the steady progress that leads to long-term landscape recovery. Groups can also share working bees on each other's project sites, which deepens connection to the broader landscape and takes the load off individuals.

Local Land Services has experienced staff that can help you design and plan the steps for your next revegetation project. Get in contact by contacting Andy Taylor 0427 750 891 or email enquiries@lls.nsw.gov.au

Left: Image 1 (Reveg BEFORE 2013): The proposed site in 2013 was a paddock with a long history of agriculture. The site was ripped months ahead and sprayed twice with herbicide to remove competition from pasture species. Each plant site was augered to loosen the soil and each plant well-watered at the time of planting. The seed was collected locally and plants were purchased from a reputable nursery.

Above Image 2 (Reveg AFTER 2026): The same site in 2026 showing great success.

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Rural revegetation realities

By Andy Taylor, Senior NRM Advisor

In an era of heightened environmental awareness, revegetation projects have become a cornerstone of land restoration across Australia. Yet beyond the dream of lush bushland, effective windbreaks and thriving habitat lies a reality that is increasingly fraught with challenges. Across south east NSW, landholders and environmental groups are discovering that re-establishing native vegetation is far more complex than it used to be.

Climate variability poses growing threat

Unpredictable weather has emerged as one of the greatest risks to project success. Extended droughts can wither away seedlings before roots take hold,

heatwaves can do the same and sudden heavy rains can wash whole plants away. With climate patterns becoming more erratic, timing plantings can become more of a gamble rather than a science. Years ago, we could rely on planting windows, particularly autumn and spring. But plantings over the last decade have been very difficult for some landholders in south east NSW and entire efforts have been lost.

Weeds winning the race for space

Fast-growing exotic plants remain a major obstacle for native species trying to establish themselves. Pasture grasses, thistles and grassy weeds like African lovegrass frequently outcompete young natives for light, moisture, and

nutrients during the establishment phase. Weed control demands ongoing labour and investment—often more than project managers anticipate. Without consistent follow-up, many promising plantings rapidly fall back into weed dominance.

Grazers, browsers, and the battle for survival

Herbivores are another persistent and underestimated challenge. Native wildlife such as wallabies and wombats, along with livestock and feral species like deer and rabbits, can inflict heavy damage on new plantings. In many cases, grazing pressure is so intense that seedlings fail repeatedly despite protective measures. Fencing, guards, and deterrents can help, but they

raise the cost and complexity of revegetation—especially on large sites.

Soil condition often overlooked

Revegetation success depends heavily on soil health, yet many projects begin on land degraded by decades of poor management. Compacted soils, nutrient imbalances, and the absence of microbial communities essential for native plant growth can undermine even the best-planned efforts. Restoring soils is possible, but it requires time, resources, and specialist knowledge—factors often missing from volunteer-led or grant-constrained programs.

Local seed not always a guarantee

While using plants grown from local native seed is

standard practice, availability is a growing concern. Some species produce seed sporadically, while others are difficult to collect or propagate. As climate zones shift, there is also debate about whether “local” seed will be suited to future conditions.

Maintenance: the hidden cost

Restoration experts stress that the first five years after planting is critical. Watering, weeding, replanting losses, and monitoring for pests demand more labour than many groups anticipate. Without this investment, survival rates can plummet. Gone are the days of getting the plants in the ground and walking away. In reality, that’s when the work really begins.

Community expectations vs.

ecological reality

Many projects face pressure to demonstrate quick, visible results, yet rural revegetation will take years—often decades—to resemble the natural landscapes people expect.

A long road, but a necessary one

Despite the pitfalls and effort, revegetation remains a vital tool for restoring biodiversity, stabilising soils, and improving climate resilience. The key is realistic planning, adequate resourcing, and a commitment to long-term stewardship.

Revegetation is not a one-off event but a relationship with the landscape that rewards patience and persistence. Read on for steps to increase success.

The value of low-stress stock handling

Ross Kuchel, Snr Ag Advisor

How calm livestock make for safer, more productive and more profitable farming

A growing body of research continues to show that reducing stress during handling improves animal health, boosts productivity, enhances meat and milk quality, and improves safety for workers. It’s a practice that pays dividends across the entire supply chain—from paddock to consumer.

Why stress matters in livestock

When animals experience stress, their bodies release cortisol and adrenaline. These hormones trigger the “fight-or-flight” response, increasing heart rate, suppressing immunity, impairing digestion, and reducing growth efficiency. Repeated exposure creates long-term physiological

changes that undermine health and performance.

Stress responses—whether obvious (running, vocalizing, aggression) or subtle (heavy breathing, whites of the eyes)—signal compromised welfare and greater risk of injury for both animals and handlers. Managing these responses is essential to safe and sustainable livestock production.

Productivity and profitability gains

Evidence shows that low-stress handling has direct economic benefits:

- Animals handled calmly can achieve significantly better weight gain, with some studies indicating improvements of up to 30% over traditionally handled cattle.
- Reduced stress improves immunity, vaccine response, weaning

outcomes, reproductive performance, feedlot performance, carcass quality, milk yield, and milk quality.

- Lower stress means fewer injuries, fewer setbacks, and fewer workdays lost due to animal or human harm—another major cost saver.
- Consumers increasingly demand ethically raised, humanely handled livestock, and low-stress practices support market access and potential price premiums.
- In short: calmer animals perform better, stay healthier, and deliver greater long-term returns.

Practical principles that make the difference
Several well-proven principles underpin effective low-stress stock handling:

1. Work with natural instincts

Cattle want to maintain visual contact, move towards light, stay in groups, and move away from pressure. Understanding flight zones, points of balance, and herd behaviour is fundamental.

2. Prioritise calm, consistent handling

Handlers set the tone. Calm, predictable behaviour builds trust and leads to better performance over time. Animals handled respectfully are easier to work and exhibit fewer stress-related behaviours.

3. Create a low-stress environment

Good facility design—curved races, consistent flooring, reduced noise, minimised shadows and visual distractions—supports smooth movement and reduces fear responses. Minimising loud noises and sudden movements helps



maintain calm and prevents panic.

A safer workplace for everyone

Calm animals are less likely to injure themselves or the people handling them. Low-stress methods significantly improve overall safety, reducing workplace accidents and fatigue—benefits that ripple through any livestock business.

Conclusion

Low-stress stock

handling embodies the best of modern livestock management: it’s humane, productive, economically sound, and aligned with consumer expectations. The science is clear—calm livestock are healthier, safer, easier to handle, and more profitable.

Adopting these practices is not just good management; it’s a smart investment in the long-term success of any livestock operation.

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LLS Hits the Road: Roadshow to Support Queanbeyan-Palerang Landholders

Louise MacDonald, Senior Biosecurity Officer

Landholders across the Queanbeyan-Palerang region will have the chance to meet face-to-face with Local Land Services staff through a multi-town roadshow delivering practical advice, biosecurity

guidance, and access to subsidised grain through the 2025-2026 Feral Pig & Pest Program.

The drop-in sessions provide property owners direct access to their local Local Land Services veterinary and biosecurity teams. Staff will be available to

discuss livestock health, pest management, seasonal conditions, and tailored strategies to improve on-farm resilience.

The roadshow has been designed to make support more accessible, particularly for landholders who may not always have the time to travel long distances for advice.

In addition to expert advice, grain will be available at each location for those eligible for the free supply under the Feral Pig & Pest Program. The initiative supports coordinated pest control efforts across the region, helping landholders manage feral pig populations and reduce the impact of pest species on agricultural

production and the environment.

Roadshow dates and times

Carwoola - Friday 20 February, 3 pm - 6 pm Carwoola Community Hall

Mongarlowe/ Charleys Forest - Tuesday 3 March, 9:30 am-1 pm Mongarlowe Community Hall

Krawarree - Friday 20 March, 9 am -12 pm Gundillion Hall

Burra - Thursday 26 March. 3 pm - 6 pm Burra Community Hall

Majors Creek - Tuesday 14 April, 1 - 4 pm Majors Creek Recreation Hall

Bungendore - Thursday 23 April, 10 am - 1 pm Bungendore Scout Hall

Royalla - Tuesday 28 April, 3 pm - 6 pm Royalla Common

Nerriga - Friday 15 May, 3 pm - 6 pm Nerriga Hall

Landholders are encouraged to drop in at any time during the session hours—bookings are recommended.

We’re looking forward to meeting community members, answering questions, and supporting landholders to tackle the challenges in the year ahead.

For more information, or to contact Local Land Services biosecurity officers or a district veterinarian prior to the roadshow, phone 1300 795 299.

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Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Monaro Street Refresh starting 12 March 2026

The Monaro Street Refresh is starting on 12 March 2026. Monaro Street will be closed from the Atkinson Street roundabout to Lowe Street for a minimum of 6 months for construction.

If you don't need to drive into the CBD, it is recommended that motorists use alternative routes including Yass Road and Ellerton Drive.

Within and around the CBD, Collett Street, Morisset Street, Lowe Street and Rutledge Street will be the alternative routes.

During stage 1 of construction, north-south travel on Crawford Street will still be available, but there will be no right or left turn onto Monaro Street.

Works include upgrading the surface of the road from Lowe Street to Collett Street, modified medians, improved pedestrian crossings and footpaths updating stormwater drainage and underground infrastructure, reducing the gutter height and improving accessibility. The road footprint and existing parking will stay the same.

- ▶ To find out more about the project and traffic management, visit www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/monaro-street



Queanbeyan Multicultural Festival returns in March!

Ready to eat your way around the world, watch incredible traditional performances, or maybe just have a super day out in Queanbeyan Park?

Our Multicultural Festival is back and ready to wow crowds and fill bellies and hearts for another year.

Enjoy dance acts from around the world, activities, and plenty of delicious food from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 28 March.

- ▶ Find out more at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/QMCF

Local Heritage Awards nominations open

Celebrate 10 years of the Queanbeyan-Palerang Local Heritage Awards by nominating a heritage property or historical research!

There are three award categories:

- Best maintained heritage property
- Best restoration/development or reuse of a heritage property
- Historical research, publication or promotion of local heritage
- ▶ Nominate yourself or someone you know by 12 April 2026 at qprc.snapforms.com.au/form/2026-local-heritage-award-nominations

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:

- 25 February 2026 (Queanbeyan)
- 11 March 2026 (Bungendore)
- 25 March 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.

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

Celebrate nature: Photo contest, clean up, and Eucalypt walk

Get involved, make a difference, and celebrate nature with these upcoming events and competitions!

- **World Wildlife Day Photo Competition (Entries close 3 March):** If you're 18 or under, showcase your photography skills with photos of native plants, animals, fungi, or bugs for your chance to win awesome prizes.
- **Clean Up Australia Day (Sunday 1 March, 9am-12pm):** Help us clean up Queen Elizabeth II Park (corner of Collett & Morisset Streets). Stick around for a volunteer BBQ afterward!
- **National Eucalypt Day Walk (Sunday 22 March, 10am-12pm):** Explore Mount Jerrabomberra with an expert guide to learn about native eucalyptus species and local wildlife. Morning tea provided. Meet at Mount Jerrabomberra Mountain Reserve Carpark. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water.

- ▶ Find out more about each of these events at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/events

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Puzzles

BRAIN TRAINING

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

Logical

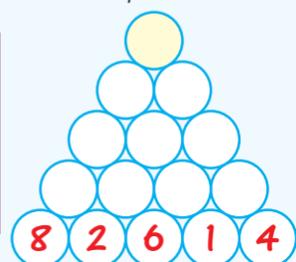
Chris, Nigel and Stan are doing a boot sale to raise cash for their last-minute holiday. From the information given, work out how much money each person made, how many unsold items each person had left over and what they going to buy with the money they made.

The person who made £200, which was the most money made by the men, has booked to do a scuba diving trip whilst on holiday. Nigel had ten items left over at the end of the morning but he was still able to treat himself to a pair of designer sunglasses with his earnings. Chris found that he could buy a set of golf clubs with the £150 he made. Stan had two items left over. The man who made £80 wasn't the person who had six items to take home with him again.

TIME

Add Up

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



Pattern Maker

Can you spot the pattern in this sequence, and decide that comes next?

Crossword

Quick Time Crossword

- Across
- 1 Cherry-red (6)
 - 5 Zodiac sign (3)
 - 7 Fortune-telling card (5)
 - 8 Incarnation (6)
 - 10 Used in cricket (3)
 - 12 Limbs (4)
 - 13 Australian state (abb) (3)
 - 14 Small valley (4)
 - 16 Adverse fate (4)
 - 17 Cricket score (3)
 - 18 Swift animal (4)
 - 20 Tie-on label (3)
 - 23 Landed property (6)
 - 24 Man's name (5)
 - 25 Seek charity (3)
 - 26 Thoroughfare (6)
- Down
- 1 Crustacean (4)
 - 2 District and island of Venice (6)
 - 3 Adult male deer (5)
 - 4 Hearing organs (4)
 - 5 Throw in an arc (3)
 - 6 Greek letter (3)
 - 9 Sporting side (4)
 - 11 Definite article (3)
 - 14 Composition for two performers (4)
 - 15 Make angry (6)
 - 16 Insecticide (abb) (3)
 - 17 Set again (5)
 - 18 Lairs (4)
 - 19 Chair (4)
 - 21 Respectful fear (3)
 - 22 Joke (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.

Target Time

Target: Average 10, Good - 16, Excellent - 22+

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.

E	R	D
S	E	H
F	E	R

- Across
- 1 Reveals
 - 4 Reeled
 - 8 Lengthwise
 - 11 Deep and dark
 - 12 Cultured
 - 13 Brought on
 - 14 Rabbits on
 - 16 Briskness
 - 17 Protrudes
 - 18 Painter who loved Tahiti
 - 21 Modest
 - 22 Aromas
 - 25 Expand
 - 26 Unidentified
 - 28 Fruit seed
 - 29 Tells all
 - 31 Truancy
 - 32 Clutches
 - 33 English SE county
 - 34 Crazes
 - 37 Professional's signboard
 - 40 Oaths
 - 41 String
 - 43 Outback call
 - 44 Remain valid (5,2)
 - 46 Charmed
 - 47 Stipulation
 - 48 Incline
 - 49 Second
 - 50 One tenth
- Down
- 1 Resisting
 - 2 Wandered
 - 3 Critical comment
 - 4 Courted
 - 5 Tools
 - 6 Permit
 - 7 Invent
 - 8 Clumsy (3,6)
 - 9 Expels
 - 10 Atheism
 - 15 Fed
 - 19 Data transfers
 - 20 Confection
 - 23 Appearing
 - 24 Milk suppliers
 - 25 Child minders
 - 27 Explosive detector
 - 30 Dock worker
 - 32 Bass player, eg
 - 35 Kept away from
 - 36 Female deer
 - 38 Wipe out
 - 39 Build up
 - 42 An adult insect
 - 44 Soundtrack
 - 45 Meander

Community News

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Dahlia magic

PET OF THE WEEK



Name: Bella
 Age: 16 years old
 Likes: Asian food, taking out the trash and everyone in Bungendore
 Dislikes: Vacuum, her puppy cousin Teddy the Tripod
 Claim to Fame: Looking young!

Letter

Letter to editor - Regional Independent

In the 28 January edition of the Regional Independent, there was a letter to the editor about Council's waste vouchers. We want to apologise as the operator misinterpreted the voucher entitlement and applied charges on the basis that the resident was a rural entitlement voucher holder rather than an urban entitlement holder. As noted in last edition, fortunately we have resolved the voucher issue with the resident.

Council is undertaking a 2-year trial for waste vouchers running from 1 July 2025 - 30 June 2027. Rural residents do not receive bulky waste collection services and are entitled to 16 vouchers per year, in smaller volume increments (240L) than the vouchers for urban residents. The rural (240L) vouchers can be combined for larger loads.

Urban residents can redeem up to 2 vouchers OR 2 kerbside bulky waste collections per financial year for up to 2 cubic metres of waste. Using a self-haul voucher takes the place of a kerbside bulky waste collection. Urban residents can choose to continue to access the two kerbside bulky waste services or can replace one or both of those services by downloading a self-haul voucher instead.

Alongside these vouchers, both rural and urban residents can also use 2 mattress disposal vouchers.

Unfortunately, this error should not have occurred, and we apologise for this mistake and have undertaken training with staff.

Vouchers are issued via the QPRC Waste



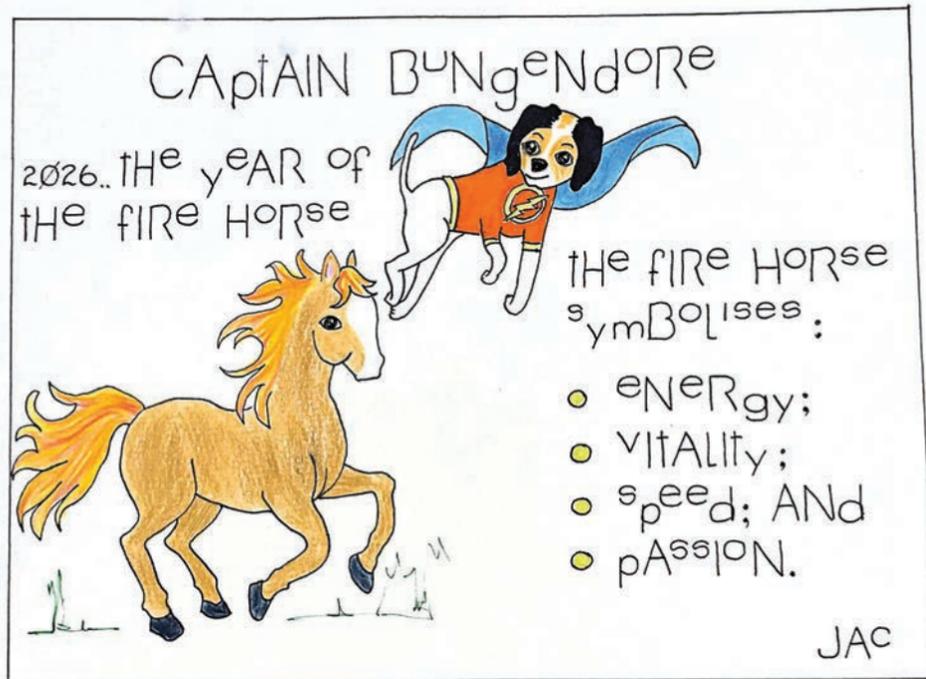
Info App. They can be downloaded through the iOS App store or Android Google Play store. The vouchers help residents meet the costs of household bulky and/or general waste disposal.

General household waste can be taken to any of Council's Waste Transfer Stations with a rural waste voucher; however Captains Flat, Macs Reef and Nerriga Waste Transfer Stations are not equipped to handle bulky waste. Household bulky waste can only be taken to Braidwood and Bungendore Waste Transfer Stations. Vouchers cannot be redeemed at the Queanbeyan Waste Minimisation Centre as the facility does not accept general waste.

The QPRC Waste Info App also provides a range of useful information about waste services, including accessing calendars, and can be used to notify problems or changes in waste services.

More information can be found at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/waste.

Gordon Cunningham
 Acting Director Infrastructure Services
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Public Notices



The Bethany Group invites ladies to meet with God and receive food for the soul.

Topic: "He Makes All things Beautiful: Practicing Joyful Trust in Each Season"

Function: **High Tea** Cost: \$10

When: **Saturday 21st March 2026** 2pm for 2.15pm – 4pm

Where: **Queanbeyan Uniting Church, Rutledge Street, Queanbeyan**

Speaker: **Sophie Valastro**

Sophie Valastro completed studies at Sydney Missionary and Bible College (SMBC) and moved to Canberra in 2024 after many other moves and changes. Sophie is now working with Scripture Union Australia, empowering churches to outreach through school ministry opportunities like SRE and lunchtime groups. Referencing Ecclesiastes, the Gospels and wisdom from the journey, she looks forward to sharing reflections from 18 years of discerning how to follow Jesus in each season, while practicing a joyful trust in him.

RSVP: **14th March 2026**

Contact: **Judith Griffiths** Email: jandj47@gmail.com Phone: 0410018808

Limited seating

Prayer Ministry available

Unfortunately, we are unable to cater for all dietary requirements.



To sit and to serve

Bungendore Open Mic: Saturday Feb 21

The organisers of the community event "Bungendore Open Mic" will be running their monthly (February) open mic event this coming

Saturday, February 21 from 1pm to 5pm at the Royal Hotel Bungendore

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

1st time performers are very welcome!

Bungendore CWA

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>

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

<https://www.bungendorecwa.org/>

Dementia Morning Teas in Bungendore

Monday March 16, from 10am to 12.00

The Dementia Morning Teas are held at the Bungendore School of Arts, 57 Gibraltar St Bungendore from 10.00 to 12.00. 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.

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

Mayor's Column

Construction of the Monaro Street Refresh will begin on 12 March. Council has been working towards improving Monaro Street for a long time.



The major impact to be aware of is that Monaro Street will be closed to traffic from the Atkinson Street roundabout to Lowe Street. This closure will be in place to all vehicles for 6 months. We know this work will be disruptive and we are aiming to minimise how long people are affected. Monaro Street will be open for pedestrians, so make sure you continue to support local businesses. We will be continuing our business support package to help local businesses over the course of the works. Find out more about alternative routes and further details at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Monaro-Street

I am incredibly proud to announce that Queanbeyan Park and Queen Elizabeth II Park have retained the Green Flags Award for the sixth year in a row. I would like to say a big thank you to our parks and gardens staff who have worked meticulously to maintain our parks to such a high standard. The Green Flag Awards are an international award in recognition that a park is well-managed, welcoming, safe and sustainable. There are only 11 parks to have been awarded with a Green Flag in Australia, and I am incredibly proud that Queanbeyan has two of them.

It was my honour to cost a citizenship ceremony in Queanbeyan last week. Welcoming new Australian citizens is one of the great joys of my role. Congratulations to the 60 new citizens from 26 countries including Bangladesh, Brazil, Britain, Canada, Peoples Republic of China, Colombia, Finland, France, Hungary, India, South Korea, Nepal, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, Sudan, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States of America, and Vietnam. Congratulations and welcome!

Celebrate 10 years of the Queanbeyan-Palerang Local Heritage Awards by nominating a heritage property or historical research. The Local Heritage Awards celebrate the amazing heritage buildings, gardens, spaces, and written history that make our area unique. This is your chance to shine a light on someone in the community - whether it's yourself, or a neighbour, a coworker, or even someone you've never met - who has gone the extra mile to preserve our unique local heritage. You can nominate a heritage property or publication for an award until 12 April 2026. Learn more and nominate now on the Local Heritage Awards page at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/heritage

Cr Kenrick Winchester, Mayor

New Year, New You, join VIEW

Bungendore Evening VIEW Club

Connect with other local women and through the Smith Family members

help disadvantaged students with their education

VIEW is a non-religious and non-political organisation

Bungendore Evening View Club meet on the First Monday of every month at The George Restaurant - 6pm for 6-30pm meeting followed by a guest speaker.

Dinner is available at your own cost.

Contact - Debbie Hudson - 0418 622 369 or email dhudson2@Vtown.com.au



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

Lions Community Bookshop

Lions Community Bookshop has great books for just \$1 or \$2, and cheap as chips DVDs (4 for a \$1!) & CDs (50 cents each!).

Drop in and see us in The Cottage in Queanbeyan Park, open 10am-4pm Tuesday to Saturday.

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 10, Good - 16, Excellent - 22+

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Brain Training

LOGICAL:

Chris, £150, six items, golf clubs

Nigel, £80, ten items, sun glasses

Stan, £200, two items, scuba diving trip

ADD UP:60

PATTERN MAKER: 4 (The dark blue strip moves from left to right across the square and back to the left. The thin yellow strip stays in the same place. The small blue rectangles diminish in number from the first square to the last (from five rectangles to one rectangle).

Sudoku

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

Puzzle Solutions

Quick Time Crossword

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Crossword

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Classifieds

Local Markets

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

Captains Flat Country Markets
1st Sat of the month, 10am to 2pm, in the Community Hall, Foxlow Street, Captains Flat. Enquiries to CFCA.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.



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 March 2026
9:30am to 1:30pm

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 at your scheduled appointment time.

CB BOBCATS

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



BUNGENDORE SENIORS

Next get together will be Friday 27 February, 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

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. Buy Local . **Summer Sale. All clothing and Cane discounted**

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.

TEARDROP CARAVAN FOR SALE

Great little van to take down the coast or anywhere. Lightweight, anything can tow it (750gvm) Internal cupboards, small kitchen, fridge, reg till March 2026 (\$75), 5 vents plus flyscreens on doors. Internal and external power sockets, flourished lights, in kitchen and cabin, double mattress (exc cond). 'Cozy as' and comfortable. Cool in summer and warm in winter. \$9400 ono. Phone 0402 069 605.



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



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

Gavin Pillidge Courier

Braidwood - Canberra - Braidwood
Monday - Wednesday - Friday
Mob: 0428 968 162



IRON DOG RESCUE



These are just **some** of the beautiful dogs currently in care. Unless otherwise stated, the dogs are located in Bethungra NSW (between Junee & Cootamundra). All are looking for loving committed forever homes. Rehoming No.: 251000226



WELLS (F), Crossbreed, Approx 10 mths
www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/117523



CORAL (F), Rottweiler, Approx 2 yrs
www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/115306



BUNDY (M), Rottweiler x, Approx 2 yrs
www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/115966



FUNF (M), Cattle Dog x, Approx 4 mths
www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/115827



BOWIE (M), Rottweiler, Approx 4 yrs
www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/110592



BOSS (M), Rottweiler, Approx 9 1/2 yrs
www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/88110



CHICO (M), Rottweiler, Approx 7 yrs
www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/60500



BONNIE (F), German Shepherd, Approx 1 yr
www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/120153



www.facebook.com/reel/1448985070069243
SHAKA (M), Rottweiler, Approx 4 yrs
www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/119763



MAGGIE (F), Kelpie x, Approx 6 yrs
www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/104294



YZMA/IZZY (F), Rottweiler, Approx 5 yrs
Advertised VERY soon! She's in Bethungra.



SONNY (M), Mixed Breed, Approx 2 yrs
www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/101439
In foster care in Monteagle NSW



BRUNO (M), Rottweiler, Approx 5 yrs
www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/118949
Assisted Rehoming Pascoe Vale Vic



BEAU (M), Rottweiler, Approx 4 yrs
www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/118761
Assisted Rehoming Old Toongabbie NSW



ARNIE (M), Rottweiler, Approx 7 yrs
www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/110087
Assisted Rehoming Glengowrie SA



DUKE (M), Rottweiler, Approx 3 yrs
www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/109244
Assisted Rehoming Brisbane



STANLEY (M), Rottweiler, Approx 2 yr
www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/107445
Assisted Rehoming Kalbarri WA



HAMILTON (M), Rott x German Shep., Approx 3 yrs
www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/77225
In foster care in North Kellyville NSW



TEDDY (M), Rott x German Shepherd, Approx 3 yrs
www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/77226
In foster care in North Kellyville NSW



HARVEY
www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/106970
Assisted Rehoming Nowra NSW



Website: www.irondogrescue.com.au
Contact Sue: Ph 0437 010 492
Email irondogrescue@gmail.com



ongoing medical issues or other reasons.

Sue's dream ONE DAY every dog born will have a kind and loving home for life. Please Like & Share the IDR FB Page so the dogs' stories can be exposed to an ever-growing audience. IDR is a Registered Charity and has Tax Deductible Gift Recipient status.

If you would like to support IDR's work:

BANK DETAILS: Iron Dog Rescue BSB 082 851 ACC 371075925

Sport

Bungendore Swimming Club Championships Make a Splash Despite the Rain

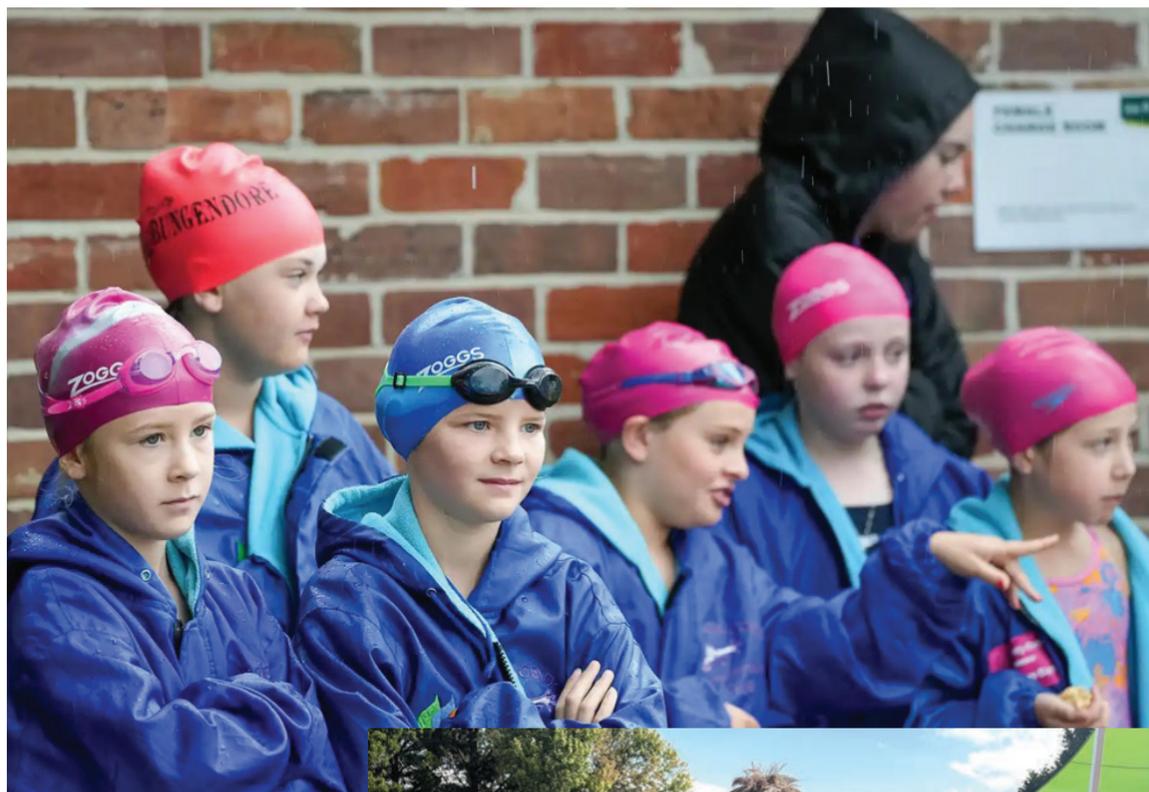
The Bungendore Swimming Club held its annual Championship event on Sunday 8 February, with families braving steady rain to cheer on their swimmers. For the first time, races were run in age categories rather than by stroke alone, giving the morning a fresh competitive edge and plenty of excitement across the pool.

Swimmers from as young as four through to fifteen took to the water, showing determination, resilience, and plenty of spirit despite the

weather. The club was thrilled to see such strong participation and enthusiasm across all age groups.

The BSC team extends its thanks to all families for their support—and for their patience—as the club continues to roll out its new race-management app. A special acknowledgement goes to RJ and Keith, whose ongoing support and end-of-day treats continue to be a highlight for the swimmers.

It was a wet but wonderful morning, celebrating community,



courage, and the joy of swimming in Bungendore.

Swimmers of the Week

Right: Congratulations to our swimmers are Maebelle, Brax and Henry.

Left: Right Back Row - Bianca, Front Row - Cooper, Maddy and Tommy

Photos supplied



Bungendore High School Buzz

Bungendore High School

Year 7 had a fantastic day of connection, teamwork and fun at Birrigai Outdoor School to start their second week at Bungendore High School. They challenged themselves by moving beyond their comfort zones and working collaboratively to solve problems and reach new heights, both literally and figuratively. The crate

climb was a standout activity that required excellent communication between the climbers and the building crew working on the ground. It was a wonderful day of outdoor adventure that allowed our awesome 2026 Year 7 cohort to form new friendships, strengthen existing connections, and get to know each other a little better outside of the classroom.



Two days later, the whole school headed to Dickson pool for our annual school swimming carnival. It was fabulous to see so many students participating and showcasing their talents in the house swim events. We were thrilled to witness the enthusiasm and sportsmanship

displayed by all our swimmers.

A special congratulations to Mulloon, our winning house this year! It was a tight competition and ended up coming down to the house relays. Your spirit and teamwork truly shone through,

leading to a well-deserved victory. Our sincerest thanks to Ray White Bungendore for sponsoring our O-Week T-shirts this year which were on display at both these events.

Photos supplied

