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Perfect morning for paws supporting assistance dogs

More than 40 dogs and their owners enjoyed a perfect autumn morning last Sunday for the 2026 "Paws around the Ponds" event at Bungendore Ponds.

Hosted by the Lions Club of Bungendore and Districts, the relaxed walk brought the community together to bring awareness of a great cause, with participants setting their own pace as they made their way around the ponds. With clear skies, it was a perfect morning to be outdoors, with

plenty of wagging tails and smiling faces along the way. Owners were also given some great tips on a dog's body language and what it means to keep everyone safe and happy when on a walk.

The event highlighted the important work of Lions Assistance Dogs, an organisation that provides highly trained assistance dogs to Australians living with disability, medical conditions and post-

traumatic stress. These dogs offer not only practical support, such as alerting their owners to sounds or medical episodes, but also independence, confidence and companionship.

Importantly, Lions Assistance Dogs are provided at no cost to recipients. However, each dog costs tens of thousands of dollars to breed, raise and train, meaning community support and awareness events like this play a vital



role in continuing their work. While this year's event is over, the need for support continues. Donations to Lions Assistance Dogs can be made at any time via their website, helping ensure more Australians can benefit from these life-changing companions.

With strong community support and a great turnout,

organisers were pleased with the success of the morning and the awareness raised for such an important cause.

Lions Club of Bungendore would like to thank everyone who came along and joined in. Huge thanks goes to the Bendigo Bank, Bungendore Community Bank, Bungendore IGA,

Bungendore Mitre 10, Claddagh Lodge, Bliss Fur Dogs, Coffee Corner Van, Mythicagothiga, Bungendore Veterinary Clinic and The Regional Independent.

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Community News

An extraordinary journey from South Sudan to the Queanbeyan stage!

From South Sudan to Egypt to the Queanbeyan Performing Arts Centre stage, Lose to Win is the extraordinary journey of Mandela Mathia. Fleeing his war-torn home as a child, Mandela spent many years journeying, searching, and eventually finding his way to our stage.

“This show is about events of my life from birth all the way to Australia, where I explore the theme of self-acceptance, perseverance and hope. This show kind of helps give young people, everyone, the hope to reinvent themselves and feel like there is light at the end of the tunnel,” said Mandela.

This is a joyful, poignant solo show, straight from the man

who lived it. A celebration of the South Sudanese community, of resilience, and the power of imagination, Lose To Win is an astonishing modern Australian story.

Directed by Jessica Arthur (The Dictionary of Lost Words), Lose to Win is an intimate, generous, and inspiring night of storytelling that is bound to pull on heartstrings and leave audiences with a renewed sense of hope.

Artistic Director and Arts Centre Manager Jordan Best says that “Lose to Win is a story we don’t often get to hear, told by the person who actually lived it. Belvoir is one of Australia’s most interesting producers, bringing work to the stage that reflects the

diversity of the society around us, and we are lucky to be able to program their work at The Q.

“Mandela Mathia uses storytelling, music, and dance to share his journey from war-torn South Sudan through Sudan and Egypt to Australia. It’s intimate, uplifting, and full of heart, and will give our audience a deeper understanding of what it is like to come to Australia as an immigrant.”

Running for a single performance only on Saturday, 2 May at 7:30pm, Lose to Win is a significant piece of multicultural storytelling that audiences will not want to miss! Tickets are available at theq.net.au.

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Veteran and Family Hub turns one

Debbie Evans

A \$60,000 cheque to the Queanbeyan Veteran and Family Hub was the perfect way to celebrate the Hub’s first birthday on Wednesday.

The money from the Queanbeyan RSL, was presented to Hub Manager, Richard Norris, during a birthday luncheon by local RSL Treasurer, Ryan McManus.

In welcoming people to the Hub birthday party, Mr Norris acknowledged the many familiar and new faces amongst the large crowd attending.

“The Hub opened 12 months ago with a clear and simple vision to help veterans and their families feel supported.”

“Over the past year we have given support to more than 4,400 people.”

This equates to an average of 18 people daily accessing the free services provided by the Hub including DVA claims and advocacy, employment assistance, education and training programs, wellbeing support, financial assistance, and the Spur Equine Program offered at a Ranch in Picton. And an important figure not to be overlooked is the 5,263 coffees that have been shared in the past year.

“Others come simply because they find a safe space here, and there is always Mel’s scones.”

“We are trying to create a place of connection, and I want to give a shout out to our staff Mel Atchieson and Kerryn Pocklington,” both of whom have recently celebrated their 12-month anniversaries with the Hub.

“Now veterans and their families don’t have to bounce around between services, we are here to help them.

“And I want to thank veterans and their families for trusting us with their stories.

“Over the next 12 months we have big plans to expand our services and activities.”

On receiving the RSL cheque Mr Norris said the money will be a welcome boost and put to good use expanding programs.

Mr Norris said for him the most rewarding part of managing the Hub is making genuine change in people’s lives, whether it be through Mental Health support, financial or just providing a sympathetic ear when needed.

People accessing the Hub range between 18 and 80 years, 57 percent are male and 43 percent female.



The following is a percentage breakdown of the service profile of veterans; 50 percent are army, 30 percent navy and 20 percent air force.

He added people in the younger demographic seeking support and assistance are often the children of veterans or their siblings.

“Many of these young people feel isolated as their veteran relatives are posted to new locations every three years. This makes it hard for children to form and maintain relationships creating feelings of isolation.” He concluded.

Some of the activities currently offered through the Hub are Veterans guitar group, Invictus yoga, Zumba, mind, body, balance tai chi.

The community more broadly can benefit from the Hub too. They offer free WiFi, office and meeting spaces, community room, kitchen, accessible toilet and a venue space for hire.

The Hub also participates in the Queanbeyan Community Services

Day: an event that brings the community together to support organisations like the Hub.

If you want to be a part of the Hub, you will find them on Level 2 at 251 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan, Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm, phone 0491 483 888 or email queanbeyanvfh@rslifecare.org.au. Please note there is a lift from the ground floor.

Above: Veteran and Family Hub Manager, Richard Norris with local RSL Treasurer, Ryan McManus.

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With roadworks and renewal on Queanbeyan’s Monaro St causing disruption for customers in the CBD, now is a more important time than ever to support local businesses in our region.

Following a successful debut in 2025, Shop & Win is currently underway in Queanbeyan to promote the city’s array of dining, retail and services businesses. With a total prize pool of \$8k up for grabs, now is the perfect time to support local and, if you’re a lucky winner, score yourself a shopping spree.

“The cost of living is hurting everyone” said Carlie Lloyd of Collins Booksellers in Queanbeyan’s Riverside Plaza. “Added to the complications associated with the roadworks

and high petrol prices, it really is a tricky time for local businesses.”

“Our customers love coming in and exploring the books on our shelves. Sometimes they will pop in for a minute, and stay for an hour. With Shop & Win, they have a chance at scoring a prize as well.”

QPRC’s Tracey Lamont has been working closely with local businesses to support them through the works on the main street and roll out a business support package to stimulate visitation and spend in Queanbeyan, facilitate wayfinding for car and pedestrian flow, and encourage renewal of shopfronts and building facades.

“Our message is that Queanbeyan is open for business,” Tracey said,

“and we’re shouting it from the rooftops. There is parking available right behind the main street, our footpaths are open and available to access our shops and restaurants, and now is an important time to get behind the small businesses in our CBD.”

How to win

Entering is easy. Spend at least \$20 at participating businesses in Queanbeyan and receive an entry ticket. Simply scan the QR code for your chance to win one of six \$500 vouchers, or a life-changing \$5000 to spend at local businesses. More information is available at treasuretrail.com.au/win

L-R Carlie Lloyd of Collins Booksellers in Queanbeyan, Linda Ovelgonne (QPRC), Tracey Lamont (QPRC). Photo supplied.



2026 Hoskinstown Chestnut Roast: Sunday May 10



This popular fundraiser for the Hoskinstown War Memorial Hall will be held on Sunday 10th May 10am - 2pm, Mothers Day

Come along for a fun day - roasted chestnuts, quality stalls, Devonshire teas, BBQ, chestnut soups, music and more...

All funds go towards maintaining the Hall

The Hoskinstown War Memorial Hall was built on land donated by the Hyles family in 1928. It

was built by the community for the community. Of course, the Hall has been modernised and brought up to the standards that we expect nowadays. It is available for local residents to hire at a very reasonable cost. The Hall Committee look after the Hall, the hiring, and fundraising events such as the Chestnut Roast and the Kids Christmas Party & Community BBQ. For the Hall to remain a valued community facility it needs community input such

as assistance with the Chestnut Roast.

All welcome so come along and enjoy a unique and friendly event that celebrates our community.

* A reminder that with the closure of Briar Sharrows Crossing people coming to the event will need to drive via Bungendore (there will be signs up) instead of Captains Flat Road. This fabulous community event is well worth the drive!

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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>

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2026 ANZAC Day Bungendore: 60th Anniversary Long Tan

Part Three – Aftermath, Cost, and Legacy

When the firing stopped, the Australians were exhausted, soaked, and emotionally drained. Many believed they had suffered a devastating defeat. They had seen their mates killed and wounded, and the scale of the enemy force had been overwhelming.

But as the battlefield was searched over the following days, the true outcome became clear.

A Stunning Australian Victory

D Company's 108 men had faced a force of up to 2,000 VC soldiers. Despite being outnumbered nearly ten to one, they had held their ground and survived.

Australian casualties were:

- 18 killed, of these 11 were National Servicemen
- 24 wounded

It was the highest single-day loss for Australia in the Vietnam War – but given the odds, it could have been far worse.

VC casualties were far heavier. Official counts found 245 bodies on the battlefield, but estimates suggest the true number may have been over 500, with many more wounded. Artillery fire accounted

for at least half of the enemy dead.

Why the ANZAC's Prevailed

Several factors contributed to the success:

- Artillery superiority: The accuracy and volume of fire from Nui Dat was decisive.
- Training and discipline: Australian infantry tactics emphasised fire and movement, small-unit independence, and controlled defensive fire.
- Leadership: Major Harry Smith and his platoon commanders made rapid, effective decisions under extreme pressure.
- Aerial resupply: The RAAF's daring ammunition drop kept D Company in the fight.
- Armoured support: The arrival of the APCs broke the final VC assault.

Legacy

The Battle of Long Tan has become one of the most iconic actions in Australian military history. It is remembered not only for the courage of the soldiers involved but also for the teamwork between infantry, artillery, armour, and air support.

It stands as a modern expression of the ANZAC spirit – endurance,

mateship, initiative, and quiet determination in the face of overwhelming odds.

Today, Long Tan is commemorated annually on 18 August, known as Vietnam Veterans' Day in Australia.

ANZAC Day - 25 April - is probably Australia's most important national occasion. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) during the Great War.

Sources various.

Bungendore Commemorative Services

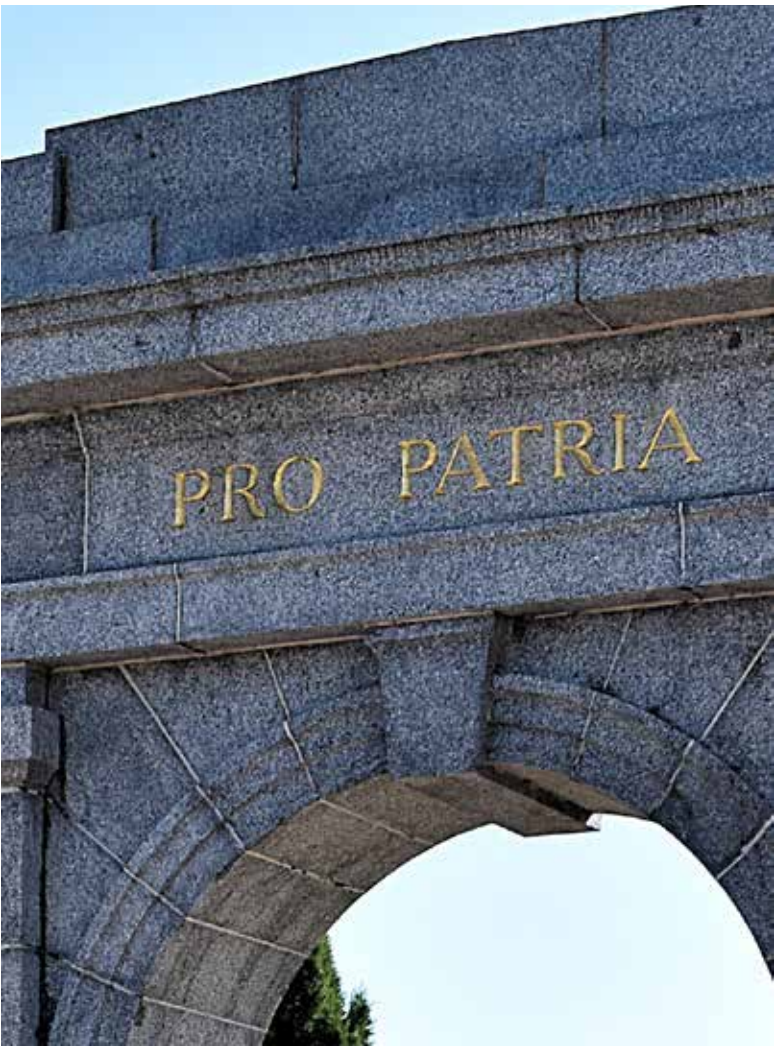
ANZAC Day Dawn Service 0600

ANZAC Day March commencing at 1040

ANZAC Day Commemorative Service at the Memorial 1100

ANZAC Day Social Activities - Various on completion of the Commemorative Service

ANZAC Address and Dinner 1st May (See page 3 for more information)



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).
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Tuesdays & Thursday

Exercise Classes

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

Wednesdays - Tai Chi Qigong - 11.45-12.45pm Bookings essential - Please call or text 0407 902 989.

1 Farrer Place, Queanbeyan

Thursdays - Zumba GOLD - 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

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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 19 May 2026.

Riverside Plaza Stall - monthly
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For further information, please contact Brenda at 0407 201 392 or Kim at 0407 902 989.

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sessions - 11am to 1pm and 2.30 to 4.30pm. It promises to be a great experience with delicious savoury and sweet offerings along with tea and coffee and of course scones with jam and cream. All that and a glass of bubbles for

just \$50 per person. Funds raised will be donated to cancer research. Our Rotary Club of Bungendore wishes to thank the Community Bank of Bungendore and IGA for their generous support.

Book your seats now. Email us at admin@rotaryclubofbungendore.org or book through our QR code.

We look forward to welcoming you all to this event.

When: Saturday 9 May at 11am to 1pm or 2.30pm to 4.40pm

Where: The Bungendore

Community Centre (Norah Starrs) Majara Street

Bookings: Scan the QR code to book for yourself or your group

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Come one, come all. See you there.



2026 Draft Donations Policy and Guidelines: comments close this Mon 27 April

Council is seeking community feedback on the 2026 Donations Policy and Guidelines.

Council's donations policy identifies various forms of community assistance allocated annually through grants, donations and rate relief. Each year it reviews community donation requests whilst containing costs within a responsible budget.

The draft Donations Policy allows Council to make donations and community grants that provide assistance to the community with funding for activities and programs that align with Council's strategic objectives. Both the financial commitment to community donations and the community grant guidelines have been reviewed.

For the 2026-27 financial

year an amount of \$245,000 for community grants and donations has been recommended for public exhibition and community feedback.

There are 7 categories that have application and assessment criteria:

A - General Assistance \$32,000

B - Hire / Lease Fees \$37,000

C - Rates, Fees and Annual Charges \$92,000 A list of proposed recipients can be found on the YourVoice webpage

E - Heritage Grants and Special Heritage Grants \$35,000

G - Cultural Grants \$16,000

H - No Fee Hire of Council Community Spaces

Schools and Sundry \$33,000

Total: \$245,000

The draft Donations Policy and Donation Guidelines for each category is available for download from the document library on the YourVoice webpage

Feedback can be provided by:

- Completing the online form on YourVoice
- Emailing feedback directly to council@qprc.nsw.gov.au with the subject title "2026 Donations Policy

- and Guidelines"
- Handwriting your submission and delivering it to Council's Customer Service Centres
- Posting your submission to PO Box 90, Queanbeyan NSW 2620

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Veteran walks to honour ANZAC service

Debbie Evans

A lone veteran will soon be walking the roads of Bungendore and Queanbeyan as part of a 300-kilometre journey from Holdsworthy Barracks to Canberra in honour of Australian soldiers who served and died in World War One.

Dressed in the full kit of a World War One soldier and carrying a pack the veteran, from Eyes Front will cut a lonely figure, but the community is invited to join him along the route of his epic pilgrimage.

The Enduring Spirit March also aims to support veterans carrying the weight of recent service.

The veteran commenced his trek in Holdsworthy on April 15 and will finish in Canberra on April 24, in time to join ANZAC Day commemorations in the capital.

Every day he has walked an average of 30 kilometres, and at the completion of his journey will have passed through Camden, Picton, Bowral, Bundanoon, Marulan, Goulburn, Tarago, Bungendore, Queanbeyan and finally Canberra.

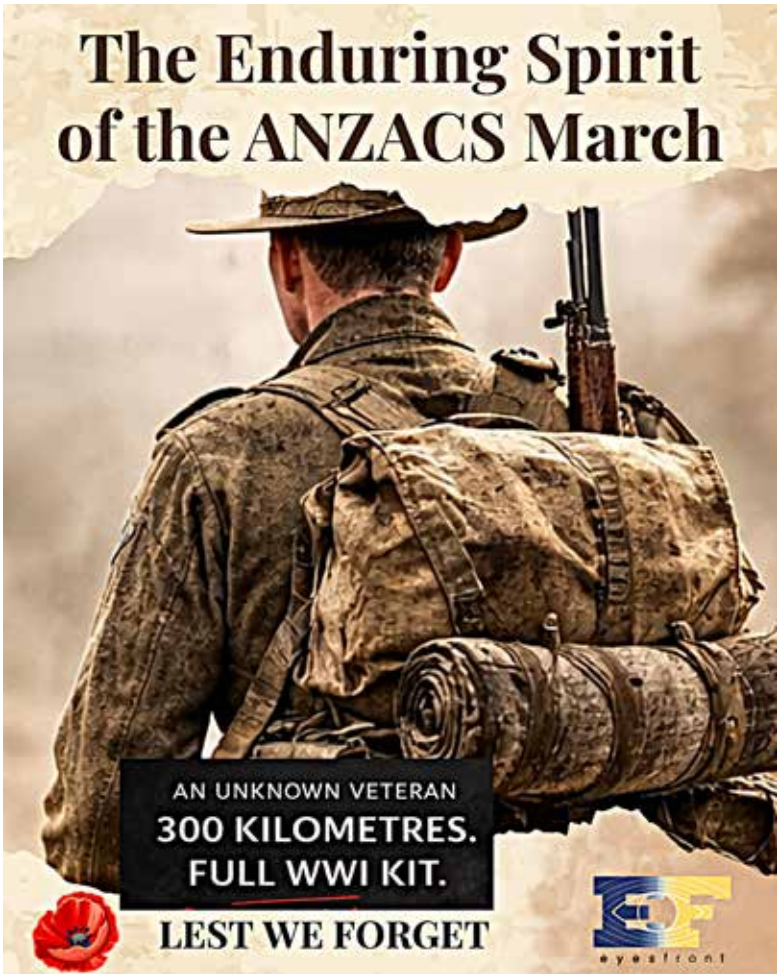
Residents of Bungendore will have the chance to meet him at a special commemorative event 4.30pm Thursday April 23 at the War Memorial in town.

Other members of the community are encouraged to join the walk when they see him on the road and accompany him on a small section to show support and celebrate community mateship. Kids who join the walk will receive an Australian flag to show their support.

The Enduring Spirit March by the lone veteran aims to celebrate mateship, engagement and the “Enduring Spirit of the ANZACS” it also aims to support veterans carrying the weight of recent service.

Other partners on the walk are Veteran and Digger Motorcycle Groups, Military Vehicle Group of NSW, and the Khaki Vehicle Enthusiasts Inc. amongst others.

Eyes Front Limited is the chosen



beneficiary of the walk.

Eyes Front Ltd is a public benevolent institution formed to relieve poverty, distress and helplessness for people in the community in need of assistance.

Their efforts are targeted toward returned service men and women and their families, the homeless, children and adolescence.

They aim to address the following needs and issues faced by and suffered by these groups including but not limited to mental illness, depression, social anxiety; substance misuse and abuse; hunger and a lack of basic needs such as food, clothing and blankets, and the transition to civilian life for ex-service people.

Their web site states, “At Eyes Front, our values of compassion, respect, and integrity guide everything we do. We are

dedicated to empowering veterans and vulnerable communities by providing programs and initiatives that address critical challenges. We strive to create a meaningful impact and foster a stronger, more connected community through collaboration, inclusivity, and a steadfast commitment to service.”

Months of preparation and training go into the walk with Martin training while wearing the uniform and carrying the kit/pack he wears for the walk.

To find out more about Eyes Front visit their website <https://eyesfront.com.au/about/>.

Thursday April 23
Approx 4.30pm
Bungendore War Memorial,
Gibraltar Street

Jerrabomberra Combined Probus Club April Update

Jerra Probus members will have the opportunity to participate in several special events across the district during 2026 as The Probus Association of Canberra and District celebrates the 50th anniversary of Probus, originally established by Rotary.

The Jerra Probus club’s April meeting enjoyed a talk by Club member Dr Colin Brown who, having spent several years teaching in an on-country first nations school in northwest NT, explained how traditional formal classroom teaching methods did not work well with young people unused to being within four walls. He achieved more success with periods spent outdoors and teaching relevant life skill and building on the tribal skills to which the students could relate. He also mentioned the importance “dry” communities where traditional urban and rural agricultural employment patterns were not followed and alcoholism and abuse could easily occur.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Robyn Munari who was familiar with the issues addressed by Dr Brown.

General meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Jerra Community Centre. Our May general meeting will

be on Wednesday 20 May when Queanbeyan Librarian Emma Clechan will explain “What the Library has to offer”. On June 17 Lucy Steen will talk on “Downsizing and Decluttering”.

In addition to our regular monthly General Meetings, we have sub-groups to cater for any who have relevant interests: Walking Group meets twice weekly (Tues & Thurs) subject to weather, coffee mornings are held once a month (4th Wed), Margaret Stone is running a Mah Jong group. The Gardening group usually meets at different private homes close by to minimise fuel use (2nd Wed). We have a library of books on a range of topics which members are welcome to borrow. Some by past speakers, are subject to signing out.

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

Email: eleanor.vqa@gmail.com
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Peter Haddon
Jerra Probus Club
Photo supplied of Roby Munari with speaker Colin Brown





In partnership with

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ANZAC Day - Saturday 25 April 2026

QPRC

Anzac Day Services in Queanbeyan-Palerang

There are Anzac Day services across the Queanbeyan-Palerang region to honour the sacrifices and legacy of our servicemen and women. Each service offers a meaningful opportunity to come together in remembrance, gratitude, and reflection.

The times and venues for services across our region are:

Araluen

The service at the Araluen War Memorial assembles from 8:50 am.

Braidwood

The Dawn Service assembles from 5:45 am and Main Service assembles from 10:45 am at the Town Cenotaph.

Wreath laying at the memorial 11:00 am.

Service at Ryrie Park 11:30 am

Road closures (from 6:00 am - 7:00 am for Dawn Service and 10:30 am - 12:30 pm for Main March):

- Wallace Street from Wilson Street to Lascelles Street will be closed
- Wilson Street from Park Lane to

Wallace Street will be closed

Bungendore

The Bungendore War Memorial S355 Committee hosts the annual Anzac Day ceremonies.

The Dawn Service assembles from 5:45 am for a 6:00 am start at the War Memorial on Gibraltar Street. The Anzac Day March musters from 9:30 am for a 10:45 am step off at the bottom of Gibraltar Street to march to the War Memorial. A Commemorative Ceremony assembles at 10:45 am for an 11:00 am start at the War Memorial, Gibraltar Street.

Road closures:

- For the Dawn Service from 5:30 am - 7:00 am: Gibraltar Street from Majara Street to Molonglo Street
- For the Main Service and March from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm: Gibraltar Street from Majara Street to Molonglo Street

There is also a Bungendore War Memorial Committee Annual Anzac Commemorative Address and Dinner on Friday 1 May 2026 7:00 pm. This is open to members of the community, and bookings for the dinner can be made at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/>

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Captains Flat

The Captains Flat S355 Committee hosts the ceremony at the War Memorial. The Dawn Service starts at 5:30 am and the Main Service assembles from 10:00 am.

Road closures:

- Captains Flat Road from Miners Road to Foxlow Street
- Foxlow Street between Miners Road and Captains Flat Road

Googong

There will be a Dawn Service at Bunyip Park in Googong Central, gathering at 5.15am to start at 5:30 am.

Jerrabomberra

A dawn service will be held adjacent to the Jerrabomberra Hotel. Assemble for the service from 5:00 am.

Road closures:

- Part closure of the car park surrounding the western side of the hotel. Closure will be from 4:45 am - 8:00 am

Majors Creek

The service assembles from 8:30am in the St Stephens Church

grounds. Hill Street will be closed between Araluen Street and approximately 200m past the end of the recreation grounds.

Queanbeyan

The services at Queanbeyan are jointly run by QPRC, RSL, HMAS Harman and Legacy Queanbeyan.

This year's March is in a new location. The March is from the corner of Lowe and Morisset Street, up Lowe Street, turning right onto Antil Street and into Moore Park.

Moore Park is where the services will take place and includes the Queanbeyan Rose Memorial Gardens, Lone Pine and Boer War Memorials. There are several carparks nearby in the CBD where you will be able to park and walk across to the services at Moore Park.

Dawn March and Service

5:15 am - March from the corner of Lowe and Morisset Street to Moore Park

5:30 am - Queanbeyan Dawn Service, Queanbeyan Rose Memorial Gardens - Moore Park

Main March and Service

9:00 am - Laying of Floral Tributes,



Queanbeyan Lawn Cemetery

10:00 am - Muster for March - corner of Lowe and Morisset Street

10:20 am - March commences up Lowe Street to Moore Park for the service

10:30 am - ANZAC Service, Queanbeyan Rose Memorial Gardens - Moore Park

Road closures for the Dawn Service (from 5:00 am - 6:15 am) and Main Service (from 9:00 am - 11:30 am):

- Lowe Street (full width) between Campbell Street and Morisset Street
- Antill Street (full width) from Crawford Street to Campbell Street
- Campbell Street (full width) from Crawford Street to Albert Street including closures at the intersection of Morton, Bruce and Albert Street
- Intersection of Lowe and Campbell Street
- Existing Monaro Street closure (full width) between Collett St and Lowe St

Queanbeyan Legacy ANZAC Day Dawn Service

Queanbeyan Legacy ANZAC Day Dawn Service -

0515 - Assemble at the Roundabout Morisset and Lowe Streets near the Queanbeyan Park. March will proceed along Lowe and Antill Streets to the Memorial Gardens at Moore Park (near swimming Pool).

0530 - Legacy Service

0600 - Legacy Gunfire Breakfast - Walshes Hotel

Ciao's café on Crawford Street will be raising much needed funds for Queanbeyan Legacy throughout the day,

Queanbeyan RSL Sub Branch Services -

0900 - Ex Service Section of



Lawn Cemetery Wreath Laying

0945 - WW1 Memorial Wreath Laying Farrer Place

1025 - ANZAC Day Service - Memorial Gardens Moore Park (near swimming pool)

Assemble at 1000 at Queanbeyan Park , Lowe and Morisset Streets roundabout and proceed along Lowe and Antill Street to Memorial Gardens at Moore Park,

1115 WW11 & Subsequent Campaigns Memorial .

Safe burning reminder ahead of heightened fire risk

The NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) is urging landholders to follow safe burning practices and notify authorities of their intent to burn, after more than 35 escaped burns on private land were reported across the state since 1 April.

The reminder comes ahead of increased fire danger in parts of NSW on Friday, with warm, dry and windy weather expected to elevate the risk of fires starting and spreading.

While the Bush Fire Danger Period has ended for most of the state, landholders must still notify their local fire authority and neighbours before undertaking any burn and assess weather conditions carefully.

The RFS provides an online notification portal, allowing residents to quickly register

planned burns via mobile or desktop.

RFS Commissioner Trent Curtin said the tool plays an important role in reducing unnecessary emergency responses.

“Over the coming months, many landholders will look to reduce fuel loads through burning. It’s essential this is done safely, and that both the RFS and neighbours are notified,” Commissioner Curtin said.

“With elevated fire danger forecast in parts of the state on Friday, it’s especially important to carefully consider the weather before lighting any fire.”

“Providing at least 24 hours’ notice helps ensure crews are not unnecessarily deployed and allows fire authorities to focus on genuine emergencies.”

Commissioner Curtin said while reducing fuel on private property is encouraged, it must always be carried out safely and in accordance with regulations.

“Before lighting any fire, ensure adequate fire breaks are in place and equipment is on hand to contain the burn,” he said.

“Every landholder has a responsibility to prevent fire from escaping their property. Failing to do so can have serious consequences.

“It’s also important to call Triple Zero immediately if you see an unattended fire so that crews can respond as quickly as possible.”

To notify your intent to burn, visit www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify or contact your local Fire Control Centre.



Community News

Crafting Connections: Bungendore's BYO Project Night Continues to Grow

The most recent Bungendore Crafters' Co-Op Craft Night was a wonderful celebration of creativity, connection, and community spirit. The room was alive with colour and conversation as a diverse group of crafters came together, each bringing their own unique project and perspective. From intricate embroidery featuring native birds and flowers to the thoughtful practice of visible mending, every table offered something different. Cross stitch pieces grew stitch by stitch, knitting needles clicked steadily, while others sketched and crocheted. The variety of crafts was matched only by the diversity of the people who gathered to share them.

What truly stood out was the atmosphere of warmth and encouragement. Crafters of all ages exchanged tips and tricks, shared stories, and chatted about everything from upcoming community events to exciting holiday plans. At times, a few participants questioned their own abilities, but these moments were quickly met with reassurance and genuine praise from others.

It's this kindness and openness that defines the group—everyone is welcome, and every effort is valued.

A special highlight of the evening was one crafter's innovative doily artwork. Carefully dyed doilies were arranged across a series of boards to create a nostalgic yet playful piece that captured everyone's attention. It was a



bold move to bring something so personal to share, but it was met with admiration and appreciation from the group—an inspiring reminder of what can happen when creativity meets courage and the willingness to try something a little bit different.

As our numbers continue to grow (which we absolutely love), plans are underway to move our fortnightly BYO Project craft nights to a larger venue. It's an exciting step forward for a group that continues to flourish through connection and creativity. Please stay tuned to our moving date and location in the coming weeks by checking out Bungendore Crafters' Co-Operative on Facebook and reading the latest Co-Op news in the Regional Independent.

We'll be meeting again on Thursday 30th April at 55 Gibraltar Street, Bungendore. We warmly invite local women to join us—bring along a project or simply come for a chat. No experience is necessary, just an interest in craft and a willingness to connect.

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Prams, Community and a Cause: Pramathon Back for 2026

The Queanbeyan community is gearing up for the return of the Pramathon in 2026, a unique event that blends fun, fundraising and strong community spirit.

Set to take place in Queanbeyan Park, the Pramathon is more than just a walk—it is a charity fundraiser supporting First Steps Pregnancy Support, which provides practical and emotional assistance to pregnant women and new mums doing it tough.

Families, carers and supporters will take to the course pushing prams of all shapes and sizes, with many expected to be decorated in bright and creative themes. The event is designed to be inclusive and relaxed, with organisers emphasising that it's "not a race", but a chance to come together, get active and enjoy the outdoors.

Alongside the walk itself, the day will have a festival feel, with competitions, games, stalls and activities for all ages. From best-dressed prams to family-friendly entertainment, the Pramathon continues to grow as a celebration of local families and the wider community.

Importantly, every step taken helps raise funds and awareness for women and families in need across the region. The event highlights the importance of

community support networks, particularly for those facing challenges such as housing insecurity, financial stress or isolation during pregnancy and early parenthood.

Saturday 9 May 2026

Please arrive at 9.30am for the Pramathon walk with festivities in the park continuing until 1.30pm.

Event Partner - Community Bank Braidwood/Bungendore, Event Sponsors Pavements Australia, Webb's Mechanical Repairs, QPRC and Bambino's Soft Play and Events.

Head to <https://pramathon.com.au/> for more information or see page 13 for more information and how to register.

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Ultimate Renewable Timbers Networking Event

The ‘forests and economies’ theme of the 2026 UN International Day of Forests was celebrated at the Ultimate Renewable Timbers networking event, in southern NSW’s regional city of Queanbeyan on 9th April 2026.

Around twenty local representatives associated with the renewable timber value chain attended. They were hosted by Helen Murray and Matt de Jongh, who decided to do something local to mark the International Day of Forests.

“People genuinely appreciated the chance to come together. There was a diverse array of businesses and organisations from Queanbeyan and nearby regions. They all work with their own skin

in the game, every single day. The chances to celebrate their efforts and network with others across the timber value chain are few and far between locally,” said Ms Murray.

A couple of hours of animated conversation was enjoyed over some good food and beverages, provided with event support from Responsible Wood and Timber NSW.

“We really appreciated Evan Dunstone, of Dunstone Design, bringing three magnificent items of furniture designed and manufactured right here in Queanbeyan,” said Mr de Jongh. “These pieces represented the connection of forests and economies and people. Made from Australian native hardwood

were a fine hall table in Tasmanian blackwood featuring an unusual touch of African Wenge and stools were in West Australian jarrah and Tasmanian blackwood. “

Among the crowd were timber merchants and installers, a batten manufacturer, a traditional timber framing specialist for high-end housing and commercial buildings which use durable native NSW hardwood, industry advisors, foresters, and the furniture designer and manufacturer who emphasised the need to keep investing in young people Builders there commended the qualities brought to home occupants from use of timber, including for air quality. Also present were individuals from sustainable forest

management and chain of custody certification system provider Responsible Wood, capacity builder The Gottstein Trust, peak body Timber NSW, the Timber, Textiles and Furniture Union and Canberra based national body the Australian Forest Products Association.

The region’s parliamentary representatives were invited to mingle informally and hear first-hand about business challenges and opportunities in the region. The Hon. Nichole Overall MLC NSW was in attendance and expressed her strong industry support. While apologies came from the region’s other representatives - the Hon. Steve Whan Member for Monaro and

NSW Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education, the Hon. Tara Moriarty MLC NSW and NSW Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional NSW who was raised in Queanbeyan, and federal Member for Eden-Monaro the Hon. Kristy McBain Minister for Regional Development, all of whom wished the group well and hoped to attend in future.

Many attendees were keen to meet again. Later this year Ms Murray and Mr de Jongh intend gathering the network together at Bungendore’s refurbished Royal Hotel, which contains some amazing old timbers according to the builders who carried out the work.

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Bungendore Seniors 55+

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 - 2.30pm

Chair Yoga is held during school terms only. Cost: \$13 per session for members, \$18 for non-members. All welcome to attend

Boot Scooting



We are happy to announce that we are trialling Boot Scooting for term 2. Our first lesson will be on Wednesday 22 April. Bookings are essential. See page 23 for more information.

Membership

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

2026 membership is now due.

THURSDAYS

Thursday 30 April
Thursday 14 May
Thursday 28 May
Thursday 11 June
Thursday 25 June

FRIDAYS

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Friday 8 May
Friday 22 May
Friday 5 June
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For more information contact Sharon on 0419 025 533 or email bungendoreseniors@gmail.com



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Change Coming to the Bungendore Rodeo

For 65 years, the Bungendore Rodeo has been a much-loved fixture on the local calendar – a day when our town gathers in celebration of country skills, community spirit, and shared tradition.

Since its beginnings, the event has been stewarded through the dedicated collaboration of the rodeo’s founders who were members of St Mary’s Catholic Church and St Philip’s Anglican Church. Generations of volunteers from both church communities, alongside many others from across the region, have helped shape the rodeo into the vibrant and respected event it is today.

As this proud tradition marks its 65th year, it is also stepping into a new season.

A decision has recently been made to transition the rodeo’s management to a new

Association that will operate independently of the churches. This change comes with deep appreciation for the past and genuine excitement for the future.

Commenting on the transition, Reverend Mike Pailthorpe of St Philip’s Anglican Church said,

“We recognise that managing a rodeo is not typical work for a church in the 21st century. It requires a level of skill, time, and coordination that has become increasingly challenging for us to provide. We are also aware that some sponsors and volunteers may feel more able to be involved if the rodeo is not formally connected to the churches. After 65 wonderful years, we feel it is the right time to hand the baton to a new management committee and

watch the rodeo flourish into its next chapter.”

Father Sijo of St Mary’s Catholic Church echoed this sense of continuity and support, saying,

“Both churches remain committed to the future of the Bungendore Rodeo. St Mary’s and St Philip’s have therefore decided to provide financial support to the new Association during its initial start-up period. We also expect that many of our members will continue to volunteer and be involved in the event for years to come.”

As the Bungendore Rodeo celebrates 65 years of history, community, and hard work, it now looks ahead with confidence to a new season of growth, partnership, and possibility.



Bungendore Fine Art Gallery: May June Exhibition featuring Belle Mitchell and Finn Stensrud

Opening Saturday 2 May
continuing through
until end of June

Belle Mitchell

“Out of the Woodlands”

Belle Mitchell is an Australian artist and illustrator known for her finely detailed coloured pencil artwork inspired by the natural beauty of Australia’s landscape. Drawing from her own photography captured whilst exploring the parks, gardens and zoos she loves visiting. Bell’s work reflects a deep appreciation for the native animals, birds and botanicals that inhabit them. She is drawn to coloured pencil for its ability to create soft layers, subtle tones and intricate detail, perfect for capturing the delicate textures of feathers, fur and foliage. Her art invites viewers to slow down, notice the finer details and connect with the quite beauty of the natural world.

Finn Stensrud

“Ye Olde”

In Finn’s working life as an Architectural Draftsman, straight lines were required. So, with his retirement hobby free hand sketching of “YE OLDE” structures are much more fun. Finn’s sketches are in



ink with Copic and Chameleon tines and slowly moving into watercolour.

Bungendore Fine Art

Open 10am to 4.30pm, Friday to Monday
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A “Royal” experience for local artist

Debbie Evans

Second place at the Sydney Royal is the latest accolade for celebrated local artist, Margaret Hadfield.

Margaret’s painting, Magpies, oil on canvas attracted the attention of the Royal judge and delivered the unexpected placing.

“The success of the painting was a bit of a surprise for me,” she said.

“I entered 36 paintings in the Royal, only three were mine, the others belonging to my students. I really wasn’t expecting a win with my own paintings.

However, Margaret said the recognition at the Royal is exciting as its one of the biggest art shows in Australia attracting thousands of entries and is seen by even more show patrons.

When asked about the inspiration for the painting, Margaret said the formula is simple.

“I generally get inspired by a beautiful photo before the painting process and fortunately I have some friends who have the camera equipment to get a good shot.

“A Magpie is generally a loved character of the bird world, and they can be very tame or can attack humans in springtime.

“I find that they observe us more

than we observe them.

“I deliberately softened the background to make the Magpies shine.”

Margaret’s love and natural talent for art really shines when you enter her studio space, The Artist Shed, in Fyshwick.

Here you are fully immersed in a rich artistic experience which is not only a gallery displaying Margaret’s work alongside those of her students and fellow artists, but a vibrant learning space hosting classes for beginners and offering an extensive range of art supplies, classes, and social gatherings.

Margaret is originally from Coonabarabran and came to Queanbeyan in a quest to provide better health care for her daughter, who is now an adult and living independently in Queanbeyan.

With no formal training Margaret, naturally gifted, found art to be great therapy and support during many hospital bedside vigils when her daughter was receiving treatment.

As she developed as an artist, Margaret decided to pursue art full-time, becoming fully professional in 2000.

A chance trip with a friend to Gallipoli in 2004 ignited a new

passion for Margaret, “I thought I would be bored but the whole trip was a revelation.”

Fuelled by this new interest, Margaret was moved to enter the Gallipoli Art prize which she won with the second work she entered in 2006. Now, 20 years on, Margaret can proudly say her works have been hung every year except three.

She has entered again in 2026 and is one of 18 finalists with the result announced next week.

This year’s entry is particularly close to Margaret’s heart as the Artist Statement accompanying the entry explains.

“My Father’s Secret by Margaret Hadfield (Zorgdrager)

Having depicted many paintings of military history and participated in this art prize since its inception in 2006, imagine my surprise when I discovered my own father had been keeping a secret about being recognised as a war hero by his homeland.

Recently, my daughter Kerrie and niece Sally investigated our family history and found information about an uncollected WW2 medal that was attributed to my father, Pieter Jan Zorgdrager.

That medal being the Bronze



‘Orange-Nassau Medal’ is an award presented to civilians who have been recognised as having performed acts of special merits for Dutch society.

Pieter Jan Zorgdrager (1920-1982) was born in Terschelling, Netherlands and immigrated to Australia in 1951 with his wife Tryntje and 3 children. I was their 4th child, born in Australia. I grew up visiting military museums, cemeteries and listening to war-time escapades. This upbringing has instilled my lifelong interest in military history.

‘My Father’s Secret’ depicts my ‘Pappy’ with some of the relevant items and images from his past. During my childhood, I would overhear stories about his time as a prisoner in Germany and I remember him telling stories after he’d had a few whiskeys about his sabotage efforts. He said he urinated in the fuel tanks of German trucks.

There is also, a suggestion from Archivist in Netherlands of him being involved with sabotage of some 3 trains heading to Sobibor Death Camp and freeing Jewish prisoners.

The family home on Terschelling was raided by German soldiers on an occasion looking for his painted tiles and posters of the Dutch Navy. It was an anti German act and was grounds for arrest. It is believed that my father’s artistic skills were used for making false documents.

I do not know why my father did not want to collect the medal or tell us about it. I can only surmise that perhaps he didn’t think he

deserved it.”

Whilst the Artist Shed continues to be a mecca to many artists in the local area, Margaret is expanding her love of art into Bungendore with the opening of “Bungendore’s Treasure Trove of Toys & Art” in Shops 2 and 4 at 10 Gibraltar Street.

Margaret has teamed up with Benjamin Van Eldik to bring vintage toys and fine art to the Bungendore community through what they describe as a “truly special experience.”

“Benjamin has put together this treasure chest of wonder, and you can see what he’s unearthed! Remember when toys came in actual boxes and lasted longer than your phone battery? Well, grab your nostalgia goggles because Bungendore just got a whole lot more magical!

“Say hello to T.O.Y.S. (Toys of Yesteryear Shop) - where childhood memories and award-winning art collide in the most delightful way!

“Whether you’re a serious collector, a nostalgic soul, or just someone who believes toys had more personality when they needed winding up, there’s something here that’ll make you smile.”

And Margaret is also directing her energies into the Canberra Art Fair which will be held at Epic, Canberra, October 16-18.

Pictured is Margaret Hadfield working on her next masterpiece and Magpies, Margaret’s second placed Sydney Royal Easter Show entry. Photos Debbie Evans.



St Mary’s Parish Supports Bungendore Preschool with Lease Extension

Bungendore Preschool has confirmed continuity of service for local families through to 2027, following St Mary’s Catholic Church’s decision to extend the Preschool’s current lease at its Turallo Terrace site.

The extension ensures that children and families will continue to access early childhood education without disruption while the Preschool delivers its new facility.

In offering the extension, St Mary’s Parish has prioritised community education and the needs of local families over its own longer-term leasing interests

– a decision the Preschool Board has acknowledged with sincere appreciation.

Board Chair Michelle Macarthur-King said the extension reflects the strength of the longstanding relationship between the two organisations.

“St Mary’s has supported Bungendore Preschool for more than 45 years, and this extension reflects that continued commitment to local children and families,” Ms Macarthur-King said.

“We are deeply appreciative of the Parish’s willingness to work with us to ensure stability for the

community while we build our future home.”

St Mary’s Parish Priest, Father Jose Sijo, welcomed the opportunity to extend the lease and to continue St Mary’s support for the education of local children at the preschool.

“We are very pleased to continue our longstanding relationship with Bungendore Preschool. We greatly appreciate its work in educating local children over the last 45 years, and wish it every success in continuing its vital role in the community.

The Preschool has also recently



secured Development Approval for its new preschool build, which will provide a long-term solution to increasing demand for early childhood education in Bungendore.

Construction of the new facility is

expected to be completed by the end of the 2027 financial year, with licensing approvals to follow.

Bungendore Preschool looks forward to continuing its positive relationship with St Mary’s Parish as it transitions to its new site.

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Council Meeting Agenda - Wednesday 22 April 2026

Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on 22 April 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 Queanbeyan & District Basketball Association Request for Refund of Development Application Related Fees
- 8.2 Draft Development Waste Guidelines for Public Consultation
- 8.3 Nellie Hamilton Centre Options Review Report
- 8.4 Post-Exhibition Report - Revised Unsealed Council Road Policy
- 8.5 Policy Review - Street Verge Maintenance Policy
- 8.6 Application for a Cultural Grant - Braidwood Lions Club
- 8.7 Cultural Gifts and Donations Policy
- 8.8 Post-Exhibition Policy Report - Roadside Vegetation Management Policy
- 8.9 Investment Report - March 2026

Reports To Council - Items for

Information

- 9.1 Summary of Road Renewal and Maintenance Activities - 3rd Quarter 2025/26
- 9.2 HSEQ Quarterly Report - 1 January 2026 to 31 March 2026

Reports Of Committees

- 10.1 Queanbeyan Showground Advisory Committee Minutes - 9 February 2026
- 10.2 Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes - 20 March 2026
- 10.3 Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee Minutes - 26 March 2026

Notices of Motions

- 11.1 Notice of Motion - Jerrabomberra High School P&C - Breakfast Club

Councillor Questions

- 13.1 Councillor Questions - Monaro Street Supplementary Report
- 13.2 Councillor Questions on Agenda Items for 22 April 2026 Meeting

Reports For Closed Session

- Confidential - Not for Publication
- 15.1 RFT 2026-41 Supply and Erection of Modular Buildings at Braidwood Depot - Tender Evaluation

Item 15.1 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.

15.2 Queanbeyan Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade Project Update

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15.3 Palerang Communities Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy and Pricing

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15.4 RFT 2026-57 - Jerrabomberra Traffic Campaign Construction

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To read the business papers head to <https://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Business/Council-meetings>. The meeting can be viewed at A live stream of the meeting can be viewed at: <http://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au/>

Phoenix Collective Quartet perform in Braidwood

Braidwood Concert Series' Autumn 2026 program has been a blast; such diverse and brilliant performances, loved by record audience attendances. Philharmonia Cologne, Eishan Ensemble, Sonatas for cello and piano, Tommaso Girotto's solo classical guitar have shared their love of music and been inspirational in their live performances. So don't miss our final concert in this series which also promises surprise and delight.

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, Braidwood on Sunday 3rd May from 2pm. Please note the start time of 2pm, as we head into winter and shorter daylight hours.

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 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 fairer approach on planning matters

Debbie Evans

Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council will soon consult the public referencing a new Community Participation Plan under a statewide change being introduced by the Minns Government.

The plan will apply to all planning proposals and aims to make it easier for communities to comment on planning decisions, regardless of location.

Minister for Planning and Public Space Paul Scully said: 'There are more than 100 different Community Participation Plans across the state, each with its own approach, timeframes and thresholds for consultation on planning matters.'

'This has led to inconsistent consultation practices and confusion for proponents,

homeowners, community members and other stakeholders trying to engage with and navigate the planning system. For example, there can be different approaches on opposite sides of the same street for both community consultation and work-notification requirements.'

'Consulting the community is central to the NSW planning system, and a single Community Participation Plan will simplify and standardise public exhibition and consultation requirements across the state.'

Scully said the Draft Community Participation Plan would refocus consultation on 'strategic planning and major, complex development applications'.

He said it would allow more time for comment on strategic planning

proposals, while reducing the number of low-impact development applications councils must publicly exhibit, to speed up assessment and decision-making.

However, Scully said councils would still be able to tailor community engagement to local needs and align it with other council plans and policies.

For Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council (QPRC), one change will be extending the minimum consultation period on significant state-level strategic planning initiatives from 45 days to 60 days.

Other changes include standardising notification for complying development across the state, giving neighbours 7 days' notice before works begin. Public exhibition requirements would also

be clarified so councils do not need to exhibit low-impact development such as new single- or two-storey houses, or sheds and pools, that already meet planning controls.

The council says its QPRC Community Engagement Strategy 2025-2028 is under review and it's anticipated the new Community Participation Plan will drive some changes.

Scully said the Minns Labor Government's Landmark Legislative Planning Reforms passed Parliament in November 2025 with 'almost universal support'.

He said the Reforms would make the planning system 'faster, fairer and more focused on outcomes' and include a Development Coordination Authority as a one-stop shop for agency input.

Scully said the changes were designed to encourage people to have their say upfront on the future of their 'city, town or suburb', while making consultation clearer and more consistent.

He said the government was bringing 'more than 100 inconsistent and sometimes contradictory plans' into a single approach.

The Draft Community Participation Plan and discussion paper are on exhibition until Wednesday 3 June 2026. Details are available at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/proposed-statewide-cpp>.

In the next edition of the Independent QPRC will provide further analysis of the Community Participation Plan and its impact locally.

Community Growers Deliver a Second Successful Season for the Southern Tablelands Tree Start Growers Network

The Southern Tablelands Tree Start Growers Network has celebrated the conclusion of its second successful growing season, with local volunteers once again making a significant contribution to native revegetation efforts across the region.

Launched in 2024, the grassroots program brings together local volunteers to grow native seedlings from home. Now in its second year, the Network has continued to build momentum, delivering strong outcomes for Landcare Groups and local landscapes.

During the 2025-26 growing season, more than 80 volunteer growers took part across an area spanning from Cooma to Goulburn, Oallen to Rosedale. Thanks to their dedication, over 10,000 native tubestock have already been returned, with hundreds more currently in the hands of landholders ready to start planting this autumn. This milestone reflects the growing strength of the Network and the commitment of local community members to have a go at growing native tubestock from seed in their backyards.

The Growers Network is

delivered in partnership by Upper Shoalhaven Landcare Council, Upper Murrumbidgee Landcare Network and Wagtail Natives Nursery. Together, they provide native propagation kits and support volunteer growers across the Queanbeyan-Palerang and northern Snowy Monaro regions. The goal is to grow the next generation and help build a reliable supply of locally grown native plants for revegetation projects.

The 2025-26 growing season recently concluded with the annual 'March Tubestock Round Up'. Thousands of plants were collected back from growers in Bungendore, Cooma, Braidwood and Michelago and delivered to the Landcare Nursery Hub at Aurelia Metals' Dargues site in Majors Creek.

On Tuesday 31 March, 22 volunteers gathered for a Working Bee at the Nursery Hub to stocktake and prepare plants for redistribution. Over the course of the day, volunteers unpacked 530 propagation kits, sorted and counted more than 10,000 tubestock, assembled nursery benches, processed hundreds of recycled pots and soil, as well as loading nearly 1,000 plants,

stakes and guards for delivery to planting sites across the Upper Murrumbidgee catchment.

The Working Bee was incredibly productive and made possible through the continued support of Aurelia Metals at it Dargues site. Their lease agreement with Landcare allows for the use of the former geology shed as a regional hub for propagation efforts, including installation of polytunnel and storage for all the Growers Network supplies.

With the polytunnel now full, volunteer growers can enjoy a well-earned winter break! Landcare's preparations now begin for the program to recommence in September, with expressions of interest for the 2026-27 growing season to open in July. Could you take care of 200 native seedlings perhaps?

The program is proudly co-funded by the NSW Government Environment Trust and Koala Strategy, Mary MacKillop Today Highways and Byways, and the Landscape Resilience Program of the Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife.

Photo supplied of Landcare volunteers counting and sorting all the native plants returned by the Growers network in the 2025-26 growing season



Bungendore Quilters: Foundation Piecing Workshop

Our Vice President, Wendy, gave the members a Foundation Piecing workshop which was terrific. Wendy had two packs of fabric available and patterns cut out – one of little houses and the other a crazy patchwork.

Wendy went through the steps for Foundation Piecing which is something that can be done by either machine or by hand. We have both machine and hand quilters in our group. Starting this technique is quite tricky and requires the maker to think outside the square. It's a great technique when you get the

hang of it and Wendy's little wall hanging is gorgeous.

Bungendore Quilters meet three times a month for Sew and Chat days in the Bungendore Community Centre and if you are interested in joining our group, please contact our Secretary, Jo, for further information. You are more than welcome to come to a meeting to meet members and see what we do. www.bungendorequilters.com.au.

Photo supplied of Wendy with her Little Houses wall hanging



Community News

Donate old phones to support domestic violence victim-survivors

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) today announced it has partnered with DV Safe Phone, a national charity providing safe, untraceable mobile phones to people experiencing domestic and family violence.

Residents are encouraged to donate unused phones via collection boxes at Council's Queanbeyan, Bungendore, and Braidwood customer service centres.

QPRC Mayor, Kenrick Winchester said that donating an old phone is a simple way to assist victim-survivors while also keeping devices out of landfill.

"Mobile phones are often monitored, confiscated or destroyed in abusive situations, cutting off access to vital help.

"Donated devices will be

refurbished and distributed by the DV Safe Phone program free through trusted frontline agencies such as police, hospitals, and safe houses.

"I'm proud that our Council voted unanimously to be a part of this invaluable program and I thank fellow Councillor Ross Macdonald for bringing the motion to a recent Council meeting so we could support it," Mayor Winchester said

DV Safe Phone CEO Ashton Wood said that without a safe phone, privacy, autonomy, and the ability for victim-survivors to seek help can be lost at the exact moment they are needed.

"We've provided over 18,000 safe phones across Australia thanks to community and council support.

"Many survivors speak about the relief of being able to contact

police, support services, or family without fear of being monitored.

"There's often a moment of disbelief when they ask when they'll need to return the phone - and it's incredibly powerful to be able to tell them it's a gift, theirs to keep, as part of their new and safer life," Mr Wood said

Before donating, phones should be reset and accounts signed out of. Non-usable devices are responsibly recycled. Residents can donate phones of any age or condition at these locations:

Queanbeyan: Nellie Hamilton Centre, 257 Crawford St

Bungendore: 13 Gibraltar St

Braidwood: 144 Wallace St

For more information, visit dvsafephone.org or council's website at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au



Maria's Community Corner



Maria Porreca

I don't think a week goes by without me attending a meeting of one group or another however I do fit in some fun things as well.

Over Easter I spent some days with my son and his family down the south coast. I travelled by Murrays Coach services and they are great and convenient. The bus stop down the coast is about a 2 minute walk to my sons and I don't have to drive down the Clyde mountain.

On the evening of Friday 10th April I attended the Opening of the Queanbeyan Quilters Exhibition.

There was a huge crowd and we were treated to the most amazing array of quilts. Quilters President Bryony welcomed us all and gave a bit of background on the quilts and exhibition. Ms Anne Pratt, from HOME in Queanbeyan was the Guest Speaker and the selected charity for the Exhibition. Ms Pratt spoke about HOME and the lovely residents there who live with an enduring mental illness and were at risk of homelessness. We were also treated to a delicious spread, including selection of cheeses, crackers, dips, chicken drumettes, tartlets, meatballs and fruit platters as part of the refreshments provided by Camm's catering.

Upon entering 'The B' you were greeted by the Quilters Historical Display which dated back to 1984. These quilts also represented the many different techniques of quilt making and the variety of skills required to create them. There were demonstrations by quilters and a quilters shop with loads of useful items to purchase for yourself or for a gift.

During the weekend of the Exhibition both CWA Queanbeyan Evening Branch (Saturday) and Lions Club of Queanbeyan (Sunday) catered for the Community Café. I helped on the Saturday afternoon with the other fabulous CWA QEB members. On both days there was a delectable range of fresh homemade sandwiches, homemade cakes, slices and biscuits to choose from. There were also cold drinks, tea, coffee and hot chocolate on offer.

The quilts on display were 'out of this world'. So many talented people and some of the winners were - Viewers Choice Awards - Large Quilt - 1st - Chris G. No 21 'Carousel'; 2nd - Julia W. No 61 'Embroidery Flower'; Small Quilts - 1st No 105 - Miranda G.; 2nd No 112 Jenny L.; 3rd - Claudia G. Oh no more postcards - 1st - DD Narell Smit;



2nd - AA - Chris O'Donnell. 'Home Quilts' - 1st - Liz Hendrickson TTT; 2nd - Sandra Still XXX; 3rd - Bryony De La Mot OOO. Congratulations everyone on a successful exhibition.

And finally I attended the RSL Lifecare Hub 1st Birthday celebrations on Wednesday 15th April. That was a wonderful day of information and celebration of what has been achieved in such a short space of time. During the formalities there were a couple of speeches as well as a video showcasing some of their achievements in the last 12 months. The Hub provides many services and activities for Veterans

and their families including a Guitar Group, Branch Catchup, Zumba, Coffee Catchup, Mind Body Balance, Heart Muscle Balance, Create & Caffeinate, Puzzle time and Xbox gaming. All these activities are held in their premises at 251 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan.

This Saturday 25th is ANZAC Day. Services this year are being held at Memorial Gardens, Moore Street (near the swimming pool). Lest We Forget!

Till next time take care everyone.

Maria

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Council Meeting Summary - Wed 8 April 2026

QPRC

Here is the summary of the resolutions made at the Ordinary Council meeting of 8 April 2026. 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 three members of the public who made presentations about items on the agenda, including a development application in Googong, a Works in Kind Agreement in South Tralee, and a donation for the Mongarlowe Area Community Association
- Council will provide a donation from General Fund to the Mongarlowe Area Community Association for \$12,942.27 (excl GST) under Section 3.3. of Council's Donation Policy to refund the Development Application and Construction Certificate fees associated with the Mongarlowe Hall project
- Council granted conditional consent to a Development Application for construction of multi-dwelling housing comprising eight buildings containing 68 units, earthworks, landscaping and associated infrastructure at 60 Wellsdale Drive Googong
- Council endorsed development and implementation of the Monaro Street Façade Improvement Program and will allocate \$100,000 in the 2026-27

Operational Plan

- Council will make improvements to the Majors Creek and Araluen bin compounds and undertake consultation to determine community preferences for opening hours for the Braidwood Waste Transfer Station
- Council authorised the General Manager and Mayor to execute the proposed Tralee Works in Kind Agreement and publish the executed agreement on Council's website
- Council approved \$250,000 for Pool Tiling of the Queanbeyan outdoor pool to be allocated to fund filter replacements, repairs and system upgrades, procurement of essential equipment and infrastructure upgrades at the Aquatics Centre
- Council approved a Cultural Grant of \$3,000 to Rise Above Capital Region Cancer Relief to pay for local Aboriginal artwork to be featured in the Monopoly Queanbeyan Edition
- Council endorsed a five-year Licence Agreement with Braidwood Villages Tourism Inc. to operate the Braidwood Visitor Information Centre at the shop front in the National Theatre
- Council approved an additional budget of \$32,000 to be allocated to Women's Changerooms at Freebody Oval, with budget from identified savings in capital

- projects. Adjustment to the 2025-26 Operational Plan to be made through the 3rd quarter Quarterly Budget Review Statement.
- Council endorses the QPRC Place Naming Strategic Policy for public exhibition for 28 days and will adopt the policy if no submissions received
- Council received information report about Deed of Variation of Memorandum of Understanding between QPRC, Googong Sports and Recreation Club and Googong Township Pty Ltd
- Council received information report with the Resolution Action Sheet, which provided the status of outstanding Council resolutions
- Council received information report about extreme weather and emergency preparedness
- Council noted the minutes of the QPRC Sports Council meeting held on 9 February 2026
- Council acknowledged and received the Heritage Advisory Committee submissions from the meeting held 19 March 2025, for DA.2025.0572 and HER.2026.014
- Council noted the minutes of the Sustainability and Climate Change committee meeting held on 26 March 2026 and will place on public exhibition an amended cat containment policy that includes Greenleigh
- A Notice of Motion about

- receiving a report with information on the costs and other project management considerations around the Restart NSW RNSW1934 project was declined
 - Council will receive a report on flood mitigation efforts required to ensure access points to the new Briars Sharrow bridge are not impacted by flooding, and will present the report before conclusion of the project for inclusion in budget deliberations
 - A Notice of Motion about gambling advertising reform and participation in GambleAware Week 2026 was declined
 - Council received delegates report from the CRJO Board Meeting on 6 March 2026
 - Council received a report with answers to questions about a MoU between QPRC, Homes NSW and TAFE NSW
 - Council received supplementary report with responses to questions from Councillors on business listed on the agenda
 - In closed session, Council received report on the General Manager's Performance Review Six-month Check-in
- 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>

Aussie Breadtags for Wheelchairs

Thank you to everyone who has collected and donated their plastic breadtags in Bungendore and Braidwood to Aussie Breadtags for Wheelchairs. The plastic tags are dwindling down now as more and more bakeries and users move to cardboard tags.

To date our area has sent over 1,000 kgs of breadtags to Adelaide to be recycled into useful items such as bowls, pens, lazy Susans, etc.

Aussie Breadtags for Wheelchairs is closing at the end of June so if you have any plastic breadtags, please take them to the Bendigo Bank branches in Bungendore and Braidwood so they can be sent to South Australia and recycled.

All collection points will be closed down at the end of June and that will be the last of the breadtags to be collected and sent to Adelaide. If you have any plastic breadtags in jars or bags or just lying around at home, please take them to your local Bendigo bank so they can be recycled before it is too late.

Below: about 10kg of unsorted breadtags. Photo supplied



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- 10:00am to 12:00pm

Heart-Muscle-Balance

- 12:00pm to 12:45pm

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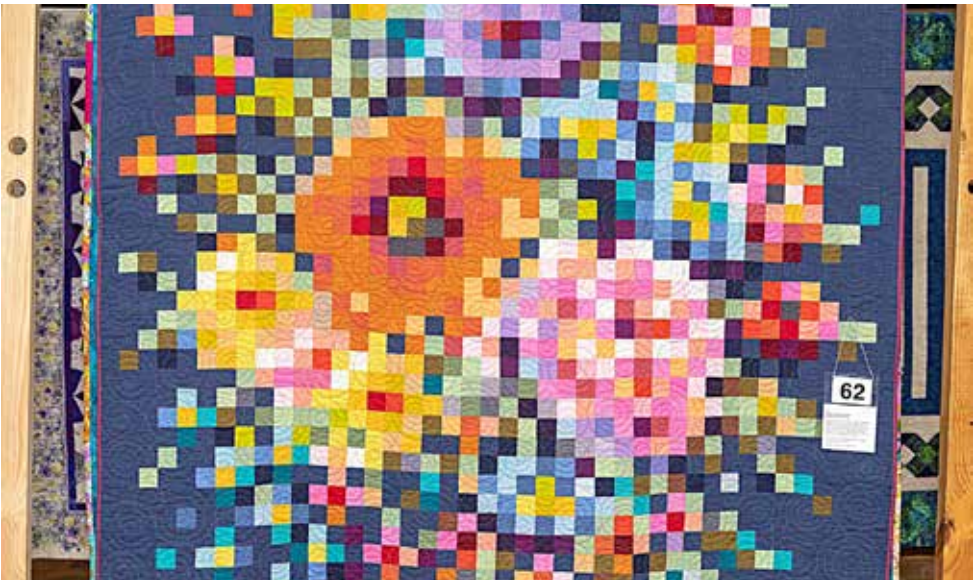
Community News

Queanbeyan Quilters Celebrate Creativity and Community at 2026 Exhibition

The Queanbeyan Quilters' 2026 Quilt Exhibition, held on 11 and 12 April at Bicentennial Hall, was a vibrant celebration of creativity, craftsmanship and community spirit. Visitors enjoyed viewing more than 100 quilts, showcasing a wide variety of styles, techniques and inspirations. A special highlight of the exhibition was the Viewer's Choice awards, with visitors voting for their favourite quilts. First place was awarded to Chris Gillespie for the striking quilt Carousel. Second

place went to Julia Worboys for Embroidery Flower, while third place was awarded to Anne Fenn for the touching quilt Just because you are my mother. Queanbeyan Quilters congratulates all three artists on their well-deserved recognition. The club extends heartfelt thanks to its generous sponsors: Canberra Sewing, Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council, Hobbysew Belconnen, Wabi Sabi Designs, Sew Simple, Scissor Man, Victorian Textiles, The Fabric Salon,

The Braidwood Quilt Shop, Crafty Frog, Makerie, Kimo Yes, Bunnings Warehouse, The Sewing Shoppe, Spotlight, and PRD Queanbeyan. Visitors also enjoyed the exhibition raffle, with winners announced at the close of the weekend. First prize, the Fireworks quilt (ticket 1698), was won by Alex Hunter. Second prize, the Fluttering Petals quilt (ticket 1851), went to Jennie Teunissen, while third prize—a \$300 Bunnings gift voucher (ticket 0204)—was won by Julie Doyle.



Sincere thanks are extended to the CWA Evening Branch and the Lions Club for their wonderful refreshments and continued support, and to the marketplace stallholders who added colour and variety to the weekend: Fiona from Chiatanya Designs, Janelle from Country Matters, Chris from Hen Tea Craft Store, Robyn from Robyn's Plain N Fancy, and Elaine from Treasured Textiles. Our appreciation also to Bernard Pearson for photography services. Queanbeyan Quilters is grateful to the members who created the stunning

foyer display windows at Bicentennial Hall. Featuring historic quilts and quilted treasures dating back over 40 years, the display honoured the rich history, skill and contribution of life members, and past and present members alike. The dedication of QQ members was evident throughout the weekend—from setting up and hosting the exhibition to producing handmade items for the popular sales table. Community generosity was also on display, with strong support for local charity HOME in

Queanbeyan. Donations over the weekend totalled \$450. In addition, a number of challenge quilts from the exhibition will be donated to be gifted to HOME residents. Finally, Queanbeyan Quilters thanks everyone who attended, shared feedback, and exchanged stories and inspiration. The support of the community continues to make the exhibition a meaningful and rewarding experience for all involved. Stay tuned for the next exhibition where we do it all again in 2028! Photos supplied



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Ava Trevarthen is the leading lady

performing a strong version of Donna, with her entourage being Matilda Matthews as Tonya and Natalie Tallon as Rosie. The Three possible dads, Sam, Harry and Bill are portrayed by Jackson Dale, Zach Warwick and Jack Merton. The two young loves, Sophie and Sky are Year 7s, are played by Elise Lindsay and Ollie Wylie. These are back by Karabars strong performing arts dance, drama and vocal ensembles.

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Member for Eden-Monaro

Kristy McBain MP

Don’t you just love seeing the vibrant colours of autumn across Eden-Monaro?

April has been another rewarding month, spending time across the electorate and hearing directly from communities about what matters most to them.

Throughout the month, I visited Bungendore, Adaminaby, Jindabyne, Eden, Goulburn, Majors Creek, Braidwood, and Queanbeyan. These visits are a vital part of my role as your local member—whether it’s discussing local infrastructure priorities, community safety, or simply listening to ideas and concerns from the people who live and work here.

Alongside these visits, my team and I have continued working through hundreds of community enquiries and grant applications. Every day, we assist locals to navigate government services and support community organisations. Ensuring local voices are heard and making sure community groups have the support they need to succeed remains a key focus of my work.

In 2023, the Australian Government provided a \$5.4 million grant to RSL LifeCare Veteran Services to develop a new Veterans’ and Families’ Hub, which opened in Queanbeyan in 2025. There are more than 4,500 veterans in the

Queanbeyan-Palerang region, and I was pleased to see the Hub celebrate its first birthday last week. In just 12 months, it has welcomed more than 4,400 visits, supporting veterans and their families with connection, wellbeing support and a place to belong. It is making a real difference close to home.

I was also pleased to present a \$10,000 Stronger Communities Grant to Queanbeyan Legacy for their beautiful new commemoration wall at Legacy Village. Now in place ahead of ANZAC Day, it provides a fitting space to honour the service and sacrifice of our veterans and their families.

As we approach ANZAC Day, I encourage you to support those who have served, or continue to serve, by attending one of the many services across our region, or by buying a badge or poppy at a Legacy stall to help with their important work supporting veterans’ families. ANZAC Day is a time to reflect and honour the courage, sacrifice and mateship of the men and women who have served our nation—values that continue to shape who we are today. Lest we forget.

If I can assist you in any way, please don’t hesitate to get in touch or visit www.kristymcbain.com.au

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Keeping pet pigs healthy: what you need to know about vaccinations

Dr Lou Baskind, District Vet Braidwood

Pet pigs are becoming more common in our region, and just like dogs and cats, they benefit from a simple, regular vaccination routine. Even pigs that never leave

the property can be exposed to diseases carried by wildlife, insects, or other pigs. A small amount of prevention goes a long way to keeping them healthy and protecting the people who

care for them. At a minimum, pet pigs should be vaccinated every 6 months for 2 important diseases: erysipelas and leptospirosis. Many vets use a combined vaccine, which makes the schedule easier to manage. Erysipelas is caused by a bacterium that's found widely in pigs. Young pigs under 3 years old are most at risk, but healthy carriers can shed the bacteria, so pig-to-pig transmission is the main concern. It can also spread via insects. Erysipelas can cause sudden illness, fever and skin lesions, or pass unnoticed in milder forms. Pigs that recover from infection can later develop chronic arthritis, which affects mobility and comfort. Vaccination is generally effective for 6 to 12 months,

which is why the 6-month booster is recommended. It doesn't always prevent the chronic arthritis form, but it does significantly reduce the risk of serious disease. Importantly, erysipelas is zoonotic, meaning people can catch it, so vaccination also reduces the risk to anyone handling pigs. Leptospirosis is also zoonotic and can cause severe illness in humans. In pigs, it mainly affects reproduction, so it's less of an issue for desexed pets, but the human health risk is the main reason to include it in the routine. Leptospirosis spreads when urine from an infected pig or feral animal contacts cuts or mucous membranes. There's a known reservoir in feral pig populations in many parts of Australia, so even well-cared-for pet pigs can be exposed.

Vaccination helps but is short-lived and not completely protective, so good management remains essential. For most pet pigs, these 2 vaccines are enough. Some herd health programs also use a vaccine for Mycoplasma hyopneumoniae, one of the bacteria involved in a condition called enzootic pneumonia. This is usually only recommended for commercial or larger groups of pigs. It's worth considering if there are specific risk factors such as poor ventilation, overcrowding, worm burdens, mouldy feed, or frequent introduction of new pigs. For owners living near bushland or areas with feral pigs, preventing contact with feral pigs is the single most important protective measure.

This means secure fencing, keeping pet pigs contained, and undertaking or supporting feral pig control programs and initiatives where possible. Under the Biosecurity Act 2015, everyone has a general obligation to take action to prevent the introduction and spread of pests, diseases, weeds and contaminants. Vaccination helps reduce some risks but can't prevent everything. Diseases such as brucellosis (which can also infect people and dogs), Japanese Encephalitis Virus (which can also infect people and horses), and some exotic diseases, do not have vaccines available for pigs. Avoiding contact between your pet pigs and feral pigs is critical for these reasons. Photo supplied



Weed to watch - Sticky nightshade

Alicia Kaylock, Senior Natural Resource Management Advisor, Cooma

Sticky nightshade (Solanum sisymbriifolium) was recently detected in the Queanbeyan-Palerang area for the first time. This highly invasive pest plant competes with crops, pastures and native plants. It can flower in as little as 5 weeks after germination so controlling young plants now is critical to prevent seed set and a much bigger weed problem next spring. What does it look like? It is an annual or short-lived perennial up to 1.5 m high. Most of the plant is hairy and covered in very sharp prickles up to 10 mm long.

These prickles can injure people and animals. It has white or pale bluish-purple, star-shaped flowers and produces berries that are bright red when ripe. How does it spread? Sticky nightshade can grow from seed and from plant fragments. It can be spread: by birds and animals eating the fruit in contaminated fodder in contaminated soil/fill in soil attached to machinery/vehicles. Where should you look for it? Keep an eye out for sticky nightshade: in areas on your property where fodder has been put out for stock

in areas where soil or fill has been spread in areas where earthmoving machinery has been used along roadsides, especially those that have regular traffic from other areas where sticky nightshade is already present What should you do if you find it? If you think you have found sticky nightshade, report it to your local council biosecurity weeds officer. For a better idea of what sticky nightshade looks like, scan the QR code to watch the recent video on our Facebook page, or learn more on the NSW WeedWise website. Photo supplied



Autumn baiting for pest animals

Autumn is here, and so is a key window for controlling foxes and other pest animals. South East Local Land Services provides advice and support to help landholders control pest animals on your land, including free bait products and coordinated group control programs. Get in contact with the Braidwood office to find out more or order baits by calling 1300 795 299 or emailing enquiry.southeast@lls.nsw.gov.au

Cultural burning to improve endangered grasshopper habitat

Andy Taylor, Senior Natural Resource Management Advisor, Braidwood Join South East Local Land Services and the Walbunja Rangers as they investigate how cultural burning can improve grassland habitat for the threatened Keys Matchstick Grasshopper. When: Friday 24 April 2026, 9 am - 12 pm. Where: Reedy Creek Travelling Stock Reserve. Please register for more details. On the day, you will: learn about the role of cultural burning in maintaining native grasslands

find out about the Keys Matchstick Grasshopper (Keyacris scurra) understand some hidden values of your land discover the threats to native grasslands learn how to contribute to citizen science. Registering is essential, and there are limited spaces so scan the QR code and join us on the day. For more information contact Andy Taylor on 0427 750 891. Photo supplied

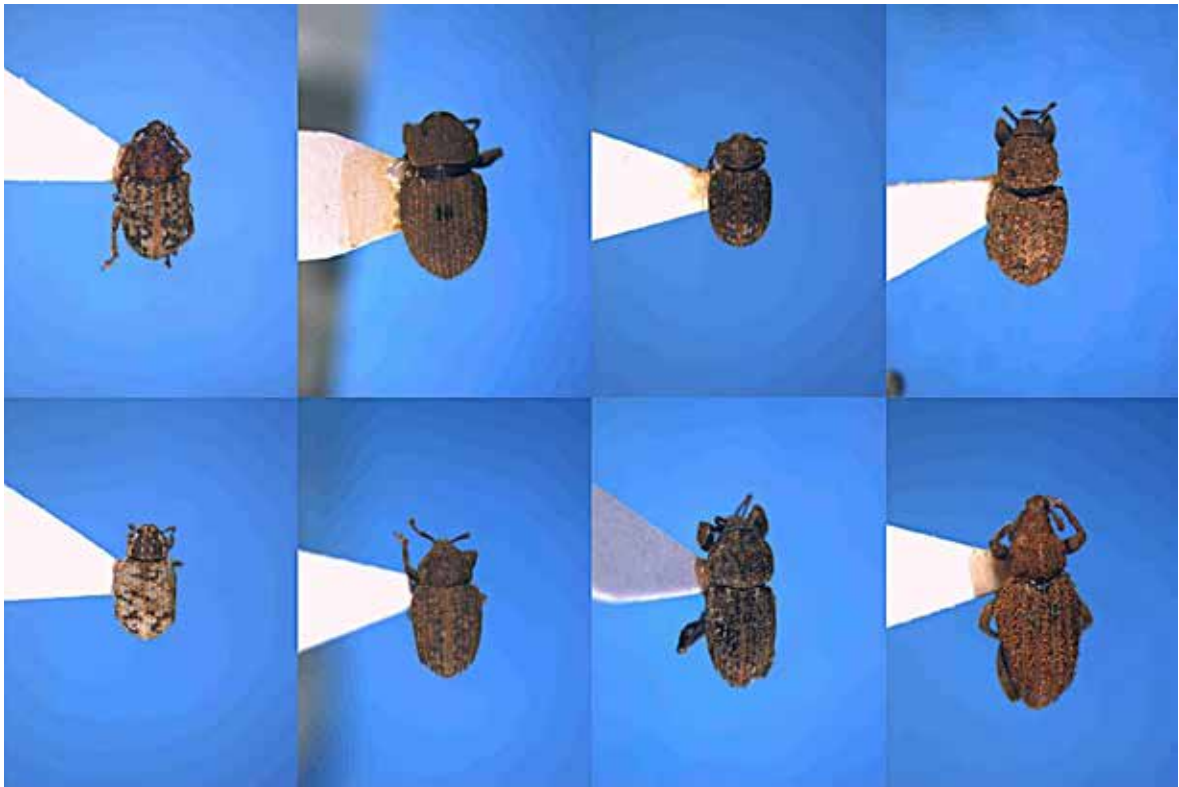


Look out for the Mandalotus weevil

Bella Hart, Land Services Officer, Braidwood

Recently there have been reports of damage to emerging crops and pastures around the Palerang district due to the Mandalotus weevil (Mandalotus spp.).

Mandalotus weevils are small, flightless, soil dwelling native weevils (sometimes called a ‘rubble bug’) that measure 3 to 5 mm in length. They are round and usually dull brown in colour, but there is variation in appearance.



Adult weevils typically emerge from mid-April onwards, and the warm and moist conditions of this autumn has supported a boom in population.

What do they eat?

This weevil typically targets crops and pastures in the first few weeks after emergence when plants are 3-5 cm in height.

Crops like canola, cereals and other legume and medic crops are most at risk, but these weevils can also damage emerging clover and ryegrass pastures.

What does damage look like?

Adults chew the leaves, cotyledons and stems of seedlings, and in severe cases can ringbark and cut seedlings off at ground level.

Damage may look like patches of crop thinning, and can escalate to large areas of emerging seedlings being rapidly destroyed.

What can I do about it?

Monitor emerging crops and pastures for any early stage damage or thinning. Mandalotus weevils feed most actively at night, so looking at night with a torch may help you see if weevils are present.

Populations of these weevils often reoccur in the same areas

of paddocks across seasons, so keep a record of any insect related damage and take note if similar damage has occurred before.

If you suspect you’ve got an infestation of Mandalotus weevils, please contact a South East Local Land Services Ag team member by calling 1300 795 299, email enquiry.southeast@lls.nsw.gov.au or your local agronomist to discuss control options.

Photos supplied.

Above: Adult Mandalotus weevils. There can be variation in appearance (SARDI). Left: damaged pastures.

Temperate vs tropical pastures – what’s the difference?

Jo Powells, Senior Agriculture Advisor

Across NSW, pastures are generally grouped into 2 main types: temperate and tropical. Each type is suited to different climates and supports different grazing systems.

Temperate pastures are most common in the cooler regions of southern and central NSW. These areas experience moderate rainfall throughout the year, with distinct seasonal changes.

Temperate pastures are dominated by cool season grasses such as ryegrass, phalaris, cocksfoot, clover and fescue.

These species grow best in cooler temperatures and tend to produce the most feed during autumn and spring.

Many of these grasses are perennial, meaning they regrow after grazing and can provide reliable feed over the long term.

These pastures can support year-round grazing for sheep, dairy cattle and beef cattle. However, productivity can decline during the hotter, drier months of summer when

temperatures climb above about 25°C.

In contrast, tropical pastures are found in the warmer, more northerly and coastal regions of NSW.

These areas experience a hot,

humid summer and a dry winter. Tropical pastures are dominated by warm-season grasses like kikuyu, paspalum, panicum and setaria, which are well adapted to the heat and can survive extended dry spells.

Growth usually peaks through the warmer months when rainfall is higher, but production slows considerably through winter when temperatures drop.

In simple terms, temperate pastures tend to produce more feed through the cooler months, while tropical pastures are better suited to warmer conditions and summer rainfall.

Both pasture types require the right management to maintain productivity and support long-term pasture health.

If you’d like to learn more about the plants in your paddocks, consider coming along to one of our paddock plants field days or joining a sustainable grazing program such as PROGRAZE.

Keep an eye on our events page for upcoming workshops and training opportunities - www.nsw.gov.au/lls-events

Photo supplied of ryegrass



Sheep and goat eID equipment rebate

Sheep and goat producers and livestock agents across NSW can gain affordable access to electronic identification (eID) equipment under a new rebate program.

Eligible producers and livestock agents can claim a 50% rebate (up to \$1,500) on the purchase of a handheld eID reader.

The latest round of funding is being offered to producers and livestock agents who may have missed out on the initial infrastructure rebate scheme in 2023.

The rebate is available for handheld readers purchased on

or after 3 October 2023.

Producers can use electronic eID tags to record individual animal data to inform breeding and selection decisions, helping to deliver measurable returns.

For more information on how to use eID to your advantage and the NSW Government’s eID equipment rebate, scan the QR code or contact Local Land Services via 1300 795 299.



Sheep and goat electronic identification

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Heritage Festival now on

We have an exciting calendar of as part of the Queanbeyan-Palerang 2026 Heritage Festival including:

- Change & Perseverance - The Fabric of Community - An exhibition highlighting the c.1882 Queanbeyan Perseverance Lodge Banner and other community textiles and quilts - until 30 April at The Q
- Braidwood Museum Open Day - Saturday 2 May
- Heritage Awards for building restorations and renovations in our LGA - Saturday 2 May, Rusten House
- The History of St Raphael's Church, Queanbeyan - Sunday 3 May
- ▶ The Festival continues until Sunday 3 May, view the program and find out more at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/heritage-festival

Have Your Say

Projects & initiatives open for community comment	Closing Date
Car Parking Review - Queanbeyan CBD and Braidwood	12 May
Place Naming Policy	11 May
2026 Draft Donations Policy and Guidelines	27 April

- ▶ Find all the details at www.yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au

Submissions can be made:

- By registering and commenting via yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au
- By email to council@qprc.nsw.gov.au (referencing the item in the subject line)
- By mail to PO Box 90, Queanbeyan NSW 2620
- Delivered in person to our Customer Service Centres

Notice of Licence Agreement Shop Front Room - Braidwood National Theatre

The Shop Front Room in the Braidwood National Theatre, 100 Wallace Street Braidwood, is being licensed to Braidwood and Villages Tourism Inc. for a 5-year term at \$657.00 per year (plus GST) and outgoings after 12 months. The venue is permitted to be used as a Visitor Information Centre for Braidwood and the local area.

- ▶ You can make a submission on the licence agreement until 4:30pm on Tuesday 12 May 2024 by email to council@qprc.nsw.gov.au
- ▶ Or by mail
Attention: Governance and Legal
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council
PO Box 90, Queanbeyan NSW 2620

Work with Council

Current vacancies include:

- Leading Hand - Pipes and Culverts
- Leading Hand - Concrete
- Leading Hand - Footpaths
- Legal Officer
- Manager - Strategic Planning
- ▶ For more information and roles see bit.ly/QPRC-Careers



Council Meetings and Times

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

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

Members of the public can make a:

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

Next meeting dates are:

- 22 April 2026 (Queanbeyan)
- 29 April 2026 Extraordinary (Queanbeyan)
- 13 May 2026 (Braidwood)

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.

Anzac Day Services

Saturday 25 April is Anzac Day and there are services around the region.

Bungendore

The Dawn Service assembles from 5:45 am for a 6:00 am start at the War Memorial, Gibraltar Street. The Anzac Day March musters from 9:30 am for a 10:45 am step off at the bottom of Gibraltar Street to march to the War Memorial.

Captains Flat

Dawn Service starts at 5:30 am and Main Service assembles from 10:00 at the War Memorial.

Queanbeyan - new location!

The March for the Dawn Service will assemble at the corner of Lowe and Morisset Street to Moore Park. The March will start at 5:15am with the Dawn Service at 5:30am in the Queanbeyan Rose Memorial Gardens at Moore Park.

The Main March and Service will muster at 10:00 am on the corner of Lowe and Morisset Street with the March commencing at 10:20am.

The March is along Lowe Street to Moore Park for the service which will start at 10:30am in the Queanbeyan Rose Memorial Gardens.

There are also services in Araluen, Braidwood, Googong, Jerrabomberra, and Majors Creek.

- ▶ Find all the events and information about road closures at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Anzac-Day



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

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

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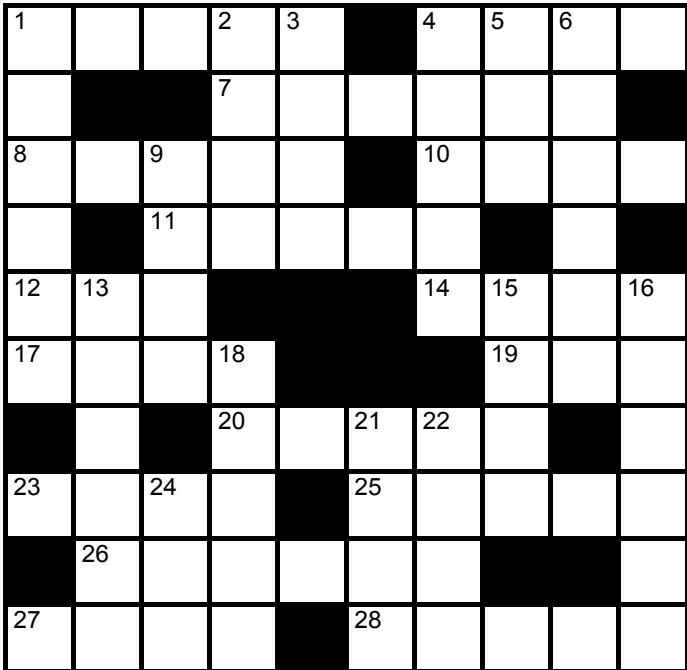
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Quick Time Crossword



- Across
- 1 Primary (5)

4 Bridge (4)

7 Less difficult (6)

8 Set aloft (5)

10 Speed contest (4)

11 Sugar frosting (5)

12 The sheltered side (3)

14 Require (4)

17 Formerly (arch) (4)

19 Land measure (3)

20 Book of maps (5)

23 Employs (4)

25 Administer extreme unction (5)

26 Tempt (6)

27 Actual existence (4)
- 28 Water pitchers (5)
- Down
- 1 Physically weak (6)

2 Vend (4)

3 Childish goodbye (4)

4 Sea nymph (5)

5 Vegetable (3)

6 Bowman (6)

9 A long time (coll) (4)

13 Rubs out (6)

15 Absence of difficulty (4)

16 Postpones (6)

18 Sample (5)

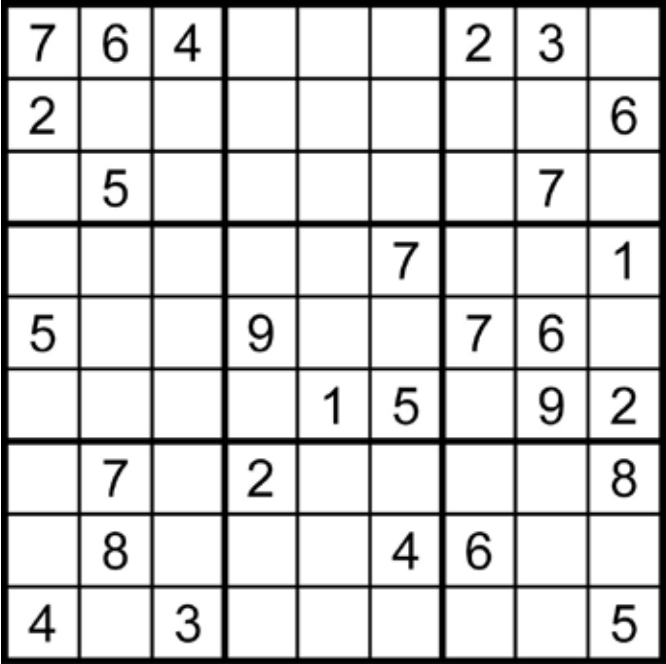
21 Delicate fabric (4)

22 Afresh (4)

24 Printers measures (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.



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.

Add Up

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

TIME

Brick Trick

Enter the answers to the clues in the bricks in the wall. The starter letter of every answer should be placed in the corresponding numbered square. Every word contains the same letters as its neighbour, plus or minus one.

1 Swirly fabric pattern

2 Without difficulty

3 Church walkway

4 Marine mammal

5 Hop-rich beer

6 Small freshwater duck

7 At a future date

8 Rope for holding an animal

9 Tanned hide

1

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9

Scramble

Which salad items can be made from each of these sets of scrambled letters?

1 OVERDO A CAPA (7,4)

2 ROBOT TEE

3 CUTE TEL

4 A NOISY MANE

5 TAROT CARD REG (6,6)

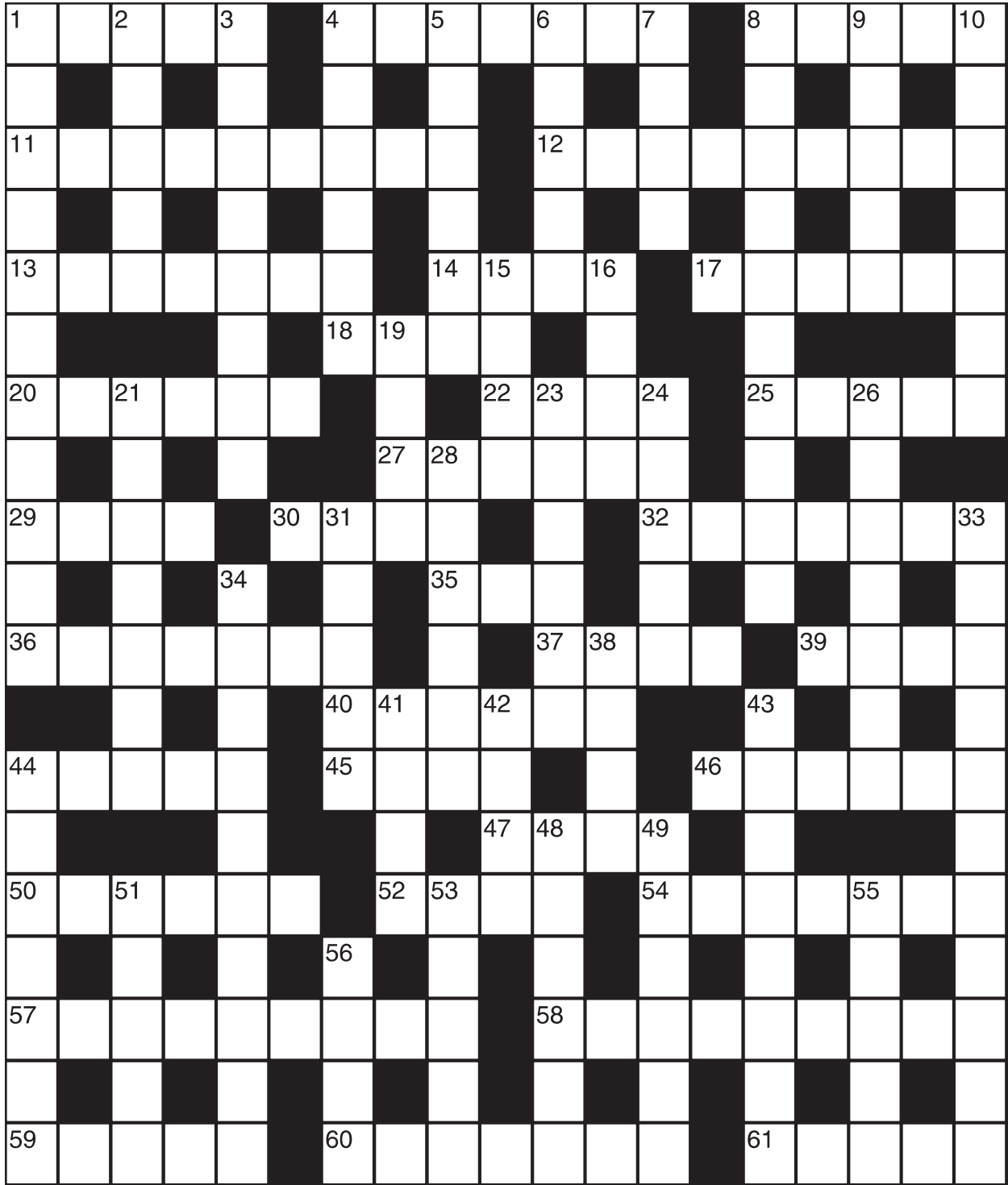
6 IS HARD

7 CRUMB CUE

8 WE LOCALS

TIME

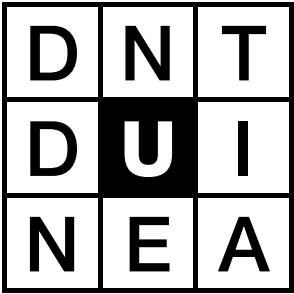
Crossword



Target Time

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

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



- Across
- 1 Belches

4 Attack

8 Embrace

11 Wicked

12 German girls

13 Splitting of an atom's nucleus

14 Ailments

17 Celebration

18 Lounge

20 Lived in a tent

22 Thrash

25 Optus, eg

27 Yearning

29 Possesses

30 The greatest number

32 Curt

35 Simple house

36 Betrayed (4,3)

37 Female sheep

39 Employer

40 Yield

44 Model

45 Cat (coll)

46 Colour with blotches
- 47 Bard
- 50 Official emissary
- 52 States
- 54 Rugby forwards
- 57 Earth scientist
- 58 Saying a different way
- 59 Relative
- 60 Lured
- 61 Indian instrument
- Down
- 1 Sponsors

2 Musical hooks

3 Tense

4 Fries in oil

5 Compact mountain range

6 Very bad

7 Of two parts

8 Science of projectiles

9 Loses weight

10 Sweet wine

15 Boys

16 Embittered

19 Parents (coll)
- 21 Disfigures
- 23 Protested violently
- 24 Young lady
- 26 Rugby formation (4-3)
- 28 Morals
- 31 Ready to be served (2,3)
- 33 Fine sweetener (6,5)
- 34 Internal-combustion engine (4-6)
- 38 Plural of "was"
- 41 Meat portions
- 42 Glimpse
- 43 Temporary stays
- 44 Many-sided figure
- 48 Fish hawk
- 49 Melted
- 51 Sphere
- 53 Loft
- 55 Be
- 56 Encircle

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Enjoying the sun at Paws around the Ponds

PET OF THE WEEK



Name: Mable
Age: 12 weeks old
Likes: everything
Dislikes: winding down
Claim to fame: finding shoes!

Boot Scooting Bungendore



Bungendore Seniors Association

Looking for something a little different? Boot Scootin' is a fun, easy way to get moving while enjoying great company. With simple steps and a relaxed, no-pressure atmosphere, it's perfect for beginners and those just keen to give it a go. It's not about getting it right – it's about having a laugh, staying active and meeting others. Along the way you'll build balance, coordination and confidence, all while enjoying the music. Come along, bring a friend and join in the fun!

We are trialling Boot Scooting for one school term. The wonderful Shikarlea from Bom Funk Dance Studio will be running the classes. We begin in Term 2 - Wednesday 22nd April 2026 to Wednesday 1st July 2026.

Wednesday's 10am to 11am

Bungendore Sports Hub Amenities Building

What to bring: a water bottle & sense of fun

What to wear: BOOTS! Please note: flooring

at the Sports Hub is carpet tiles, so make sure you have your boots on.

Boot Scooting is not just for seniors, all adults are welcome.

Bookings are essential - NO walk ins will be accepted.

Scan the QR code or book at <https://www.trybooking.com/DLDMI>

Or search Try Booking - Boot Scooting Bungendore

Cost \$15 per person / per lesson for members. \$20 per person per lesson for non-members (+ a \$0.50 booking fee)

Not a member? Annual membership is just \$10. Under 55's who wish to do Boot Scooting can become a Community Member. For more info on how to become a member please email bungendoreseniors@gmail.com for more information.

Don't forget your water bottle!





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

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

Only your name and suburb will be printed.



LIONS COMMUNITY BOOK SHOP

A non-for-profit group with all funds donated to local charitable organisations

LOCATED IN THE QUEANBEYAN PARK

OPEN: Tuesday to Saturday 10am-4pm

SECONDHAND BOOKS, MAGAZINES, GAMES, JIGSAWS, CRAFT



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

Public Notices

Notice of Passing:

Julie Osarek

22/01/1969 - 02/04/2026

Julie passed away peacefully surrounded by close family.

She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Please join Julie's family and friends for a 'Celebration of Life'

11am - 2pm, Friday 24th April

@ The Old Stone House, Bungendore



Bungendore Evening VIEW Club

Next meeting - Monday May 4

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

Y Base Bungendore: volunteers needed

The Y Base Bungendore will operate as a community-led youth hub, providing a safe and welcoming space where young people can gather after school, participate in activities, and contribute to shaping the program themselves.

The program will operate weekly from the Norah Stars Community Centre and will provide opportunities for young people to:

- connect with peers
- participate in recreational and creative activities
- build confidence and leadership skills
- contribute ideas and help shape the program

Unlike traditional structured programs, the Base model is intentionally flexible and youth-led. Participants will co-create activities and contribute to the culture of the space, ensuring



Enjoy a hot breakfast after the ANZAC Day dawn service in Bungendore.

1st Bungendore Scout Hall
25th April, 6:00 am to 9:00 am
Tickets \$14 p.p.

https://events.humanitix.com/bungendore-scout-group-anzac-day-gunfire-breakfast-2026



All profits this year will go to:



Queanbeyan Probus Club: next meeting Mon, 18 May

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

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

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

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

MOTEL HOUSEKEEPER REQUIRED

Motel Housekeeper required - (Queanbeyan)

Casual position

Start 8.50am - 2-4hrs

Some weekend work required

Suited to someone who is reliable, punctual, with a positive attitude

Experience preferred but not essential

Phone 6297 7366 8am - 6pm

Bungendore Basketball - Join the Fun!

Looking for a fun, active way to build skills and confidence? Come join Bungendore Basketball for an exciting season! No experience or skill required—just bring your enthusiasm.

Our program focuses on fitness, fun, and basic basketball skills in a supportive environment.

When: Terms 2 & 3, Where: Bungendore Primary School Hall

Tuesdays

• 3:30pm - 4:15pm | Years K-1 | \$70

• 4:15pm - 5:00pm | Years 2-4 | \$70

(Experienced Year 4 players may also join older group on Wednesdays)

Wednesdays

• 4:00pm - 5:00pm | Years 4-6 | \$70

• 5:00pm - 6:00pm | Teens & Adults | Cost TBC

Got questions?

Contact:

RJ - 0409 446 018

Keith - 0419 693 484

Kirsten - 0401 230 714

Come along, make new friends, and enjoy the game!

Mayor's Column

You are all warmly invited to attend Anzac Day services across the region to honour the sacrifices and legacy of our servicemen and women. Each service offers



a meaningful opportunity to come together in remembrance, gratitude, and reflection. The times and venues for services across our region are: Araulen at the War Memorial from 9am; Braidwood Dawn Service at Ryrie Park starts at 5:45 am, followed by the March and Main Service at 10:45 am; at the War Memorial in Bungendore the Dawn Service begins at 5:45 am, with the March and Main Service at 10:00 am; Captains Flat will have their Dawn Service at 5:30 am and a March and Main Service at 10:00 am; in Googong at Bunyip Park the Dawn Service is at 5:30 am; Jerrabomberra Hotel has their Dawn Service at 5:00 am; at St Stephens Church grounds in Majors Creek, a service will take place at 8:30 am; and in Queanbeyan at Moore Park, the March and Dawn Service begins at 5:30 am, with the March and Main Service at 10:30 am.

This year's Queanbeyan March is from the corner of Lowe and Morisset Street, up Lowe Street, turning right onto Antil Street and into Moore Park, where the services will take place. This route will be the same for both services. There are several carparks nearby around the CBD where you will be able to park.

There has been lots of progress made on the Monaro Street Refresh. Dale & Hitchcock are currently working on improving the foundations of Monaro Street. If you're visiting or travelling through the Queanbeyan CBD, please support the businesses wherever possible. Pedestrian access is available along Monaro Street, and you can cross via the pedestrian crossings at Crawford Street, or at the Lowe Street intersection. You have a chance to support local business and win, as part of our Shop & Win promotion in the Queanbeyan CBD. If you spend \$20 or more at a participating business, you will receive a ticket and can go into the draw to win \$500 per week, or a \$5,000 prize at the end of the promotion. All the prizes are then also spent at the participating businesses in the CBD. Find more details at queanbeyanpalerang.com.au/visit/win

We recently launched the 2026 Queanbeyan-Palerang Heritage Festival. Part of the festival is The Change & Perseverance: The Fabric of Community exhibition on at The Q. It features the c. 1882 Queanbeyan Perseverance Lodge Banner, which is on public display for the first time in more than 50 years. The exhibition also features three other significant textiles, including a First Nations quilt created in Queanbeyan and two large community textiles that have been cleaned and restored for this exhibition. Find the full list of events as part of the Heritage Festival at qprc.nsw.gov.au/Events/Heritage-Festival

Cr Kenrick Winchester, Mayor

Target Time

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

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Brain Training

ADD UP: 73

SCRAMBLE:

1 Avocado pear 2 Beetroot 3 Lettuce 4 Mayonnaise 5 Grated carrot 6 Radish 7 Cucumber 8 Coleslaw

BRICK TRICK:

1 Paisley 2 Easily 3 Aisle 4 Seal 5 Ale 6 Teal 7 Later 8 Halter 9 Leather

Sudoku

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

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

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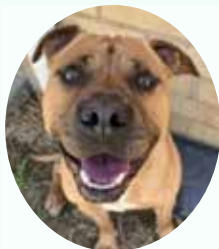
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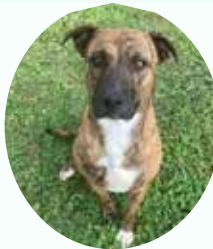
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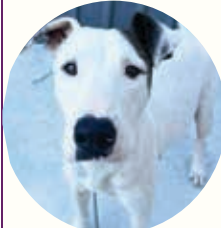
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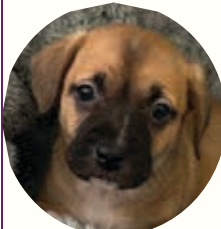
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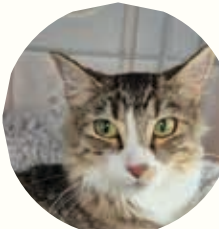
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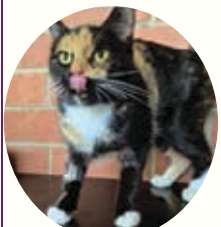
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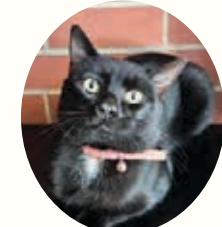
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"Dogs have a way of finding the people who need them and filling an emptiness we didn't ever know we had." - Thom Jones



Sport

Wamboin Golf - April 2026

Sunday, 5 April. The day of the Wamboin Mini Masters when we vie for the famous Greenish Jacket. It was a cool and cloudy day, perfect for keeping the ball low. The comp was sponsored by the Wamboin Community Association whom we thank for the prizes and eats prepared by Pete and Barb Harrison. Hoping to make the cut and whispering prayers to the Masters Patron, the Golden Bear, players took to the course.

Back in the club house, as the Captain fed the data into Nev Schroder's algorithm, we discussed current affairs. Of course the big news was all about Kyle and Jackie 'O', whoever they are. As far as your correspondent can gather he's a radio schlock jock and she's an astrology-obsessed relative of Aristotle Onassis. Second on the list was Middle Earth - sorry, Middle East - where the Dishonourable MrTrump's war with Iran is going awfully well (or is that just 'awful?'). I met my old buddy, Brent Crude, in the Royal the other day. Pointing an accusatory finger at him I said "Brent, what's going on?" He looked at me with tears in his eyes and said he didn't really want to raise the oil price but how often do you get a war in the place where most of the stuff is made. 'Never let a chance go by' is the oil caper's motto. He didn't

appear to be worried about being a war profiteer. Naturally the petrol price has jumped, panic has set in and supply is drying. Transport costs are rocketing. The search for alternatives has forced up the price of horses which has increased demand for carts, carriages, reinsmen, ostlers, blacksmiths and farriers. It's back to the 19th century. Adventure tourism outfit, Gulf Travel, has introduced the 'Hormuz Cruz' for thrill seekers. You meet at Ramstein Air Base in Germany and take a C 130 to Dubai where you board a Liberian-registered oil tanker and cruise slowly towards the Qeshm choke point where the real fun starts. If you're lucky enough to make the open sea you can shred the free will kits. Fortunately it'll all be over soon according to Truth Social.

Iran's new Supreme Leader is the son of the old SL. Before you start howling nepotism consider this: close relatives of the Medici occupied the Papacy for years. And they weren't the only merchant family to regard having a Pope as a good business plan. Henry VIII invented his own religion - alright, he got the idea from Anne Boleyn and Martin Luther - and passed the top job around his supporters. Still, it's an indication of how far behind the times parts of the Middle East are in some things. The hatred Shia have for Sunnis (and vice

versa) is positively medieval. We got over the Catholics v Protestants thing years go in favour of a much more civilized Progressives v Conservatives. Back home the federal government has banned the hate speech factory Hizb ut Tahrir (known colloquially as 'His Butt'). It has been suggested that cloud factories, otherwise known as data centres, will soon soak up all our water and electricity. We won't be able to charge our phones to ring Bingleys. They should be located in Northern Australia where they could capture all that storm water. Proud Little David said he's buggered. True. He's buggered a lot of things before and since the elections, the Coalition being his best effort. And he has the gall to declare himself the best Country Party leader since Black Jack McEwen. Old George says if you're going to spread it, spread it deep. It's somehow dispiriting to think the mob will do better under a man who can't spell caravan. A US court has found the noisome organisation of Sark Muckerberg, the kiddies' friend, to have aimed nasty algorithms at pubescent children. Is that worse than war profiteering? The Captain broke it up by introducing our guests Iain Barter, Graeme Searle and Liv Evans. We gave them a rowdy Wamboin welcome and hope to see them



again. Robbie told Ted's Joke featuring lots of greens under water (where they belong). The googly ball was shared by Liv Evans whose drive hit a stump and was luckily propelled down the fairway; and Vicki Still who came close to a hole-in-one, thus becoming eligible for the dummy spit by complaining about not sinking it. However it was overtaken by Deb Gordon's breakdown after 2 and half hours of heckling by her son. Ball winners were Sam Urquhart and Graeme Searle and all those who made the cut: Vicki Still, Ken Gordon, Tim Barter, Iain Barter, Craig Purdam, Scott Mason, Andrew Huggett and Robert Thompson. Meat tray

winner was Andrew Huggett. The pitching comp was won by Sam Urquhart NTP tyre and bunker from Graeme Searle NTP ramp. The handicap comp winner was Craig Purdam 58/37 OCB from Scott Mason 52/37. The 2026 Wamboin Master was Ken Gordon on 45 strokes from runner-up Vicki Still 51 and Junior Master, Robert Thompson 57. Well done all! Next month we contest the Merrie Month of May pennant. Join us at 12.15pm on Sunday, 3 May for the 12.30 pm start. Meanwhile, guard your honour. Larry King, golfer Photos Pete Harrison



Pickleball comes to Bungendore!

Bungendore Park Tennis Club now has one Pickleball court and another two to follow shortly. If you have always fancied trying this popular game then head over to the Tennis courts on a Tuesday morning between 9-11am to join our clubs Social Pickleball group, where you can join in the fun. All levels of experience are

welcome so even if you have never played before you can have a go, all equipment provided. You can pay a casual rate of \$6 per session or if you decide it's your game then Club membership is only \$95 per year giving you free access to all courts during daytime, 7 days a week.

If you can't make a weekday but would like to play on a weekend then please email us. If there is enough interest then we have the option of running another group on a Saturday morning. Email: bptc.pickleball@google.com Photo supplied



Sport

Bungendore Mudchicks

Bungendore Mudchicks
Round 1

The Bungendore Mudchicks kicked off their season in style with a commanding 34-5 victory over Yass this weekend, showcasing both experience and exciting new talent.

The Mudchicks wasted no time asserting their dominance, coming out firing from the opening whistle. First-half tries from Taryn

Robson, Tia Baxter, and Meredith Wells set the tone early, with the team building strong momentum through quick ball movement and relentless pressure. By halftime, Bungendore had established a convincing 24-5 lead.

The second half saw the Mudchicks continue their attacking form, with Kate Clarke and Kym Cullen both crossing the line to extend the lead and seal an

impressive opening-round performance.

It was a particularly special day for Kate Clarke, who celebrated her 50th game for the club with a standout performance and a well-earned try.

The match also marked the debut of several new players, with Tess Aitchinson, Hannah Croft, Kym Cullen, Shannon McAlister, and Hunter Clifton all making their first



appearances in Mudchicks colours. Their contributions highlighted the club's growing depth and promising future.

With a dominant 34-5 win to start the season, the Bungendore Mudchicks have laid down an early marker and will look to carry this momentum into the rounds ahead.

Round 2

The Bungendore Mudchicks made the trip down to Cooma this weekend, fully aware they were in for a physical contest – and that's exactly what unfolded.

From the opening whistle, Cooma brought the intensity with some heavy hits, but the

Mudchicks refused to take a backward step. Matching the home side's physicality, the Chicks dug deep and returned the favour with strong defence and fearless contact, setting the tone for a hard-fought encounter.

Despite the pressure, Bungendore found their moments in attack. Tries to Shannon McAlister and Chem Hansen were well-earned rewards for persistence, showcasing the team's ability to strike even in a tough contest.

The final scoreline of 36-12 in Cooma's favour does not reflect the effort on the field. The Mudchicks showed grit, determination, and the kind of good old country rugby

that defines their spirit – never backing down and playing for each other until the final whistle.

The Mudchicks now head into a bye next week to rest and reset. Meanwhile, attention turns to the Bungendore Mudchicks, who will take the field at the Bungendore Sportshub this Friday night (24th April).

Points -

3- Kate Clarke

2- Shannon McAlister

1- Meredith Wells and Chemain Hansen

Coaches pick - Charlie Callendar

Photos: Sharon Baxter-Judge, Round 1

Good Start For Mudchicks

Stewart Wilson

The Bungendore Mudchicks rugby team's 2026 season has got off to a good start with wins in the first two games, defeating the Yass Rams 39-35 at home on 11 April and the Cooma Red Devils 45-22 away a week later.

The new season brought with it some new players for the Chicks, the return of some others after a break from the game and a new head coach in the form of highly respected former player Anthony ('Cudds') McCudden.

Cudds and the team set to work in the pre-season and were rewarded with a big 50-14 win over a composite Queanbeyan Whites side in a trial game on 14 March.

Then it was down to business at the Bungendore Sports Hub against Yass in the opening round of what is now called the Southern Tablelands Monaro Cup. Despite several key players out due to injury or unavailability, the Mudchicks began strongly with tries to winger Luke Gorman, flanker Blake Codey and a double to

centre Navialai Loatucama in the first half .

Flyhalf and captain Tom Worman kicked three conversions to make the score 26-14 at half time, the Yass boys responding with two converted tries and looking as if they were still well in it.

And they were, coming back strongly in the second 40, scoring three converted tries to bring the score a bit too close for comfort for the Mudchicks. Flanker Jye Russell scored a converted try early in the second half for the Chicks but Yass fought back with three unanswered and converted tries.

It was 33-28 in favour of the Mudchicks with about ten minutes to go but another Yass try would make the scores even, a conversion would put them two points in front.

Tom Worman kicked a vitally important penalty goal under great pressure with five minutes remaining to make it 36-28. This created a safety margin - one more converted try by Yass would still leave them a point behind.

And it was needed. Yass crossed for another seven-pointer taking the score to 36-35 until the last moments when Tom Worman put over another penalty goal to make it 39-35 when the final



whistle was blown.

Seven days later on 18 April the Mudchicks travelled to Cooma to take on their nemesis from last year's grand final, the Red Devils. This time the team took care of business despite once again missing a number of players due to injury or unavailability. In fact 13 in total, almost a full team's worth!

Despite this the Chicks dominated the first half to lead 28-0 at the break, converted tries scored by Jack Stanford, Mathew Narracott, Kyle Shand and Mathew Kennedy. Tom Worman took care of the goal kicking.

As the Yass Rams had done in the previous game, the Red Devils came back

strongly in the second half. They scored 22 points to the Mudchicks' 17, but this was sufficient for the Bungendore boys to maintain a comfortable gap between the two teams. Zac Jerrim, Cameron Faddy and Hamish Baird scored for the Chicks with Tom Worman adding another conversion.

Next up is a very rare night game for the Mudchicks this FRIDAY 24 April when they take on the Crookwell Dogs at the Bungendore Sports Hub. The game starts at 7.00pm, so don't miss what will be quite a spectacle under lights!

Player awards and their sponsors for the Yass game were:

Best and Fairest: Jye Russell (3 points), Callum

Ceglinski (2 points), Tom Worman (1 point).

And for the Cooma match: Best and Fairest: Jack Stanford (3 points), Kyle Shand (2 points), Martin Hicks (1 point).

Players' Player: Jack Stanford.

Coach's Player: Cameron Faddy.

Chicks' Pick: Kyle Shand.

As always, the Bungendore Rugby Union Football Club, home of the Mudchicks and Mudchicks, thanks its ongoing sponsors for their support and welcomes the new partners who have joined in 2026. Without you there would be no Bungendore rugby.

Photos: Sharon Baxter-Judge, Round 1



Sport

Mixed start to the season for the Queanbeyan Whites

Queanbeyan Whites

The Queanbeyan Whites have had a mixed start to their 2026 John I Dent Campaign - defeating 2025 Premiers Uni-Norths at Campese Field 27-26 in round 1 but going down to Tuggeranong Vikings 55-26 at Viking Park the following weekend.

Last weekend the Whites travelled to Viking Park with Thirds and Fourths having the bye. It was a tough day for the Whites, going down in all grades as all teams struggled to find the momentum and level of effort shown the previous week.

In first grade the Whites took the lead in the first 2

minutes as a short pass from Nathan Carroll put Hudson Creighton into a gap. He took the ball well into Vikings 22 before linking up with hooker Joel Leiper and then Archie Blaney-Brown for the try and 0-7 lead.

The next twenty minutes saw Vikings put on 19 points before the Whites were to again trouble the scorers. After struggling to hold onto the ball Queanbeyan were finally able to work their way up field. A 10 metre lineout win put the Vikings defence under pressure before the ball popped out on the blind side for winger Angus Tagicakibau to dive over the line and reduce the lead 19-12

Tuggeranong extended

their lead to 26-12 before the Whites were able to respond. 2nd rower Jack Gordon, secured the Whites lineout 10 metres out from Vikings line, grandstand side and the forwards worked the ball to within a metre of the line before Blaney-Brown spread the ball wide. Creighton found himself just short of the line but quick back up by prop Nate Hepi resulted in the try and a 26-19 half time score

The second half was dominated by Vikings and the scoreline was 55-19 before the Whites found their way across the line again with just 10 minutes to go. Royals had been awarded a penalty but were unable to secure the ball at the ensuing lineout around half way. Blaney-Brown pounced on the loose ball with Dougal Perrers, Jack Preston and Waisea Tudulu taking the ball deep into Tuggeranong's half when Nate Carroll gathered his own short kick to score a five pointer of his own. Blaney-Brown converted for the final scoreline of 55-26

Reserve grade also had a tough game but finished strongly. Down 22-0 at half time the Whites seemed well out of it. The first 15-20 minutes of the second half saw a much improved effort especially defensively. However, they struggled to gain any momentum with the ball, giving away possession time after time. Around the 50 minute mark everything seemed to click, half back Douch made a short clearing kick from the 22, chased and



grubbered it into Vikings 22. The return kick as gathered by winger Jone Rarabalavu who took the ball up to the 22 before Finau used his strength to score a try in the corner dragging three Vikings players with him.

Douch and Finau combined again 10 minutes later off the back of a Whites scrum. Douch cleared the ball to Finau who barged through the Vikings defence before chip kicking ahead. Douch gathered the ball 10 metres out from the line to race over for the Whites second try and a 22-10 scoreline with 10 minutes to go. A Vikings penalty shortly after increased their lead 25-10 but the Whites weren't quite done with yet.

The Vikings no 10 dropped the restart and from the ensuing scrum Douch again linked up with Finau who

stepped his way to within a metre of the line before a no look, over the head pass linked up with Rarabalavu who placed the ball over the line. For the final score of 25-15

Round 1:

First Grade won 27-26. Tries: Joel Leiper (2), Paul Dolokoto (1), Lochlan Smith. Conv: Nate Carroll (2). Pen: Nate Carroll (1)

Reserve Grade lost 29-31. Tries: Ben Morrison (2), Jack Negus (1) Fionan Dunne, Mitch Douch (1). Conv: Dino Kahaulelio (1), Maligi Finau (1)

Colts: Lost 31-39. Tries: Lachlan Stanley (3), Xavier Tuli (2). Conv: Riley Parrish (3)

Third Grade: Won 24-22. Tries: Brian Muller (1), Noa Nadruku (1), Jeremy Ramm (1), Ned Jeffrey (1).

Conv: Ryan Morrison (2) Fourth Grade: Lost 17 - 36. Tries: Harry de Jongh (1), Ryan McElroy (1), Penalty Try. Conv: Kalen Billiards (1)

Round 2:

First Grade lost:55-26. Tries: Nathan Carroll (1), Archie Blaney-Brown (1), Angus Tagicakibau (1), Nate Hepi (1). Conv: Nathan Carroll (2), Archie Blaney-Brown (1)

Reserve Grade lost 25-15. Tries: Mitchell Douch (1), Maligi Finau (1), Jone Rarabalavu (1)

Colts lost 31-12. Tries: Lowame Lilo (1), Rory Forbes (1). Conv: Riley Parrish (1)

Photos: Archie Blaney-Brown and Waisea Tudulu

Photos by **Jordan Mirchevski Photography**



Braidwood Golfers Win the BVB Cup

The Braidwood team won the inaugural Bungendore v Braidwood Cup, eight matches to six in a very competitive event at the Braidwood Golf course on Sunday April 12th.

A crisp Autumn morning welcomed golfers, supporters and spectators to the 'Party hole' with music already playing and Steve and Kim on the BBQ turning out Bacon and Egg Rolls for breakfast. As usual the Braidwood bakers had produced a wonderful array of baked goodies to sweeten the day.

John Stahel soon arrived in Gellibrand which was fittingly positioned behind the 6th Green, but not too close.

Spotters and reporters roamed the course to ensure that balls were not lost and to report on the progress of matches. Spectators followed the 'action' on the big screen in the Club and on the Braidwood Golf Club

Facebook page.

Spectators were keenly interested in all shots to the 6th Green. A hole-in-one would win a 'car'; kindly donated by Car Models of Braidwood, a 1979 model Ford F150 pick-up was up for grabs. Nearest the Pin would receive a 1910 vintage Model T Ford and a sleeve of golf balls awaited the woman who's second shot was nearest the pin.

The Captains' team selection and strategic pairings to set up the matches and extract the best from their teams showed in the morning matches. Both foursomes matches were decided to Bungendore on the last hole. One Fourball tied on the 9th and Braidwood won the other, 3 up with 2 to play (3&2). Braidwood won two of the Singles 4&3 and 3&2, with the other tied on the 9th. Leaving the Lunchtime score: Bungendore 3 Braidwood 4.

After enjoying a well earned break and some refreshments at lunch, again cooked up by Kim and Steve, golfers returned to the fray.

Match pairings were changed for the afternoon session with no golfer playing the same format that they had played in the morning. Both foursomes matches went down to the 9th with one tied and the other to Braidwood. The Fourball matches also went to the 9th, one each. Finally, the three singles were evenly split; one tied on the last, Braidwood (3&2) and Bungendore (2&1).

A huge thank you to all our sponsors: Craig Lynch for donating the Cup and getting the idea underway; Model Cars of Braidwood (hole-in-one sponsor); Hold Fast distillery for their donation of spirits (auctioned off at the end of play); Bendigo Community Bank Braidwood and Bungendore;



Glenbungle Alpacas and Capital 2 Coast Auto Repairs Bungendore.

Thanks to all who worked to make the event happen and to those who supported us on the day: players, spotters, scorers, bakers, cooks, bidders and spectators. Thanks too to the Braidwood Servicemen's Club; there were many comments on the great condition of the course. Finally, thanks to all those individuals and businesses who donated through the Charities websites to support their teams.

The Bungendore Team supported First Steps Pregnancy Support, their Director, Dr Sarah Jensen joined us at the presentation to thank the team for their support. The Braidwood team chose to support the Braidwood & District Education Foundation and their Chair, Nick Fry thanked the team and noted the importance of wide community support in allowing the Foundation to continue its valuable work. For an inaugural event, the day was a huge success. The Match Play 'Ryder

Cup' style golf competition was enjoyed by all, first time match players and seasoned competitors alike. Bungendore golfers were introduced to our course and to our club and we raised over \$415 on the day for each of our charities. We are already thinking of what we can improve for next year's event.

Photo supplied of Craig Lynch presenting the Bungendore v Braidwood Cup to the Braidwood team Captain Keith Oakford with Barry McDonald, President Braidwood Golf Club