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From yarn to warmth: crafting for cause

The click of knitting needles and the soft hum of conversation and laughter filled the air as Bungendore locals gathered at Phil's Op Shop, Bungendore to celebrate World Knit in Public Day. The day was also the launch of Bungendore CWA's annual Granny Square Challenge. Knitters and crocheters of all

ages came together to share skills, stories and a sense of community – all while creating for good causes. Held in towns and cities around the world, World Knit in Public Day encourages crafters to bring their knitting into the open – turning what is often a solitary hobby into a social, shared experience. In Bungendore, it was also a

chance to contribute to Wrap With Love, a charity that provides warm, handmade blankets to people experiencing hardship both in Australia and abroad. The event welcomed everyone from experienced makers to complete beginners. For those who took part, it was a day of connection,

creativity and care – a perfect reminder that something as simple as a ball of yarn and a kind heart can help bring warmth and comfort to the world. CWA's Granny Square Challenge: this year's theme is in the spirit of the 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough, CWA is



challenging you to make your squares in the designs of our world:

From the colours of the Amazon, the depth of the seas, the beauty that is our coral reefs.

The glorious orange hues of our sunsets, the savannah horizons, the greens and blues of the earth.

The patterns of our animals, the texture of their skins, anything where your mind takes you.

Let your imagination "go wild", nothing is too crazy!

Instructions

- Please keep your squares to 6-inch square or thereabouts
- You can use either acrylic or wool, it is your choice.
- Please keep a "tail" on your squares. This helps with sewing them later.
- There is no set guideline on pattern or colour.

Please drop your completed squares in a small bag, with your name, email and phone number to the CWA rooms at 40 Gibraltar St, no later than then 10th August 2026. There will be a tub on the porch. Winners will be announced on World Granny Square Day on the 15th of August.

All squares will be lovingly turned into blankets by members of our branch or the wonderful people at Roundabout to be given to those in need.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Jude, CWA's Handicraft officer on - bungendore.handicraft@gmail.com

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World premiere asks: how good boys become dangerous men?

The Q - Queanbeyan Performing Arts Centre's Q the Locals program returns in 2026 with The Good Boy Game, a World Premiere production written by American playwright Patrick Vermillion and directed by Caitlin Baker.

Armed with a therapist's points-based rewards system, and their own DIY de-radicalisation plan, Mary-Beth and Sam are determined to scrub the hate out of their son James - one "good boy" point at a time. But as they tie him up in their dusty attic, and attempt

to chip away at his planned violence, they're forced to face something far darker: the part they played in creating him.

Director Caitlin Baker says "The Good Boy Game hit me like a truck the first time I read it. It's hysterically funny, viciously smart, and terrifying in the way it understands what's happening with young boys right now - the pipeline between isolation, irony, online radicalisation, and real-world violence."

The Good Boy Game is

part satire, part warning, and part catharsis: a black comedy powered by four of Canberra's sharpest actors, led by one of Canberra's most unrelenting young female directors, and confronting the evil that lurks within bedrooms, family photos, and online rabbit holes.

"Patrick Vermillion has written a deeply incisive play, and there's something exciting about watching a team of artists collectively lean into discomfort instead of avoiding it" Baker says.

When asked what excited her about this show, Caitlin lauded "how unapologetically confrontational this show is; it wants audiences to laugh, then immediately regret they did. At a moment where extremist ideology is bleeding out of screens and into schools, pubs, parks, and our politics, The Good Boy Game feels brutally current, deeply uncomfortable, and absolutely necessary."

Running for a strictly limited season at The Q next month, The Good Boy Game is a



thrilling and captivating dark comedy audiences will not want to miss.

Tickets are available at theq.net.au

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Bungendore Riding Club Celebrates Successful Derby Day and Official Opening of Restored Arena

Bungendore Riding Club marked an important milestone on Sunday 31 May, hosting its much-anticipated Derby Day competition at the Bungendore Showgrounds—the first jumping event to be held in the club's newly restored show jump arena.

Derby Day, designed as a confidence-building equestrian competition, drew riders of all ages and experience levels. The event offered a supportive

environment for participants to challenge themselves across three disciplines: a show jumping course, a cross-country round, and a dressage test incorporating obstacles. The format encouraged riders to try something new, develop their skills, and enjoy a relaxed day of friendly competition.

This year's Derby Day held special significance, as it marked the official opening of the club's renovated show

jump arena. The restoration was made possible through a 2025 NSW Government Community Building Partnership Grant. Prior to the upgrade, the arena had become unsafe for equestrian use due to repeated heavy rain events and extensive rabbit damage, leaving the surface uneven and unsuitable for training or competition.

Local NSW State MP, the Hon. Steve Whan, attended the event to formally

open the refurbished arena. Joined by club and Equestrian Australia officials, Mr Whan acknowledged the importance of community sport and praised the club's commitment to providing safe, high-quality facilities for local riders. His visit underscored the value of grassroots equestrian groups and the role they play in regional communities.

The newly completed arena received enthusiastic feedback from riders



and spectators alike. Its improved footing and layout provided a safe, confidence-boosting environment for horses and riders tackling the show jump phase—many for the first time since the arena's closure.

Club organisers described the day as a resounding success, noting strong participation, positive community spirit, and a sense of pride in seeing the upgraded facility in action. The event also highlighted the dedication of volunteers who prepared the grounds, coordinated entries, and ensured the day ran smoothly.

Bungendore Riding Club usually meets at Bungendore Showgrounds on the last Sunday of each month. New members are always welcome - check out our website at www.mybrc.net. The club looks forward to hosting more training days and competitions throughout the year, now with a revitalised arena that will support local equestrians for many seasons to come.

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EPA Fines Veolia for Breaches at Woodlawn Landfill

Veolia Environmental Services (Veolia) has been fined \$48,000 by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) for multiple licence breaches at its Woodlawn Landfill near Tarago.

The fines were issued across four penalty notices, including one \$45,000 penalty for failing to apply daily cover material to landfill waste and three \$1,000 penalties for failing to publish required landfill gas extraction data on three occasions.

NSW EPA Executive Director of Operations Stephen Beaman said this regulatory action forms part

of an escalating EPA response to ongoing environmental performance issues at the landfill.

“We’ve been conducting frequent inspections of the landfill since late March, after an EPA investigation identified significant issues with the site’s landfill gas and leachate management systems,” Mr Beaman said.

“During several inspections, EPA officers observed extensive areas of exposed waste across the landfill slopes, with evidence that daily cover material was not being consistently applied.

“This is particularly concerning because daily cover is both a fundamental landfill management practice and a requirement of the site’s licence. Veolia is aware of this, and the community is entitled to expect better environmental performance from a licensed facility of this nature.”

Mr Beaman said the EPA had also acted over Veolia’s failure to publish landfill gas extraction data, despite previously reminding the company about its monitoring and reporting obligations.

“Monitoring and reporting requirements are not optional.

They’re essential licence conditions that demonstrate whether environmental controls are operating effectively.

“The failure to publish this information over multiple months points to ongoing compliance issues rather than a one-off administrative oversight.”

The fines follow a Prevention Notice issued to Veolia in early April, which required the company to undertake a range of actions to address deficiencies in the landfill’s gas capture and leachate management systems.

Mandatory actions required under the Prevention Notice are intended to improve the overall environmental performance of the landfill and minimise ongoing odour impacts on the surrounding community.

The EPA continues to closely monitor compliance at the site and will take further regulatory action where necessary.

More information about the EPA’s regulation of Veolia’s Woodlawn Eco Precinct is available at: <https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/woodlawn>

Bungendore High School Project update | 29 May 2026

Bungendore High School will be relocated to a new permanent site at Birchfield Drive, Bungendore which will open on Day 1 Term 1 2027.

Progress summary

- Major civil retaining walls (Magnumstone walls) have been installed across the site, including the eastern staff car park wall and western wall for the Ag building (Block D).
- Bulk earthworks are now largely finished, with the majority of the site levels and building platforms established. Smaller retaining walls (Dintel walls)

supporting the individual buildings have also been installed.

- Buildings A and B are progressing well, with ground slabs completed and Level 1 & Level 2 formwork progressing.

Next steps

- Ground slab pours are scheduled later this month for Buildings C & D
- Structural works across Buildings A and B will continue advancing, with upper-level concrete pours.
- Structural steel erection for the sports hall is also expected by early next month (June).

- Civil works for the sports field area will continue progressing, with the retaining wall (Magnumstone wall) currently under construction.

More information

You can find more information about the project at edu.nsw.link/BungendoreHS

If you have any questions about this project, you can contact School Infrastructure during business hours on the contact details below.

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Above: construction is progressing on Block B. Image School Infrastructure

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Council faces further debt to complete Monaro Street upgrade

Debbie Evans

A stormwater pipe found in the wrong location on Monaro Street will cost Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) an extra \$3.25 million and delay the Monaro Street Refresh project by at least two months.

The project's total cost is now expected to reach about \$20 million, and Monaro Street is not expected to reopen until November.

Council approved borrowing the additional \$3.25 million at its June 10 meeting, but it will also approach the State Government for the additional funding in lieu of increasing Council's loan funding.

The pipe emerged as a major issue during the removal of concrete road pavement, and a report tabled to the Council meeting stated, "When the concrete road pavement was removed, this stormwater main was positively located, not under the parking lane as originally believed. The stormwater main runs the length of Monaro Street from Lowe Street to the Queens Bridge under the left travelling lane heading east."

Because Monaro Street is a state highway controlled by Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) and carries unrestricted heavy vehicle traffic, the uncovered stormwater pipe discovered in the eastbound traffic lane does not have the structural capacity to support current vehicle loads.

Council stated, "The location was known to be under the road, the issue was the exact alignment, its depth under the road pavement and the structural integrity of the stormwater pipe.

But "the original survey (for the Refresh Project) did not identify any of the typical markers on the



surface that indicate the location of underground infrastructure, such as pits. Opening of the existing concrete road to access the stormwater main to undertake this location work while live traffic loads were present was considered unsafe."

The pipe was only physically located after works had started. Staff presented councillors with a range of options to address the serious issues posed by the 100-year-old pipe, and they chose the most expensive one: Option 5. This involves a process to reline the pipe and bring it up to the required standard.

Council stated "Option 5 is the most expensive and will take the least time to complete. We are

finalising some final structural and engineering analysis to confirm the extent of relining required before our Project Verifier and TfNSW will approve the final solution mix."

When asked for his view at the meeting, Engineer and Project Manager, Tim Long, said relining was clearly the best option because work could continue around the pipe while it was being relined.

Council has now asked staff to prepare a further report looking at the process to remove heavy vehicles from Monaro Street.

Mayor Winchester told the meeting "keeping trucks out the main street is something a lot of people would like to see."

The news of the Refresh project

blowout is not good for business, and the Queanbeyan Chamber of Commerce is taking the lead convening a meeting under the banner of "Friends of the CBD" at 5.30pm on Monday, June 22, upstairs at the Royal Hotel.

Chamber President, Anthony McDonald, stated publicly this week that he expected a number of businesses will close because of the ongoing road closure.

He described the news of the budget blowout and delayed street re-opening as "very disappointing."

"There was always a concern amongst business there would be slippage in the program."

"There are a number of traders doing it really tough with these works and my heart goes out to

anyone along Monaro Street that has only one frontage via the street.

"With the Friends of CBD meeting we hope to get all affected traders along to see if there is anything that can be done to help.

"And we will also be discussing the potential closure of Monaro Street to heavy vehicles."

This blow to business comes at a time when McDonald says business confidence is already very low.

To read the business papers head to <https://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Business/Council-meetings>. To view the Public Forum and council discussion head to <https://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au/>

NSW Country Mayors Welcome Red Fleet Announcement

Country Mayors Association of NSW (CMA) Chairman, Mayor Rick Firman OAM has welcomed the recent announcement by Minister for Emergency Services Jihad Dib MP that Rural Fire Service (RFS) assets, commonly known as the Red Fleet, will transfer to State Government ownership from 1 July 2027.

"After years of advocacy and a Parliamentary inquiry, the right decision has finally been made: RFS assets should belong to the

RFS, not local councils. Councils across remote, rural and regional NSW strongly support the RFS, but that support should never have included carrying ownership of RFS firefighting equipment and vehicles," Mayor Firman said.

"From 1 July 2027, ownership of the Red Fleet will finally align with operational reality: the RFS already has full control of these assets. It has never made sense for councils to carry Red Fleet assets on their books. The CMA

has long advocated that both ownership and control should sit with the RFS."

"We warmly thank Minister Dib, the Treasurer, the Hon Daniel Mookhey MP, the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Ron Hoenig MP and the NSW Government for this decision. Since he took office, the CMA has worn a path to the Minister's door advocating for this change. The Minister has always taken the time to listen carefully and shown a genuine commitment

to resolving it," Mayor Firman said.

Under the current legislative arrangements, ownership of RFS firefighting equipment rests with local councils. As a result, councils across the State have been required to record, account for and depreciate assets over which they have no operational control.

"It is important that the RFS not only controls the assets it uses for firefighting but also owns them. This is also a positive outcome for the RFS, as it brings ownership

into line with responsibility and day-to-day operational use," Mayor Firman said.

"Minister Dib has invited the CMA to be involved in working through the transition to the new arrangements to ensure that it goes as smoothly as possible," he said.

"Our CMA Board, 89 rural, remote and regional council members are very happy with this news," Mayor Firman said.



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QPRC: Meeting Summary 10th June 2026

QPRC
Here is the summary of the resolutions made at the Ordinary Council meeting of 10 June 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 five members of the public who made presentations about items on the agenda, including: honouring heavy horse Alma; Traffic Safety Karabar Schools Precinct, Monaro Street refresh project; and Development Applications at 26 Carinya St and 42 Endurance Ave
- Council heard a Staff Presentation about the Monaro Street refresh project
- Council rescinded Resolution 1221/25, thus rescinding the Code of Meeting Practice adopted in December 2025 and reinstating Code of Meeting Practice adopted in April 2025
- Council granted conditional consent to DA.2026.0060 for construction of multi-dwelling housing of 13 two-storey units at 26 Carinya St, Queanbeyan, waives s64 contributions for water & sewer as development meets non-profit organisation and community benefit criteria
- Council granted conditional consent to DA.2026.0038 for

construction of a warehouse extension at 42 Endurance Ave, Queanbeyan and to a variation to Development Adjacent to Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Mains Policy

- Council noted proposals on naming a landmark to honour Alma, a historically significant Braidwood and District heavy horse, and will place three identified options on public exhibition for 28 days at <https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au>
- Council will allocate \$15,000 in the 2026-27 Operational Plan for design and cost estimation of further safety improvements to the Karabar Schools Precinct
- Council will allocate \$50,000 in the 2026-27 Operational Plan to undertake the flood study for the Hoskinstown and Briars Sharrow area
- Council endorsed progressing funding deeds for ten applicants for \$10,000 each under the Monaro Street Façade Improvement Program, allocates an additional \$20,000 in the 2026-27 Operational Plan to enable staff to work with two applicants to progress an eligible project
- Council approved up to an additional \$3,250,000 in loan funding for the Monaro Street Upgrade in the 2026-27

Operational Plan, will seek NSW Government funding for the additional in lieu of increased loan funding. Council will receive a further report on process to remove heavy vehicles from Monaro Street, Queanbeyan

- Council adopted new operating hours at waste facilities and buy back centres, will close Category 1 and 2 waste facilities on major public holidays, and remove the unstaffed recycling drop off facility outside the Bungendore Waste Transfer Station
- Council considered budget bids and determined projects to be included in the report to Council on 24 June for adoption of the 2026-27 Operational Plan budget
- Council will not apply any increase to Councillor or Mayoral Allowance in FY26/27 and will continue to allocate 10% of the Mayoral Allowance to the Deputy Mayor in recognition of the additional duties for this role in supporting the Mayor. Council will write to the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Ron Hoenig, MP, requesting he initiate a legislative amendment to direct the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal to set fees for councillors and mayors.
- Council approved a Cultural Grant of \$2,870 to Queanbeyan Junior Brass Incorporated towards

costs for a 2026 Music Workshop

- Council will make a submission to the NSW Parliament Inquiry into Emergency Services Funding Reform
- Council endorsed the Complaint Management Strategic Policy for public exhibition for 28 days at <https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au> and will adopt the policy if no submissions are received
- Council endorsed the Data Breach Strategic Policy for public exhibition for 28 days at <https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au> and will adopt the policy if no submissions are received
- Council endorsed the Directional Signage Strategic Policy for public exhibition for 28 days at <https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au> and will adopt the policy if no submissions are received
- Council endorsed the Crown Road Management Policy for public exhibition for 28 days at <https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au> and will adopt the policy if no submissions are received
- Council received information report about development application performance and planning reforms
- Council received information report about the National Water Grid Funding Application Outcome for the Queanbeyan

to Bungendore Pipeline Project, with no funding allocated by the Australian Government to the program this year

- Council received information report about councillor workshop on 20 May 2026, about the Infill Strategy and update on NSW Planning Reforms
- Council noted the minutes of the Queanbeyan Showground Advisory Committee held on 18 May 2026
- Council noted the minutes of the Bungendore Town Centre and Environs Committee held on 18 May 2026
- Council received a report with councillor questions about Cost Savings and Efficiencies for the Operational Plan 2026-27
- Council received a report with answers to councillor questions about conditions of sale for Dutton's Cottage and former Queanbeyan Fire Station
- Council receives information report with answers to councillor questions about matters on tonight's agenda

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



Community News

High Tea and Raffle raise a total of \$5,500

Rotary Club of Bungendore
The delicious food, the delectable delights, the sumptuous sweets and the saucy savouries are all gone. The Bungendore High Tea, for the 98 attendees, is now a memory, a good memory.
The final things to do after the big wash up, clean up and packing away is to distribute the funds and once again thank everyone

who came, supported and enjoyed the afternoon. Along with our Rotary cooks extraordinaire and hard workers we also thank once again our supporters - The Community Bank of Bungendore, IGA, Bungendore Country Butchers, the CWA, the Lollyshop, Village Coffee Roastery and Regional Independent. It is the combined efforts of everyone that made this event a

success.
We always said the funds raised would go to Cancer research so after tally up the bills and finalising the income we are pleased to announce that \$2,000 goes to both the Cure Brain Cancer Foundation and Love Your Sister - both organisations heavily support cancer research. Our raffle of the beautiful quilt, kindly made and



donated by Catherine Johnson, started at the Bungendore Preschool Fair and Pig Races and was drawn at the end of the second High Tea session was won by Jenni who had

bought her tickets on the day and was there to collect the prize. Approximately \$1,500 was raised over the time tickets were on sale with the proceeds going to support the Bungendore Christmas

Hampers.
We have booked in the date for next year's Bungendore High Tea so put it in your diary - **Saturday 8th May 2027**. We look forward to seeing you all then.

Leadership Change at Bungendore Rural Fire Brigade

A new chapter has begun for the Bungendore Rural Fire Brigade, with Sandi Love stepping into the role of Captain, succeeding outgoing Captain Rob Allard after three years of dedicated service.
Rob reflected on his time in the position with pride, highlighting both the operational achievements of the brigade and the strong sense of community among its volunteers. "The biggest highlight of my time as Captain is having the privilege to lead my fellow brigade members assisting the public in their time of need," he said.
During his time, the brigade responded to more than 300 incidents, ranging from bush and grass fires to motor vehicle accidents, structure fires, gas leaks and flood

support operations alongside the SES. Volunteers also assisted ambulance and police services, while some jobs were less conventional, "releasing an elderly person from the disabled toilet at Mick Sherd Oval and even attending the proverbial cat trapped up a tree," Rob added.
He credited the brigade's success to its committed volunteer base. "All this and more [was] done by well trained and committed volunteers," he said.
Significant milestones during his leadership included the arrival of new equipment, a modern pumper and a Category 1 tanker, strengthening the brigade's operational capability. Community engagement also remained a key focus, with brigade members

regularly attending local events. "Whether it be the Bungendore Show or the Pre-School Pig Races, it is always a pleasure to engage with the community and hopefully get our message across about fire safety," Rob said. "All while enjoying the camaraderie and having fun."
Incoming Captain Sandi Love acknowledged the strong foundation built by those before her and the mentorship she has received along the way. "I am very fortunate to belong to an amazing Brigade full of incredible people, and continue to be supported and guided by our previous Captains, including Rob, whose leadership and experience have helped shape both the brigade and my own journey," she said. "Moving into this role,



my focus will be on three key areas – supporting our volunteers, ensuring we remain operationally ready, and continuing to strengthen our connection with the community we serve."

While stepping down from the top role, Rob will remain an integral part of the leadership team as Senior Deputy Captain. The brigade looks ahead with confidence under its new leadership

team, continuing its strong tradition of service to the Bungendore community and surrounds.
Photo supplied of Rob Allard and Sandi Love



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Community News

Queanbeyan Seniors 50+ Activities

Mondays
Chair Yoga - 9.30am
Mat Yoga - 11.00am.

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

Tuesdays
Zumba Gold 9.30am
Zumba Normal Impact 11.00am

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

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Tuesdays & Thursday
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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.

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

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Cost \$2.00

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

Wednesdays
Canasta - 10.00am-12.00 noon
Cost \$2.00

Euchre - 1.00pm - Cost \$3.00

Mahjong - 1.00pm-3.00pm
Cost \$2.00

Thursdays
Rummikins - 1.00pm
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Hand and Foot - 10.00am **(NEW)**
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Carpet Bowls - 1.00pm
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Bungendore High School Buzz

Bungendore High School

This term, the Bungendore High School Student Representative Council (SRC) has taken an active role in strengthening student voice and building a positive school community through successful fundraising initiatives and creative,

student-led improvement projects.

A key focus has been supporting meaningful causes through impactful fundraising events. The SRC coordinated the Do It for Dolly cake stall, promoting awareness and kindness throughout the school while raising

funds for an important national cause. Preparations are also underway for an upcoming pyjama day in support of Queanbeyan Night Podz, which will further raise funds and promote comfort, inclusion, and community spirit across the school.





In addition to fundraising, the SRC remains committed to amplifying student voice. The introduction of a digital suggestion box has empowered students to share ideas and concerns more easily. Feedback from this platform has already sparked discussions about expanding hot food options in the canteen and inspired new ideas

to enhance school facilities and student wellbeing.

Through these initiatives, the SRC ensures student perspectives are heard and acted upon, helping to build a more responsive and supportive school environment for everyone.

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Finigan School is a hidden gem of learning excellence

Debbie Evans

The Finigan School of Distance Education co-located on the grounds of the Queanbeyan High School is one Queanbeyan's best kept secrets.

The school is an impressive, stand alone, modern learning facility staffed by 70 teachers and 13 administration staff. Students and staff are supported by advanced technology through the NSW Department of Education enabling the delivery of innovative, high-quality learning.

Distance education is familiar to me because I was a distance education student in the 1960s and 70s.

Due to childhood health issues and remote location, my sister and I were enrolled at Blackfriars Correspondence School based in Bridge Street, Sydney. We studied at home on the farm under our mother's supervision.

Blackfriars was established in 1916 and was the world's first distance education school for remote students, known as the "School in a

Mailbox". It provided paper-based lessons to children living far from cities or dealing with disabilities.

Its founding headmaster was Walter Finigan and the naming of the Queanbeyan facility is in honour of his contribution to education in Australia.

At its peak in 1959, Blackfriars had an enrolment of 7,000 pupils across Australia and temporarily overseas. It famously adapted in 1933 to radio broadcasts via the "School of the Air", providing audio lessons to remote outback students.

Walter's portrait now proudly presides in the foyer of the Queanbeyan school along with his war medals, a fitting tribute to a visionary leader who has left his mark on modern day education.

And the passion of the founder is mirrored today by his modern day contemporary, Finigan Principal, Harvey Wilson. Harvey is a dynamic leader in charge of educating the 921 students currently enrolled with the school. These enrolments reflect 198 full-time and 718 single

subject enrolments.

The school currently has four full-time students from Queanbeyan and eight full-time students from the ACT amongst its cohort.

Students come to Finigan for many reasons. Some are gifted athletes whose sporting commitments make regular classroom attendance difficult. Others are travelling with their families in Australia or overseas, living in remote areas, managing physical or mental health challenges, finding that a conventional school setting does not suit them, or unable to access particular subjects at their local school.

Distance education has produced impressive results, and Harvey and her team are rightly proud. Last year, the school recorded 16 Band 6 results, awarded to Higher School Certificate students who scored between 90 and 100 in a two-unit subject, and 75 Band 5 results, awarded for marks between 80 and 89.

The Finigan School of Distance Education (FSDE) is a purpose-built K-12 distance-education provider offering quality, individualised learning programs with the most current enrolments in Years 10, 11 and 12.

Harvey says she is proud the school can provide flexible solutions that support many students throughout their learning journey.

"Our teachers use explicit, evidence-informed practice to make online learning clear, connected and engaging. With strong wellbeing support and personalised adjustments, we ensure every student can



grow with confidence.

"FSDE features 20 web-lesson studios, a movement studio, a green screen studio, and a lightboard studio – all purpose-built to deliver live, interactive lessons as well as recorded content.

"Teachers use portable devices (e.g. tablets) to deliver live lessons and digitally annotate student work.

"The school uses online learning platforms (eLearning via Moodle or Canvas) so students can access resources and complete work at any time.

"We offer personalised, flexible learning that adapts to you. Students can work at their own pace and often around their own schedule – great for families who travel, students with health/medical conditions, or those needing flexibility.

"There is direct contact with teachers via email, phone, post and, where possible, face-to-face visits; plus access to study days, seminars, and excursions offering connection with other students.

"Our resources and support are just like a 'normal' school. Students have access to an extensive library of resources (books, videos, audio books, multimedia) to support their learning.

"For practical or hands-on subjects (science, arts, food tech, etc.), FSDE's purpose-built facilities – such as labs, kitchens, performance spaces – mean distance learning doesn't limit the experience."

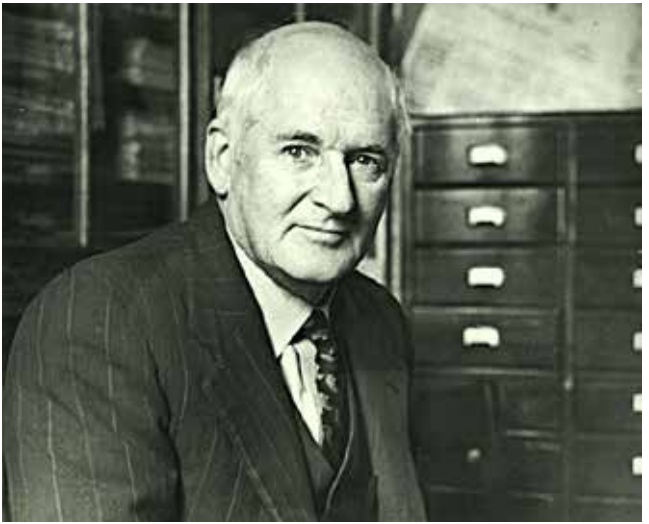
The Finigan School of Distance Education is one of 11 distance education

schools in NSW, and Queanbeyan is fortunate to have such a high-quality facility locally.

Images Debbie Evans: School Principal, Harvey Wilson, proudly standing beside war medals bestowed on Walter Finigan, after whom the Finigan School of Distance Education has been named.

FSDE teacher, Gayarthri Emaneni, delivering Year 8 Technology Mandatory to her class online in one of the web-lesson studios located in the school.

Walter Finigan was a global leader in distance education. Photo provided by the NSW Department of Education.



Bungendore Quilters: Raffle for the Bungendore War Memorial Hall



Last edition we showed two of the four choices of prize quilts we have for the raffle in aid of the Bungendore War Memorial Hall. Tickets are \$2.00 each and the raffle will be drawn on Saturday 8 August. Shown are the other two choices for first and second prizes.

Bungendore Quilters' next Sew and Chat gathering is on Saturday 27 June. If you are thinking about joining and would like to see what we do, come along to the Community Centre between 10:00am and 3:00pm. Everyone is welcome. If you have a project you're stuck on or a technique you'd like help with, bring it along – there will always be someone happy to assist. Membership runs on a financial year basis, but if you join this month, your

membership will be valid until 30 June next year.

Recently, Bec and her eleven year old daughter Freya joined us for a day of quilting, and it was wonderful to welcome them. Freya is keen to make her first quilt and brought along some lovely green and pink fabrics for her project.

Raffle tickets are available at the Bungendore Community Centre between 10:00am and 3:00pm on Saturday 27 June, Saturday 11 July and Tuesday 14 July. Please drop by on any of these days and buy your tickets to help support our wonderful War Memorial Hall.

Photos supplied of the quilts: 54.5" square / 139cm square and 70" x 69" / 179cm x 176cm



Court overturns council refusal of Bungendore servo expansion

On 10 June, the NSW Land and Environment Court ruled in favour of Pearl Energy's development application (DA) to expand operations at its Bungendore service station.

The application, DA.2025.0425, sought approval for the demolition of a food and drink premises and fuel tank, and the construction of a diesel canopy, underground fuel tank, associated earthworks, drainage and signage at 42-44 Malbon Street, Bungendore

The DA was refused by Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) at its meeting on 25 February 2026, despite Council's Development and Environment staff recommending approval subject to conditions.

The motion to refuse the application was moved by Cr John Preston and seconded by Cr Ross Macdonald. It was largely based on concerns raised in two submissions from neighbouring residents of Butmaroo Street. Council's reasons for refusal stated that the proposed development would have an unacceptable impact on the enjoyment of the adjoining property at 35 Butmaroo Street due to environmental impacts associated with the expanded use of the site, the diesel canopy and the general operation of the service station. Council



further concluded that these impacts could not be adequately addressed through conditions of consent.

Voting for the refusal: Crs Livermore, Macdonald, Preston, Schweikert, Waterhouse, Willis and Wilson

Against the refusal: Crs Broadbent, Grundy, Taskovski and Winchester

Following Council's refusal, Pearl Energy appealed the decision in the NSW Land and Environment Court. The Land and Environment Court has the authority to independently assess development applications and may overturn a council decision if it determines the proposal meets the relevant planning

requirements.

At a Court-convened conciliation conference on 26 May 2026, Council advised that changes to the proposal had addressed its concerns. The parties subsequently agreed that the amended development application should be approved subject to conditions, allowing the Court to finalise the matter in accordance with that agreement.

On 10 June, the Court ordered:

1. The appeal is upheld.
2. Development consent is granted for DA.2025.0425 for the demolition of a food and drink premises and fuel tank, and the construction of a diesel canopy, underground fuel

tank, earthworks, drainage and signage at 42-44 Malbon Street, Bungendore, subject to the conditions contained in Annexure A.

In the judgment, the Commissioner stated:

"With the assistance of the development plans and the SEE, I find that the works (including the upgraded access off Butmaroo Street) proposed in the development application will improve traffic access to the site and through the development. Further, the replacement of the fence along Butmaroo Street with an open style fence will improve visibility. On this basis I find that subss 2.119(a) and (b) of SEPP TI are satisfied."

Condition 3 of the amended DA was modified to specify that the 3-metre-high acoustic wall was to be relocated 3.5 metres from the northern boundary. There were also some changes to the height of tree and understorey requirements. The condition requires the vegetation to be established before an occupation certificate will be issued.

An additional condition (3A) was applied, relating to the approved hours of operation and hours for deliveries and waste collection.

To read the full judgement head to <https://www.caselaw.nsw.gov.au/decision/19ea99ef1e16604eeff310a8>

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Jerrabomberra Combined Probus Club May 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 May general meeting welcomed Grace Gill with her new member certificate and pack. Members and guests

then enjoyed a talk by Kat from the QPRC Library. Kat explained "What the Library has to offer" which proved to be a far wider range than many members were aware of or expecting.

Many were surprised by how many useful services the QPRC libraries supply, most t no cost, including JP services most afternoons, deliveries to housebound residents and many activities in the daytime as well as one-off special events. Full details are available on the library website. The general libraries are in Queanbeyan, Braidwood and Bungendore while the Frank Pangallo Heritage Library in the former Council Chamber will reopen soon after refurbishment. There is also a travelling library to less populated areas in the region.

In response to questions about extended services, signage in the underground car park or opening

hours, Kat indicated that suggestions on these matters could be sent to management via the library website: library@qprc.nsw.gov.au After a vote of thanks, Deputy President Richard Hobbs asked Kat to draw the lucky door prize, the task for all our speakers!

General meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Jerra Community Centre. 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 Phone: 0400 194 340

Peter Haddon
Jerra Probus Club

Photos supplied of Grace Gill receiving her New Member pack and Kat drawing the lucky door prize

Bungendore Crafters' Co-Op Prepares for Bungendore Yarn Bombing

Local women gathered at the recent BYO Craft Project Evening and enjoyed good company, conversation and the opportunity to share stories, advice, and creative knowledge. This week's gathering also focused on preparations for the upcoming Bungendore Yarn Bombing event, where local community groups partner with Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council to decorate the trees along Ellendon Street with colourful handmade creations. The winter display promises to bring colour, creativity and

fun to the town. The Crafters' Co-op will bust out handcrafted decorations lovingly made for the event last year to again decorate the four trees in front of Bungendore Medical Centre. As part of an annual tradition, one of the trees will be dedicated to a charity cause. This year, the display will raise awareness of the Butterfly Foundation, which provides support to Australians affected by eating disorders and body image issues. The "Butterfly Tree" will be adorned with fluttering and

colourful handmade knitted and crocheted butterflies lovingly made by members of the Co-Op.

The community is warmly invited to visit Ellendon Street, enjoy the Yarn Bombing displays and celebrate the creativity and community spirit behind this unique local event.

Local crafters are also warmly invited to come along to the next BYO craft project evening, which will be held on Thursday June 25th from 6.30pm-8.30pm at Bungendore School

of Arts. Come along and practice your handicrafts while connecting with others local creatives. There are no expectations, set skill levels or memberships- drop in for a coffee and a chat when you can or join our die-hard loyal crafters who work on their craft projects in good, kind and knowledgeable company each fortnight. Follow Bungendore Crafters' Co-Operative on Facebook and look out for our upcoming events and craft workshops on the community pages.

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Bungendore Fine Art Gallery: "Waterworks and Country Life"

July - August Exhibition
"Waterworks and Country Life"
featuring Marion Schmacher and Geoff Naylor.
Opening Saturday 27 August 2026
Marion Schmacher
Marion's latest exhibition captures the colour and

atmosphere of Australia painted with oils. This has been a constant obsession of hers to produce artwork that passes a personal approval. Marion has worked in almost every medium, taught adult leisure classes, illustrated children's books, painted theatre backdrops, murals and has held solo and group exhibitions on a regular basis.

Marion has won numerous awards and has paintings hanging both here in Australia and overseas.
Geoff Naylor
Geoff has worked with oils for many years but still draws as he feels this is the basis of his work. He has tried other mediums but prefers oils as he believes it gives him more versatility.

Geoff's particularly enjoys painting Australian landscapes by painting the natural scenes in front of him, including a record of the High Country Huts which were destroyed in the bushfires. He has held successful exhibitions in the local Riverina towns and the ACT and has received multiple awards for his quality tonal paintings across the region. His teaching skills allows him to help beginners with workshops and also those who want to refresh their skills.

Meet the artist Saturday 27 August 1.30 - 3 pm
Open: Frid - Monday 10 am - 4.30pm
Where: 42b Ellendon Street Bungendore
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Mob: 0450 893 943

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Community News

Maria's Community Corner

Maria Porreca
What a fabulous show 'Le Miserables' was. A group of us went to the matinee on Sunday 31st May and it was a packed house. Apparently every performance was sold out from beginning to end. Lucky we booked some 2 months in advance. Songs included 'On My Own', 'Bring Him Home', 'Stars' and 'Do You Hear The People Sing'. It was quite a moving performance, and I did shed a tear or two. Queanbeyan Players are such an amazing,

talented group.
On Wednesday 3rd June I attended a Mass service at Marist. The priest was none other than a former Queanbeyan Parish priest, Father Josh. Got to have a great conversation with him, and I didn't have to remind him who I was. It was great to see him again.
Thursdays are the usual walking days for the Queanbeyan Health Walking Group (supported by Heart Foundation) and they meet at the BBQ area in Queen Elizabeth Park at 8.50am. During the month of June the

Heart Foundation is asking more men to join a walking group and you could win one of 20 x \$100 vouchers. So come along, we'd love to see you there. The Group also celebrated the birthdays in June by having lunch at Campbell & George last Thursday.
CWA Canberra Branch held an afternoon tea on Saturday 6th June to raise funds for rare cancer research. A group of us from the CWA Queanbeyan Evening Branch attended. It was so much fun. We had quiz games, craft activity, raffle

and a presentation on rare cancers. In between all this we got to have some delectable morsels of food, a real Moorish spread. The atmosphere was relaxing and the hospitality so friendly. Fabulous way to spend an afternoon.
Last Tuesday 9th, I had lunch with a very dear friend at Bombay Pavilion (Indian restaurant) in Bungendore. The food was so delicious, the service friendly, superb and attentive. They also had a wood fire burning. I highly recommend them if you are looking for an authentic Indian dining experience.
Also on Tuesday 9th evening, the CWA Queanbeyan Evening Branch held it's monthly meeting in 'Nonna's Kitchen' at Campbell & George. Every month we also celebrate the birthdays in the month. We didn't have a guest speaker this month as we had a full Agenda. One of the things voted on was to have a Father's Day raffle on 29th August in Riverside Plaza. 'Save the Date' and we hope you will stop by and buy a ticket or three.
Till next time, take care everyone. Maria
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Final Call for Plastic Breadtags

This is the final call for your plastic bread tags. The Aussie Breadtags for Wheelchairs program is hanging up its boots as the use of plastic breadtags has declined significantly in recent years.
It is encouraging to see more bakeries and bread manufacturers switching to cardboard tags, reducing the number of plastic tags being produced and helping to keep them out of landfill.
Our collection points at the Bungendore and Braidwood Bendigo Banks will close at the end of June. Please bring in whatever you have so they can be used in useful, recycled products.
Photo supplied of Homewares made from breadtags



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Wage freeze for Councillors

Debbie Evans

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional councillors voted against a pay rise this year, although the decision at the June 10 council meeting was not unanimous.

Councillors Bill Waterhouse and Katrina Willis supported a pay rise and voted against a motion by Mayor Kenrick Winchester, seconded by Councillor Ross Macdonald to keep councillor pay unchanged this year.

Ultimately Council voted in favour of the Winchester/Macdonald motion which stated;

That Council: 1. Not apply any increase to Councillor or Mayoral Allowance in FY2026/27.

2. Continue to allocate 10% of the Mayoral Allowance to the Deputy Mayor in recognition of the additional duties for this role in supporting the mayor.

3. Write to the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Ron Hoenig MP, requesting he initiate a legislative amendment to direct the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal to set fees for Councillors and Mayors.

Councillors Broadbent, Grundy, Livermore, Macdonald, Preston, Taskovski, Wilson and Winchester voted for the motion, while Waterhouse and Willis voted against it.

Mayor Winchester said it is ridiculous that Councillors must vote to set their remuneration, "I think it's ridiculous

we even need to debate it. State Government, Federal members don't have to vote on their allowance, it's just set, it should be exactly the same for Councillors and Mayors. The Rem Tribunal should come up with the amount and that's just what it is."

"We'll continue to put this forward (Point 3 of the motion) until we get an actual change."

In support of the motion Cr Macdonald spoke of a broken system which allows Councillors the opportunity to pay themselves at the highest rate, a substantial increase year on year.

"Until that is fixed, we obviously take the view, of the system being broken and, that at least for the purposes of the SRV (Special Rate Variation) that no pay increase would be attracted to this council."

Cr Willis spoke in favour of her contrary motion to; 1. Adopt the maximum annual Councillor and Mayoral fees as set by the NSW Local Government Remuneration Tribunal effective from 1 July 2026 as follows: a. Councillor allowance \$28,890 b. Mayoral allowance \$71,350. 2. Allocate 10% of the Mayoral Allowance to the Deputy Mayor in recognition of the additional duties for this role in supporting the Mayor, being \$7,135. 3. Write to the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Ron Hoenig MP, requesting he initiate a legislative amendment to direct the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal to set fees for Councillors and Mayors.

Cr Willis said she could not support

the Winchester-Macdonald motion for several reasons, including that it would amount to a five-year freeze on councillor and mayoral allowances.

Willis referred to her time as a journalist, saying employers often told her, "There is no good time for a pay rise" and that "no time is good."

"There are people saying (in the community) we should have a pay cut. I'm not sure they know our pay has been frozen for four years."

She spoke in favour of an increase citing the need to make Council attractive to young people to serve on it at a time when many of them are facing increasing financial hardships.

She added she believes Councillors should be paid for the work they do, "overseeing a large organisation with a substantial annual budget, in a local government area with multiple and complex challenges. Where the population has grown in the four years of the freeze on allowances which is forecast to keep growing and for that reason, I will not be supporting this motion."

Cr Waterhouse said he could not support the motion to freeze wages because, "Councillors work very hard, they put in countless hours beyond anyone's imagination."

"I believe Councils across the country deserve a few extra bob." He concluded.

Cr Grundy said she had a different view, "for me, serving the community as a councillor is a privilege and not an employment choice."

Slow start to flu season means there is still time to get vaccinated

The Royal Australian College of GPs (RACGP) is urging people to visit their GPs to receive their annual flu vaccination following on from last year's record number of flu cases, with 2025 the worst year on record.

Case numbers in 2026 are only one third of the 98,447 cases reported in January-May 2025 or the 61,525 reported in June 2025 alone. The National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System reports there have been around 36,800 notifications for lab confirmed influenza in 2026 so far.

"We are seeing fewer cases of the flu than last year, but that doesn't mean we can be complacent," RACGP President Dr Michael Wright said.

"We can't predict how bad a flu season will be, but we can prevent it from being worse than necessary by ensuring everyone gets a flu vaccination, and especially children, seniors, and those at higher risk of disease.

"That's the best way to avoid both a bad flu, and the stress hospitalisations due to influenza put on our hospitals."

RACGP is celebrating increased flu vaccination uptake after most jurisdictions

made needle-free intranasal vaccines free for young children - the first thing to increase coverage since COVID-19.

While health department figures show the overall flu vaccination uptake this year is similar to 2023-25, uptake among patients under five years old is 15.7% higher than the same time in 2025 and 16.1% higher than in 2024.

In 2026, children aged 2-4 have been able to get a flu vaccine without a needle for free in NSW, Queensland, WA, and SA, with expansions to older children in NSW, Queensland, and WA.

"Free intranasal vaccines seem to have driven increased uptake, which is excellent," he said.

"We now need to embrace what works. This is a call to governments in Victoria, Tasmania, the ACT and the NT: help protect families by subsidising free access to intranasal vaccines."

"The slow start to the season really gives an extra opportunity to protect our most vulnerable Australians - not only against influenza, but also COVID and RSV, which are also available from your GP."

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Polish Dancers Wielkopolska	11.00am
Eden Dance Academy	11.15am
Bollywood Jyoti, Sharma and Anjaneya	11.30am
Ukrainian Community Canberra & Queanbeyan	11.45am
Welcome	12.00pm
Macedonian - KUD Razigrana Makedonka	12.15pm
Rio Samba Shows plus workshop	12.30pm
Baila Chile Folk Dancers	12.45pm
Prosperous Mountain Dragon & Lion Dance	1.00pm
Canberra Hellenic Dancers CHD	1.15pm
Kokoloco Samba Belezas	1.30pm
Borobudur Indonesian Dance Troupe	1.45pm
Queanbeyan Chinese School & Community	2.00pm
Desi Vibes	2.15pm
Te Rere O Te Tarakakao Inc	2.30pm
Queanbeyan Nepalese Society	2.45pm
BellyUp Bellydance	3.00pm
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- Shutter Share
- Steve Whan MP
- Sugarbird Cakery
- Sweet Handz
- Tacontento
- Taste of Pasifika
- Te Rere O Te Tarakakao
- Thai Time
- Tikka Stand
- Ukrainian Community
- Ve Desi
- William Walker
- Zomsa Fusion



Jumping Castle



Water Station



Emergency Assembly Point



Accessible Toilets



Food Vendors



Activities



QPRC Information Tent



Parking: Showground



Toilets



Footpaths



Main Stage



First Aid



Market Stalls



Community Dance Floor



Park transforms for cultural celebrations

Debbie Evans

This weekend's Queanbeyan Multicultural Festival will celebrate the many stories and cultural contributions of migrants who have made Australia, and Queanbeyan in particular, their home.

The festival also coincides with World Refugee Day on June 20, whose 2026 theme is "courage", and with Refugee Week, which runs from June 14 - 20.

Originally scheduled for March, the Multicultural Festival was postponed to this Saturday due to bad weather. This year marks the festival's 21st year, held in partnership with Queanbeyan-

Palerang Regional Council.

Event organiser, Zakia Patel, said, "The festival celebrates the rich diversity of our community."

She added, "The new date has also given us more time to strengthen the program."

"We have a lot of variety planned for Saturday with a diverse mix of performers and stallholders."

Festivities will run from 10am to 4pm at Queanbeyan Town Park, where visitors can enjoy food from more than 30 stalls serving cuisine from around the world.

Visitors will also be treated to more than six hours of live

entertainment, including stage performances and cultural dance, browse market stalls, and keep children entertained with the jumping castle and library van.

Samba performances and a workshop will add energy to the day and help create a festive atmosphere, while the nearby oval will be the perfect venue for childrens' activities.

Here is the full festival program so you don't miss any of the action.

2026 Queanbeyan Multicultural Festival Program

10:30 Queanbeyan Community Choir



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| 10:45 Talasim Contemporary Belly Dance | 13:45 Borobudur Indonesian Dance Troupe |
| 11:00 Polish Dancers Wielkopolska | 14:00 Queanbeyan Chinese School & Community |
| 11:15 Eden Dance Academy | 14:15 Desi Vibes |
| 11:30 Bollywood Jyoti, Sharma and Anjaneya | 14:30 Te Rere O Te Tarakakao Inc |
| 11:45 Ukrainian Community Canberra & Queanbeyan | 14:45 Queanbeyan Nepalese Society |
| 12:00 Official welcome | 15:00 BellyUp Bellydance |
| 12:15 Macedonian- KUD Razigrana Makedonka | 15:15 Tamu Samaj Canberra - Nepalese Dance |
| 12:30 Rio Samba Shows plus workshop | 15:30 First Step and Highland Dance School |
| 12:45 Baila Chile Folk Dancers | Organisers ask attendees to leave their pets at home unless they are a service or assistance animal, as the festival is one of the busiest events on the yearly calendar. |
| 13:00 Prosperous Mountain Dragon & Lion Dance | |
| 13:15 Canberra Hellenic Dancers CHD | |
| 13:30 Kokoloco Samba Belezas | Photos QPRC |



 **24 Jun 2026 (9am - 4:30pm)**

 **QPRC Nellie Hamilton Centre Queanbeyan**

Attendance is free, but registration is essential

 **Register here**

Hear about the latest initiatives and approaches for caring for Country, our waterways and the landscapes of the upper Murrumbidgee catchment

Program includes...

Walking Together for Country: A collaborative guide to caring for the upper Murrumbidgee catchment
ACT&Region Catchment Management Coordination Group

The Restoring the Upper Murrumbidgee River Program- a turning point for the river
Woo O'Reilly, ACT Government & Mark Eccleston, NSW Local Land Services

Reviewing the SWIOID
Dr Wendy Craik, Chair of the Independent Review Panel, SWIOID Review

Waterway Restoration in Partnership- a collaborative model for the ACT
Dr Michael Robinson, CEO Landcare ACT

Wellbeing, resilience and walking together for Country
Prof Jacki Schirmer, Health Research Institute, University of Canberra

.....and more! Full program details and speaker information available at <https://events.humanitix.com/working-together-for-the-river-forum-2026>

Queanbeyan Veteran and Family Hub

Here for veterans and their families, every day



What's on at the Hub

MON:	Invictus Yoga	- 10:00am to 11:00am
TUES:	Veterans Guitar Group	- 10:00am to 12:00pm
	Heart-Muscle-Balance	- 12:30pm to 1:15pm
WED:	RSL Sub Branch Catchup	- 9:00am to 11:00pm
	Fortnightly - Create & Caffeinate	- 10:00am to 12:00pm
THURS:	Fortnightly - Open Arms Coffee Catchup	- 10:00am
	Zumba - Registration required	- 11:00am to 12:00pm
FRI:	Mind Body Balance Tai Chi	- 9:30am to 10:30am

Visit the Hub today

251 Crawford St, Queanbeyan

Open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

In partnership with



Community News

ANZAC Day in Bungendore Delivers Strong Support for Legacy

ANZAC Day in Bungendore once again demonstrated the strength of community spirit, with a fantastic fundraising effort in support of Legacy.

The Rotary Club of Bungendore, the Mudhooks Rugby Union Club, the Royal Hotel and the Lake George Hotel all came together to make the day a success. The Mudhooks kept the crowd entertained by running the two-up ring, while Rotary volunteers were busy

at both pubs collecting donations for Legacy. Thanks to the generosity of the Bungendore community, the Rotary Legacy buckets returned \$2,000 on the day alone. This was further boosted by a contribution from the Royal Hotel and Lake George Hotel, bringing the total to an impressive \$3,000.

The accompanying photo captures representatives from Rotary, the Mudhooks and the

Royal Hotel presenting a Community Bank cheque to Suzanne McInnes of Queanbeyan Legacy.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone involved—your support truly makes a difference and helps change lives.

Photo supplied L:R Mark & Josh (Mudhooks RU Club), David (Rotary Club of Bungendore) , Suzanne (Queanbeyan Legacy), Jack (The Lake George Hotel), Hannah (The Royal Hotel)



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

See below 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

Membership

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

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

Left: Recent birthday celebrations



THURSDAYS

Thursday 25 June | Thursday 9 July
Thursday 23 July | Thur 6 August

FRIDAYS

Friday 19 June | Firday 3 July
Friday 17 July | Friday 31 July

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Craft Evenings

Thursday 25th June
Thursday 9th July

Bungendore School of Arts:
57 Gibraltar Street, Bungendore
6.30-8.30pm
BYO craft project
Contact Thalia: 0412 884 120

Cook Chill Chat

Cooking Workshops

Do you want to meet new people while learning healthy cooking tips and kitchen tricks?

Join Us!

Bungendore Senior's Cook Chill Chat

Date: Tuesdays 23rd June, 30th June, 7th July, 21st July, 28th July, 4th Aug

Time: 10.30am - 1.30pm (lunch included)

Cost: FREE

Location: Multipurpose Room, Norah Starrs Community Centre, Corner Majara Street and Turallo Terrace, Bungendore 2621

Bookings Essential! Contact Sharon: bungendoreseniors@gmail.com or scan QR code below

Cook Chill Chat is a weekly community cooking program to increase social connections, happiness and healthfulness.

Register via QR code

BUNGENDORE SENIORS Association Incorporated

This program is supported by funding from

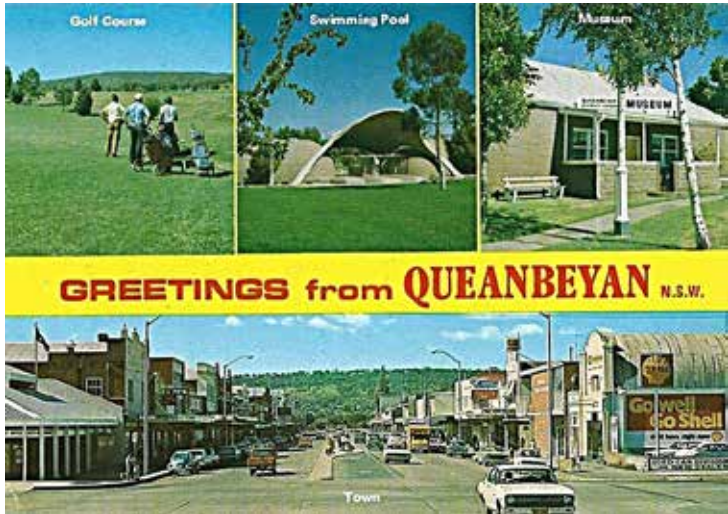
Lions Community Bookshop needs your donations

The Lions Community Bookshop raises funds from the sale of pre-loved books, magazines, comics, jigsaw puzzles, board games, CDs and DVDs, with all funds raised returned to the community.

The Bookshop is in the Cottage in Queanbeyan Park, open 10am-4pm Tuesday to Saturday.

Did you know? The Park Cottage was originally built as a home for the Police Lock-Up Keeper and his family, later served as a home for the park caretaker and gardener, as a site for the Queanbeyan Museum during the 1970s, later as a childcare centre, and as a site for Queanbeyan Children's Special Needs Group (now Treehouse Queanbeyan).

In this new page of the Cottage's long history, the Lions Club of Queanbeyan operates the Bookshop as a community hub to support community wellbeing and social connections and partner with community groups and service organisations to assist families in need, vulnerable children and young people, and



people who are homeless. The Bookshop replies on the generosity and support of the community through volunteers and donations to do its mission of service. The Bookshop please needs your donations of pre-loved books in good condition, and donations of magazines, comics, jigsaw puzzles, board games, CDs and DVDs in good condition.

The Bookshop can only accept books that are clean and in good condition that it is able to sell to raise funds to support charities and community services in the local community. Donations that are not clean or are damaged can't be sold, and instead volunteers need to spend their time and energy on recycling these.

The Bookshop is unable to accept LP records, cassettes, VHS tapes, Readers Digest condensed books, Encyclopaedias or magazines more than 5 years old.

Please call the Bookshop on 0461 365 831 if you want to check what are acceptable donations or if you need help to bring in your donations.

There's ample parking in the carpark off Campbell Street, near the tennis courts.

For more information, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/lionsofqueanbeyan>

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Urgent action needed to ensure high-quality care for aged care residents

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Significant reform and funding is urgently needed to put an end to Australians living in residential aged care being unable to access timely and coordinated healthcare.

In a new position statement out today, the Australian Medical Association warns that residential aged care residents are unable to access regular GP care because of systematic failings in the aged care system.

Federal AMA President Dr Danielle McMullen said the current system prevents GPs from delivering ongoing effective care to their patients once they are in an aged-care setting.

"The current system is badly fragmented and, as is unfortunately often the case, it is patients who suffer as a result, with the system failing residents when they are at their most

vulnerable," Dr McMullen said. "GPs have often known their patients for many years, but we are seeing a breakdown in care once patients enter aged care homes because of lack of funding, regulatory barriers, and poor interoperability between digital systems.

"GPs want to continue caring for their patients in aged care facilities, but current funding arrangements and regulations make it extremely difficult and financially unviable to do so."

Dr McMullen said aged care providers and primary healthcare professionals must be equipped to work hand-in-glove. The Aged Care Act and the quality standards need to be reviewed so that access to GP care for patients is improved as part of a GP-led collaborative model.

"Ensuring residents can access regular and planned GP visits benefits patients and would move us away from the ineffectual

crisis-driven care we currently see, which is detrimental for patients and has significant flow on effects to the rest of the healthcare system," Dr McMullen said.

"The absence of preventive GP-led care results in many unnecessary hospital transfers and admissions. This places pressure on public hospitals and exacerbates problems such as ambulance ramping, pushing aged care residents into hospital when care could be provided safely where they live.

"If aged care residents had regular access to their usual GP and an adequate registered nurse presence in their facility, these issues could be avoided. The AMA wants to see investment in integrated care models, fair funding, modern digital infrastructure, and sustainable workforce strategies so aged care residents receive high-quality care."

Return and Earn hits sweet 16 billion returns and \$100 million for charity

NSW's container deposit scheme, Return and Earn, has reached two major milestones with 16 billion bottles, cans and cartons returned by the community though local return points, resulting in \$1.6 billion in refunds back to recyclers. Over \$100 million has also been raised for charities and community groups through donations and return point hosting fees.

The community has made 'returning and earning' a part of daily life in NSW. Their 16 billion drink container returns are delivering substantial environmental benefits, such as less litter and landfill, as well as significant social benefits. Animal welfare, a helping hand for farmers, medical research, marine conservation and assistance for sick children are just a few of the many causes that have benefited from Return and Earn fundraising since the scheme began in December 2017.

Over the past year alone, NSW recyclers have shown strong support for Return and Earn's major donation partners. Together, we've raised \$210,000 for the Children's Medical Research Institute through our Jeans for Genes appeal and helped Guide Dogs NSW/ACT achieve \$175,000 to help people with blindness and low vision.

Children's education charity, The Smith Family, is the current statewide donation partner the community can support through their container recycling. The charity

is hoping to raise \$200,000, with just 30 donated containers able to fund one book for a disadvantaged student.

There are over 600 charities and community groups from all over NSW, big and small, listed on the Return and Earn app including the Port Stephens Koala Hospital, who care for sick and injured koalas.

Supporters have donated more than 230,000 containers to the koala hospital, raising over \$23,000 to help purchase vital equipment such as an x-ray dental plate and an ophthalmoscope to diagnose koala eye injuries and illnesses.

Return and Earn is a NSW Government initiative delivered in partnership between the NSW Environmental Protection Authority, scheme coordinator Exchange for Change and network operator TOMRA Cleanaway.

Danielle Smalley, CEO, scheme coordinator, Exchange for Change, said "The NSW community has embraced the ability to donate containers to campaigns that are important to them through Return and Earn.

"Donating eligible bottles, cans and cartons allows anyone to support their favourite cause, without putting their hand in their pocket for a cash donation. All donations, big and small, collectively add up and have a big impact."

For more information visit: www.returnandearn.org.au



HAVE YOU GOT 2 HOURS A WEEK ONCE A MONTH?

Can you fix:



• Small electrical appliance repairs such as lamps, irons and kitchen items



• Knife and tool sharpening



• Jewellery repairs



• Woodworking repairs

• Toys and Bicycle repairs

• Basic phone or computer troubleshooting

• Small furniture and practical fixes

Register your interest to volunteer or learn more, we'd love to hear from you.
Email: bungendorerepaircafe@gmail.com,
Phone: Thalia - 0412 884 120 or find us on Facebook.

Winter weeds to watch

Bella Hart, Land Services Officer

This winter has had an unusually warm lead up. With soil temperatures still relatively high and recent widespread rainfall, we may see more weed activity than usual early this winter.

Some grassy weeds react differently to temperature. Some species like serrated tussock (*Nassella trichotoma*) and Chilean needle grass (*Nassella neesiana*) are temperate (sometimes referred to as C3) and can still grow as ambient and soil temperatures drop, so we expect these weeds to still need management throughout winter. However, some other grassy species like African lovegrass (*Eragrostis curvula*) and coolatai grass (*Hyparrhenia*

hirta) are deemed as tropical (or C4), typically needing warmer temperatures to grow and can go dormant over the winter period - easing management requirements during the cooler months.

With warmer than usual temperatures forecast for this winter right across the south east, property managers and owners will need to be more vigilant than usual with these tropical species of grassy weeds as they may get the chance to seed if we get rain with a flush of warm weather. Maintaining groundcover will be crucial to avoiding heavy weed pressure in spring.

The same advice goes with other types of weeds that like warmer temperatures - they may be more active this winter than they have

in past seasons, and preventing seed set and spread is crucial in long-term management.

Our weeds to watch this season are:

- Serrated tussock (*Nassella trichotoma*) - a grassy weed that germinates throughout winter and will be susceptible to chemical, physical and management controls over the coming months. This does have some native lookalikes, so check out the 3D model on the serrated tussock page of the WeedWise website for identification tips.
- Scotch thistle (*Onopordum acanthium*) - an annual or biannual weed that begins as a small rosette and can reach 2 m high at maturity. Maintaining a strong, competitive perennial native or introduced



pasture, and preventing seed set are the keys to getting ahead of this weed. Rosettes present during the winter months are susceptible to herbicide control.

- African lovegrass

(*Eragrostis curvula*) - this grassy weed is not typically very active during winter, but even small, recently germinated plants can produce seed rapidly if conditions are right, and some plants will still have viable seed attached. Be

careful when mowing to avoid spreading seed and continue monitoring this to prevent seed set and spread.

Photo supplied of emerging scotch thistle rosettes

Aussie Bird Count 2025 - What the results mean for South East NSW

Andy Taylor Senior NRM Advisor

The Birdlife Australia Aussie Bird Count is an incredible citizen science project engaging tens of thousands of ordinary people and giving us an amazing insight into our bird life. But have you ever stopped to think what the results really mean?

The Results

Across NSW, the most reported species in the 2025 Aussie Bird Count were the rainbow lorikeet, Australian magpie and noisy miner, with sulphur-crested cockatoos and magpie-larks rounding out the top five. These rankings have remained largely unchanged over recent years, indicating a stable but simplified bird community dominated by a small group of highly adaptable species.

Why are the top birds successful?

This pattern is statewide, and reflects bird habitat across most of the freehold land in south east NSW, which is characterised by grazing land, scattered trees and fragmented woodland. These birds thrive in open and modified environments, particularly where native vegetation structure has been simplified.

Flexible diets, high tolerance of human disturbance, and strong competitive behaviour are other advantages these species have. Rainbow lorikeets feed on both native and introduced plants and move in large flocks, while magpies are omnivorous and readily exploit open lawns and paddocks. Perhaps most influential is the noisy miner, a highly social and territorial native species that



can aggressively exclude smaller birds from woodland remnants.

So what about all the other bird species?

Simplifying the landscape has important ecological implications for bird diversity.

Where large, conspicuous birds remain dominant, many small woodland species—such as thornbills, robins and treecreepers—can decline and even become locally absent. Many of these species rely on mid-story and shrub layers as well as ground covers (including leaf litter and fallen timber) for protection, forage and breeding. Others must have connectivity in vegetation across the landscape to migrate safely between feeding and breeding grounds.

The takeaway from the 2025 Aussie Bird Count and other research is clear: our landscapes are increasingly supporting a narrower suite of bird species, and diversity is under threat. Increasing the diversity of native bird species will depend on our willingness to protect, manage and restore structural complexity, especially understory vegetation.

Whilst the results of the Aussie Bird Count are not the full story, the birds we see on our properties every day are telling us an important story about how our landscapes are functioning and potentially changing—and where targeted land management can make a big difference.

If you want to design a property that helps support bird diversity and helps the Aussie Bird Count tell a different story then give me a call. Andy Taylor, Senior NRM Advisor, 0427 750 891.

In the meantime, view the results from the Aussie Bird Count 2025 and download the App ready for the 2026 Bird count. Scan the QR code for more information.

And scan the Scarlet Robin code to watch the video about the threats facing smaller woodland birds.

Images: Scarlet Robin, photo Georgeanna Story and a Speckled warbler

Statewide Feral Pig Survey Now Open

Landholders across New South Wales are being urged to take part in a major statewide survey launching on 1 June, as Local Land Services ramps up efforts to better understand and manage feral pig populations.

The Local Land Services Feral Pig Survey will run from 1-30 June, marking a shift to a single, coordinated survey period.

Local Land Services says the new approach will deliver more consistent and comparable data, helping build a clearer statewide picture of feral pig activity and the effectiveness of control programs.

Feral pigs continue to cause significant agricultural damage, environmental degradation and biosecurity risks across NSW. The survey aims to build a long term dataset that will help LLS:

- track feral pig impacts over time
- assess the success of aerial shooting, baiting and other control measures
- improve cross tenure coordination between landholders, agencies and communities
- prioritise future operational activities in high need areas.
- Local Land Services says strong participation is essential to improving pest management outcomes.

For support or to discuss a control plan, contact your Local Land Services' biosecurity officer on 1300 795 299.



Managing liver fluke

Lou Baskind - Braidwood District Vet

If you live on the Southern Tablelands and run a few cattle, sheep, goats or alpacas, liver fluke may not be on your radar. We find that many smallholders are more familiar with roundworms, but liver fluke follows a different pattern and needs to be managed at specific times of year.

Producers who are aware of the risk will have treated their stock in April or May. If you did not, this is the time to treat.

Liver fluke has a complex life cycle that depends on wet areas and a small freshwater snail. Eggs are shed in dung and hatch when there is enough moisture and temperatures are above about 10°C. These early stages must find a snail within hours. Inside the snail they multiply over one to three months, then emerge in large numbers and attach to pasture as infective cysts.

Animals pick up these cysts while grazing. Immature fluke then migrate through the liver for 6 to 8 weeks, causing damage and

blood loss before maturing and producing eggs that pass out in dung, continuing the cycle.

Once conditions are warm and wet, it takes several months for infection levels to build up. This is why chronic disease is most often seen from autumn into winter, even though the cycle started back in spring.

Wet areas such as springs, creek edges, dam inflows and soggy patches are “flukey” habitat. In the Southern Tablelands, many properties rely on these natural water sources, so full exclusion is not always practical. Where you can, fencing off wet areas will reduce exposure.

Even though it is associated with wet areas, fluke problems can increase in dry periods because animals are drawn to the remaining green feed around these areas. Infective cysts can persist on pasture, so as water recedes these high-risk areas are grazed more heavily.

Clinical signs can be subtle at first, but not always. Animals may show poor condition, reduced



growth or fertility, pale gums or “bottle jaw”. Liver fluke can also contribute to sudden death through black disease, particularly in unvaccinated animals, where liver damage allows clostridial bacteria to cause a fatal infection. Alpacas and llamas can be particularly affected. They tend to show few early signs and have relatively small livers, so disease is often advanced by the time it is noticed.

What to do now

If your animals have been grazing any wet areas over the warmer months and have not yet been

treated:

- Drench now with a product that treats all life stages of liver fluke, such as triclabendazole or certain combination drenches. Many other products offer incomplete treatment because they only kill adult fluke.
- Sheep and goats use an oral drench; cattle can be treated with oral, pour on or injectable products.
- Alpacas require treatment, but there are no registered products, so speak to your veterinarian

about off-label use of sheep drenches.

Most properties in our district will have some level of exposure, so timely treatment with the right product is key to preventing serious disease.

For more information, visit: QR Code

Photo supplied of Liver fluke (adult form)



Fodder budgeting key to smarter grazing

Ross Kuchel, Senior Agricultural Advisor

Fodder budgeting, guided by PROGRAZE principles, is proving to be an essential tool for improving pasture use and livestock productivity. By accurately assessing available feed and aligning it with livestock demand, graziers can make more informed and profitable management decisions.

At the core of PROGRAZE is the ability to estimate pasture quantity and quality. Through developing your visual assessment skills and supporting this with simple measurement techniques via pasture cuts or measurement tools (like plate meters and probes) it is possible to quantify how much feed is on offer in each paddock. This allows for better planning

of grazing rotations and helps ensure animals receive adequate nutrition without damaging pasture condition.

Pasture intake by stock varies widely depending on animal type, size, and physiological stage. For example, a dry sheep typically consumes around 2-3% of its body weight in dry matter per day, while growing lambs or lactating ewes require significantly higher intake to support weight gain and milk production. Similarly, cattle intake ranges from about 2% of body weight for maintenance in dry animals to over 3% for growing or lactating stock. Feed quality also has a significant impact on intake. High quality pastures result in increased intake, whilst conversely, low quality, high fibre pastures limit intake due to the

time taken to digest.

These differences are critical when developing fodder budgets. A mob of weaners, for instance, will place greater demand on pasture than the same number of dry adults due to their higher intake relative to body weight. Lactating animals represent the highest demand, as energy requirements increase substantially during milk production.

Fodder budgeting allows you to plan ahead for seasonal variability. By understanding pasture quality and quantity, monitoring pasture growth rates and feed demand, they can identify potential shortfalls early and respond with strategies such as adjusting stocking rates or introducing supplementary feeding.

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Annual Land & Stock Returns

Matia Bradley - Customer Administration Officer

Your Annual Land and Stock Return (ALSR) help Local Land Services (LLS) protect NSW's primary industries from pests, diseases, and emergencies. It provides an important statewide snapshot of land use and livestock numbers as of 30 June each year.

The Annual Land & Stock returns will be sent out Wednesday 17 June, they will be sent to your registered address with LLS, they ask for details as of 30 June and these MUST be lodged by Monday 31 August.

You can lodge online or by scanning the QR code on your ALSR notice. Or return the paper form to your Local LLS office, or by post.

Why is the ALSR important?

The farm census information you provide is invaluable and allows Local Land Services to:

- quickly and accurately respond to emergency or biosecurity events
- protect our ‘clean and green’ reputation against pests and diseases
- build a statewide picture of agricultural land use and livestock numbers
- monitor flocks and herds for emergency animal diseases
- help keep domestic and international markets open
- keep your property records current.

How to complete the ALSR form

1. Gather and enter your livestock numbers. Count:

- All livestock over 6 months old (for example, cattle, sheep, goats, etc)
- All pigs (any age).
- Poultry, where flocks exceed 100 birds.

IF YOU HAVE NO LIVESTOCK, TICK ‘NO’ AT QUESTION 1 & SUBMIT A NIL RETURN

2. Record your land use details - This includes the hectares allocated to cropping, horticulture, native vegetation, etc.
3. Confirm your Property Identification Code (PIC) - Your ALSR will list the PIC recorded as being allocated to your holding. If the details are incorrect, you can add the PIC you are using.
4. Submit - Review and confirm that the details you have entered are correct. Then submit your online form, or sign and mail your paper form using the reply-paid envelope supplied.

Who needs to lodge a return?

Lodging your annual return is a legal requirement if you:

- Are an occupier of rateable land (10ha & above in the south east region),
- have no livestock, or
- have a PIC allocated to your holding and/or registered brand or earmark.

Have a question about annual land and stock returns? Call 1300 795 299



Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Queanbeyan Multicultural Festival this Saturday!

Join us for the Queanbeyan Multicultural Festival on Saturday 20 June! Enjoy delicious food, live music, and vibrant performances from around the world at Queanbeyan Park.

This family-friendly event runs from 10am to 4pm, with free parking available at Queanbeyan Showground, just a short walk away.

Don't miss this celebration of culture and community!

- For more information about this event, visit www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/QMCF



FREE tradie ute and trailer inspection

Are you a tradie with a ute and trailer? Make sure your ute and trailer are balanced with a free inspection on Saturday 27 June. You need to pack them in your normal travel conditions and bring details about any GVM upgrades and your vehicle owner's manual.

There are limited spaces available from 9am-2pm at Sutton Road Training Centre. Register using the link below and a timeslot will be provided by email.

- Register now at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Events/Tradie-Ute-and-Trailer-check



Return and Earn bin baskets

We have installed 50 Return and Earn bin baskets on public bins to improve public place recycling and keep eligible bottles and cans out of the litter stream and landfill.

The bin baskets are attached to bins in high-traffic areas and allow people to leave their drink containers for someone else to collect.

Residents or community groups can then easily collect the containers from the bin baskets to recycle at a Return and Earn location for the 10c refund.

Have Your Say

Projects & initiatives open for community comment	Closing Date
Public Interest Disclosure Strategic Policy Review	25 June
QPRC Events Policy	25 June
Review of Environmental Factors Determination Policy 2026	8 July
Directional Signage Policy 2026	9 July
Crown Road Management Policy 2026	9 July
Complaint Management Policy 2026	9 July
Data Breach Policy 2026	9 July
Options for honouring Alma	9 July

- 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

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:

- 24 June 2026 (Queanbeyan)
- 8 July 2026 (Queanbeyan)

Written Questions on Notice

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

Work with Council

Current vacancies include:

- Senior Water and Sewer Integrity Officer
- Marketing and Communications Officer
- Waste Administration Officer
- Engagement and Membership Officer
- For more information and roles see bit.ly/QPRC-Careers



Yarn Bombing in Bungendore

Stroll down Ellendon Street and the Village Square in Bungendore to enjoy vibrant yarn displays this winter.

Get involved in the "Longest Scarf Project," a community initiative to create a never-ending scarf! Sit, chat, and add your stitches at one of our yarn stations or during events. At the end of August, all the pieces will be combined, ready to grow even longer next year. Add to the scarf at these yarn stations: Bungendore Library, The Gathering Cafe, Cafe Woodworks, and Southern Harvest Markets.

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

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

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Community News

Queanbeyan Uniting Church Jumble Sale: Sat June 27

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

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

And we go on doing our best to serve

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

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

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

We are open from 9am to 12pm.

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

Photo supplied



National framework to target rising frailty in older Australians

A new framework to prevent and manage frailty in older Australians has been developed in a national project led by University of Queensland researchers.

The Australian Consensus Statements are recommendations designed in consultation with healthcare professionals, older adults with lived experience of frailty, and caregivers across the country.

Dr Sakshi Chopra, of UQ's Frazer Institute, said the framework is an Australian first for preventing and managing frailty, and fills an important gap.

"We have developed 19 consensus statements to guide frailty prevention and management and enhance quality of life for adults over 65 years," Dr Chopra said.

"Our aim is to reduce long-term complications, take pressure off the health system and offer practical recommendations to support healthcare professionals in delivering consistent and proactive care.

"By raising awareness and providing guidance to healthcare practices, we hope the framework will empower healthcare professionals and the public to recognise early signs and take action.

"We want to ensure people living with severe frailty continue to be valued and receive appropriate, person-centred care."

The framework was commissioned by the Queensland Health Reform Office in partnership with the Australian Frailty Network.

It was developed and endorsed by 77 healthcare experts and 6 consumers with lived experience, focussing on 6 key pillars - health promotion and screening, nutrition, exercise, social activities, medicine optimisation, and management of severe frailty.

Frailty is a complex clinical syndrome characterised by a decline in a person's cognitive and physical function and a reduced ability to recover from stresses such as illnesses or injuries.

While many people remain healthy as they age, more than 20 per cent of Australians aged over 65 are estimated to be affected by frailty - which can lead to falls, hospitalisation, worsening mobility and death.

Professor Ruth Hubbard, a geriatrician and director of UQ's Australian Frailty Network said older people make significant economic, cultural and familial contributions to societies.

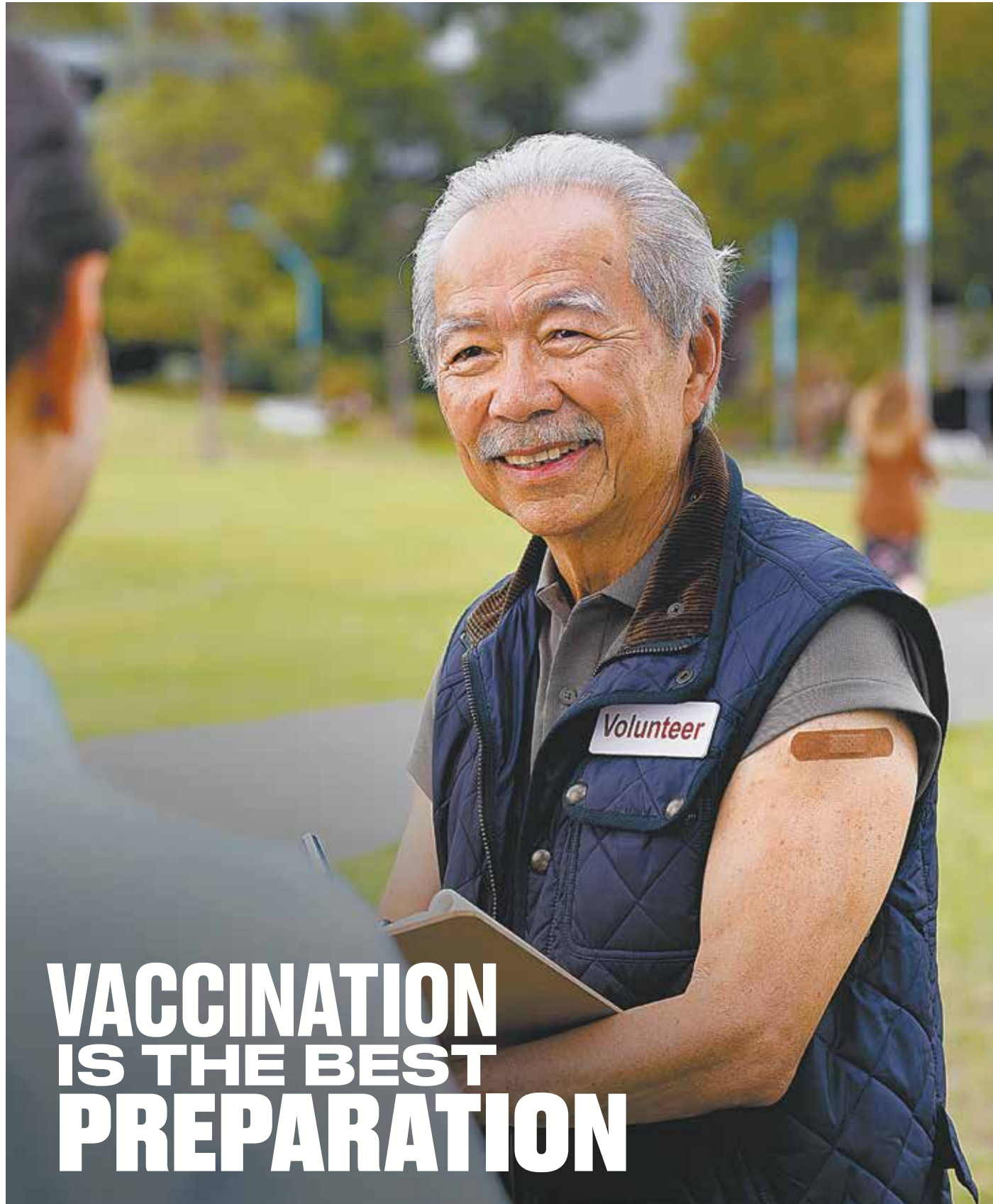
"In order to optimise the health and quality of life of older people, it is important for frailty to be prevented and, if it does occur, for it to be managed appropriately," Professor Hubbard said.

"Evidence supports the effectiveness of multicomponent interventions, and our 19 consensus statements are guided by the 6 pillars to improve health outcomes for adults across the spectrum of health - from robust to severely frail."

Dr Chopra said the framework outlines practical recommendations for clinicians, such as raising awareness of frailty, personalised counselling on health behaviours, supporting adequate protein intake, structured exercise, meaningful social engagement and tailored care plans.

"We have further categorised the pillars to support the management of mild, moderate and severe frailty - something that has not been attempted before," she said.

"We want everyone to take a lifelong approach to frailty prevention, and these pillars can be applied to people of all ages."



VACCINATION IS THE BEST PREPARATION

Influenza, COVID-19 and RSV viruses are always changing, and the risk of serious illness goes up if you're over 65. By vaccinating regularly, you can protect yourself before a new strain goes around.

Speak to your health professional and book your vaccinations today or visit health.gov.au/winter-vaccinations



Australian Government

BRAIN TRAINING

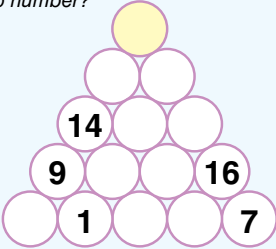
Welcome to a puzzle fitness workout aimed at improving your brain power. Boost your mental agility with a session every day in the Mental Gym. Record the time you take to complete each puzzle and you can keep track of your ever increasing mental strength.

Step Riddle

My first is in SURF but isn't in WAVE,
My second's in CAVERN and also in CAVE.
My third's found in CARGO but never in FREIGHT,
My fourth's found in TARDY and also in LATE.
My fifth isn't in CIRCUS but is found in CLOWN,
My sixth's never in TAN but is found in BROWN.
My last is in HYMN but isn't in CHANT,
My whole is a production plant!

Add Up

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



Blind Spot

Which of the six fragments has been ripped from the roller blind?



Quick Time Crossword

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- Across
- 1 Decisive moment (6)
7 Company of lions (5)
8 Italian city (6)
9 Prescribed meals (5)
12 Cried, as a cat (5)
13 Merry frolic (5)
14 Brittle (5)
17 Detective (6)
18 Oozes out (5)
19 Sampled (6)
- Down
- 2 Small, agile deer (7)
3 Arachnids (7)
4 Hurried (4)
5 Hoar frost (4)
6 Insects (4)
10 Affect deeply (7)
11 Table support (7)
14 Members of a play (4)
15 Decorated, as a cake (4)
16 It's used to attract attention (4)

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.

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Crossword

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Target Time

Target: Average - 18, Good - 13, Excellent - 16+

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.

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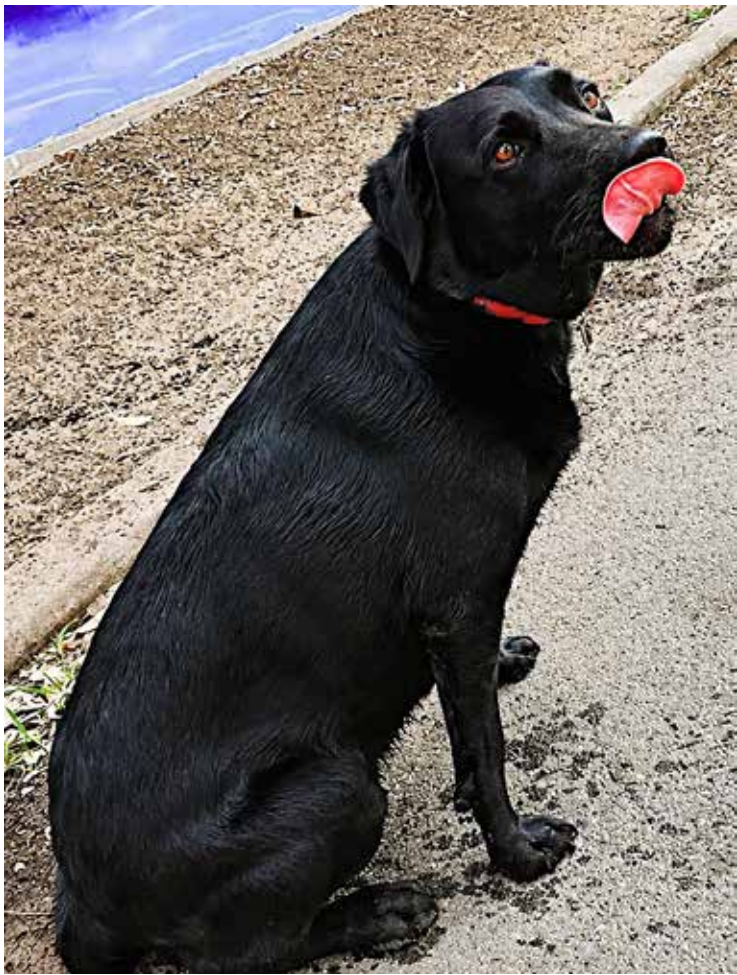
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- 1 Long pants
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13 Plant framework
14 Arabian gazelle
15 Introverted
16 Go away (coll) (5,3)
18 Final climactic stage
19 Judaic
21 Drag along
24 Song
26 Understand
28 Sieve
30 Polynesian drink
31 Declare untrue
33 Yields
34 Optic
35 Append
36 Methods
37 Rank
38 Cotton or linen fibres
- 39 Teasing desire
41 Rain hard
44 Kills by violence
46 Decent
48 Illegal delivery (2,4)
50 Police force
52 Licensed
54 Pick up
55 Discharging
56 Join
57 Ownership
58 Dampened
- Down
- 1 Reversion to ancestral type
2 Study of birds
3 Braces
4 Indonesian money
6 Circular toy, hula
7 Garbage
8 Public "art"
- 9 US state
10 Obliginglly
11 Edging
17 Metal
20 Cuban capital
22 Spokes
23 Sees
25 Float
27 Thin, fine (of hair)
28 Market
29 Wigwam
32 Surrender of a fugitive
36 After-dinner activity (7-2)
40 Vacationed
42 Disaffect
43 Lacking vitality
45 Suitability
47 Watery
49 Circular bracelet
51 Bowling stints
53 Modern form of jujitsu

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Guide Dog Greta enjoying CWA's birthday celebrations

PET OF THE WEEK



Name: Fisher
Age: 12
Favourite Hobby: Stealing food with ninja-level stealth and doing high-speed zoomies that defy her age.
Dislikes: Vacuum cleaners (obviously evil) and the postman (suspicious daily visitor).
Claim to Fame: Successfully stole the family's Christmas croissants two years in a row and remains proudly undefeated. Widely regarded as the happiest dog in our family.

Bungendore CWA Celebrates 87 Years

Members of the Bungendore Branch of the Country Women's Association (CWA) of NSW celebrated the branch's 87th birthday on Wednesday, 10 June, with a fun lunch at the Royal Hotel.

Some dressed in their finest, members enjoyed an afternoon of friendship, laughter and reminiscing as stories of the branch's history and the Bungendore district were shared between newer and long-serving members.

The celebration was also an opportunity to acknowledge the dedication of the many women who have contributed to the branch over the decades.

"We thank all our members, past and present, for their continued hard work in supporting the aims of the Country Women's Association of NSW," the branch said.

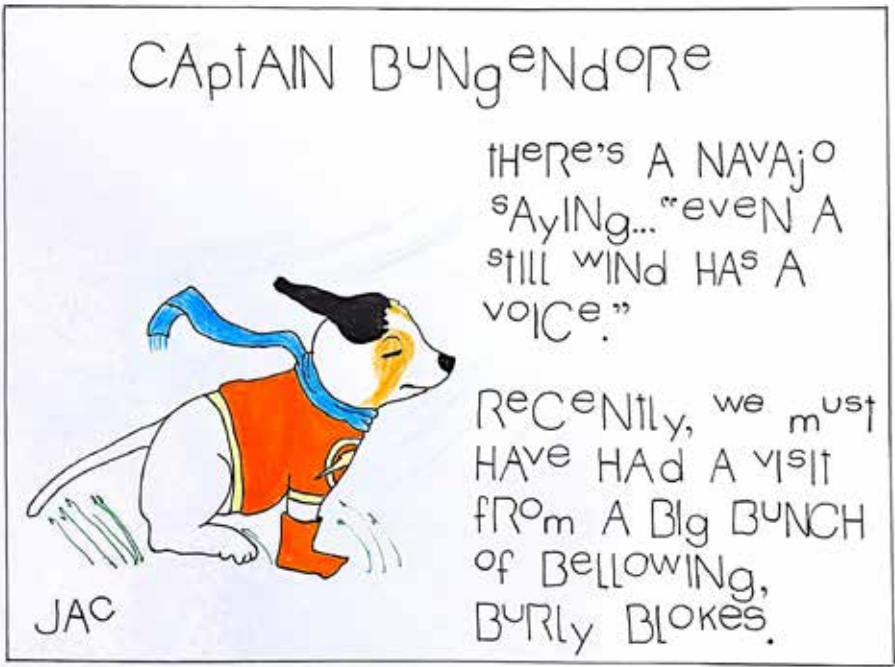
The Bungendore Branch was established in 1939 and quickly became an important part of community life. Historical records show that 24 women joined the branch in its first year, with membership growing to 42 by 1940.

Today, the branch continues to thrive with approximately 60 financial members.

Among those recognised at the celebration was Avril, the branch's longest continuously serving member. Avril joined the Bungendore CWA in 1995 and has been a dedicated member for more than 30 years.

For 87 years, the Bungendore CWA has provided friendship, support and service to the local community, and remains an active and valued organisation in the district.

Below: some of the members enjoying lunch



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

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

Only your name and suburb will be printed.

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Public Notices

NOTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION OF ABORIGINAL INTERESTS

Biosis is undertaking an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment, and possible test excavations, for the Magpie Hill Solar Farm located approximately 6 kilometres southwest of Tarago and 17 kilometres northeast of Bungendore, within the Queanbeyan-Palerang and Goulburn-Mulwaree Local Government Areas, NSW (the Project) on behalf of Mint Renewables (magpiehillsolarfarm@mintrenewables.com).

The Project is to be assessed as a State Significant Development under Part 4.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. In accordance with the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010 (DECCW 2010), Biosis invites Aboriginal people who hold cultural knowledge in determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places in the vicinity of the above area to register their interest in a process of community consultation.

The purpose of Aboriginal community consultation is to provide sufficient information for the assessment of Aboriginal cultural heritage values, and to assist the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure in their consideration and determination of the application.

For more information or to register an interest in this project, please contact Anthea Vella (avella@biosis.com.au, Unit 1/89 Batt Street, Jamisontown NSW 2750, (02) 9101 8700).

Please note that the name of each group that registers for consultation on this project will be provided to Heritage NSW, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water and the Local Aboriginal Land Council unless the group specifies that they do not want their details released.

REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE 5pm Wednesday 1 July 2026



From 1 January 2027. Every sheep. Every goat.

All sheep and goats in NSW need an NLIS approved eID tag before leaving any property.

For more information scan the QR code or visit your Local Land Services office.



Mayor's Column

Council will be delivering a new 1.5-metre-wide concrete footpath on Butmaroo Street, Bungendore. Works are scheduled to begin on Friday 19 June and will take around two weeks to complete, weather pending.

The project was identified following community feedback at the Bungendore Community Meeting on 19 November 2025, where improving pedestrian access and safety along Butmaroo Street was highlighted as a priority. The footpath will be constructed on the eastern side of Butmaroo Street, opposite the service station. This alignment provides a safe and accessible route for pedestrians. You can find more details about the project at qprc.nsw.gov.au/Major-Works-Projects-in-progress

At the 10 June meeting, Council approved up to an additional \$3,250,000 to address the Monaro Street Refresh stormwater issue. It was discovered that a major stormwater main is not located where we had anticipated and unfortunately it is much closer to the surface than we had hoped. This means contractors will have to reline the existing 1800mm diameter pipe and replace the culvert through the Lowe Street intersection to make Monaro Street suitable for heavy vehicles. This option involves the least delay to the project and the community, at an estimated 8 weeks. This option will also allow Dale and Hitchcock to continue works on the site between Lowe Street and Crawford Street. We will seek NSW Government funding for the additional funding in lieu of increased loan funding. We will also receive a further report on the process to remove heavy vehicles from Monaro Street.

Following community consultation, Council voted to increase the opening hours for the Bungendore Resource Recovery Facility and the Bungendore Buy Back Centre. The Bungendore Resource Recovery Facility will soon be open for an additional 25 hours a week and will only be closed on Wednesday. The Bungendore Buy Back Centre will soon be open on both Monday and Saturday, adding 11 hours of new open hours a week. More details on the new opening hours can be found at qprc.nsw.gov.au

Join us for the Queanbeyan Multicultural Festival on this Saturday 20 June! Enjoy delicious food, live music, and vibrant performances from around the world at Queanbeyan Park. This family-friendly event runs from 10am to 4pm, with free parking available at Queanbeyan Showground, just a short walk away. Don't miss this celebration of culture and community! as this is one of our busiest events, please leave your pets at home, unless they are a service or assistance animal.

Cr Kenrick Winchester, Mayor

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Tarago Area Women's Shed Inc (TAWs) will be holding their AGM on Sunday 19 July 2026 at 2pm.

Venue Tarago District Men's Shed. Please RSVP. Taragoarea.womensshed@gmail.com



Tech Help at the Queanbeyan Library! drop in with your smart phone, tablet or computer and have your questions answered.

Pickleball in Bungendore: Saturday mornings

Bungendore Park Tennis Club is now running an open social session on every Saturday between 9 and 11am at the courts (weather permitting).

All abilities are welcome and we have several good paddles (bats) available for those that don't have their own.

Contact Lyn for more information at bptc.pickleball@gmail.com

Bungendore Show Society

Bungendore Show Society needs a new president and a new chief pavilion steward for Bungendore Show in October 2026

We need the community's help and volunteers to make the 2026 Bungendore Show to be held in October a reality.

Our current president is retiring, and we need a new president to step up to guide our 2026 show. We also need a chief pavilion steward. These are big jobs, but we have people to assist and support you if you volunteer.

We have run two successful shows (2024 and 2025) and we would like to continue the long tradition of the Bungendore Show, but we need people to step up and help.

If you are interested in either of these positions, or can help in any other way please contact me Alison Mckenzie on 0459 688 000 or alison.mckenzie@bigpond.com

Queanbeyan Community Choir

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

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

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

Afternoon tea supplied. New members welcomed. For further enquiries email: ayrows@bigpond.com

Lodge of Truth, Braidwood MONSTER FIREWOOD RAFFLE and AUCTION

SATURDAY 27th JUNE 2026

Tickets on sale outside Braidwood Newsagency, Bakery and IGA. 8:30 am - 12 noon, \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Raffle drawn at the bottom of Wallace St, Braidwood (Next to Westside Petroleum, BRAG) starting from 12:30 pm. Followed by more trailer/ute loads of firewood to be auctioned. All proceeds go to local charities

Enquiries to: Phil Shoemark (0427 422 046)

Bungendore Community CHRISTMAS IN JULY Market

Saturday, 18th of July | 9am - 1pm

Phillips Street Anglican Church, Bungendore

Handmade Crafts, Local Goods & Festive Fun!

Quick Time Crossword: edition 461, 3rd June

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Target Time

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Brain Training

RIDDLE: The word is: FACTORY

ADD UP: 79

BLIND SPOT: Fragment 4

Puzzle Solutions

Sudoku

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Quick Time Crossword

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Crossword

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Classifieds

Local Markets

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

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

the market @ bungendore
10am-3pm, Bungendore Memorial Hall. Note: Every 2nd SUNDAY of every EVEN month. www.themarketatbungendore.com

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

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

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

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

BUNGENDORE WAR MEMORIAL HALL

If you are looking for a venue for a party or another event then check out the Hall. We have plenty of tables and chairs, a well equipped kitchen and our rates are very reasonable. Please contact Jill on 6238 1470 for bookings.

BUNGENDORE SENIORS

Next get together will be Friday 19 June, at the Bungendore Sports Hub amenities building \$5.00 per person. ALL OVER 55's WELCOME

OPENING TIMES WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS

Bungendore waste transfer station:

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

Bywong waste transfer station:

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

Captains Flat waste transfer station:

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

Braidwood waste transfer station

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

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VINTAGE & RETRO

Vintage and retro secondhand shop open Friday, Saturday and Sunday - 10.00 am to 4.30 pm. EOFY sale starts 19th June till end of the month
ART BY ANDERS 144 Uriarra Rd Crestwood Queanbeyan.



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

When: Thursday 25th June 2026 10:00am to 1:30pm

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Times: Between 9:30am to 1pm

Appointments are essential - please call 1800 229 529

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

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

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www.petrescue.com.au/listings/1165815



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www.petrescue.com.au/listings/1172442



AMBER (F) Amer Staffy. Approx 3 yrs
www.petrescue.com.au/listings/1182622



INDI (F) Boxer mix. Approx 2 yrs
www.petrescue.com.au/listings/1177314



BUCK (M) Fox Terrier mix (wire). Approx 8 yrs
www.petrescue.com.au/listings/1177813



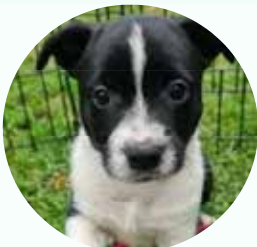
RODNEY (M) Kelpie. Approx 2 yrs
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CLYDE (M) Pointer. Approx 2 yrs
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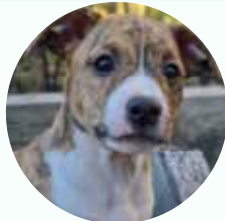
SAM (M) Border Collie/Koolie mix. Approx 8 mths
www.petrescue.com.au/listings/1197779



LEROY (M) Amer Staffy mix. Approx 8 wks
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CJ (M) Amer Staffy mix. Approx 8 wks
www.petrescue.com.au/listings/1197163



DAISY (F) Amer Staffy mix. Approx 8 wks
www.petrescue.com.au/listings/1197166



HOLLY (F) Amer Staffy mix. Approx 8 wks
www.petrescue.com.au/listings/1197170



IVY (F) Amer Staffy mix. Approx 8 wks
www.petrescue.com.au/listings/1197174



JENSON (M) Amer Staffy mix. Approx 8 wks
www.petrescue.com.au/listings/1197180



FERN (F) Amer Staffy mix. Approx 8 wks
www.petrescue.com.au/listings/1197178



OSLOW (M) Amer Staffy mix. Approx 8 wks
www.petrescue.com.au/listings/1197179

The Goulburn Mulwaree Animal Shelter is open Monday to Friday 10.00am till 2.00pm or via appointment.



RUNE (M) DSH. Approx 12wks
www.petrescue.com.au/listings/1197735



DONATELLO (M) DSH. Approx 5 mths
www.petrescue.com.au/listings/1186384



PEACH (F) DSH. Approx 15 wks
www.petrescue.com.au/listings/1192852



SALTON (M) DSH. Approx 12 wks
www.petrescue.com.au/listings/1197733

To see more photos & read more details about each animal go to Pet Rescue: www.petrescue.com.au/groups/11042/Goulburn-Mulwaree-Council.

Info on how to adopt from the Shelter is also available at this link.



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Sport

Wamboin Golf - June 2026

Sunday, 7 June. A crisp and sunny Winter's day which grew sharp and bitey towards the end. Play, a handicap competition, was sponsored by the Urquhart/Crafter consortium whom we thank for the refreshments and prizes. Rubbing their chilblains, players took to the course.

Back in Lofty's warm lair we scanned the planet. Dr Jim may have a PhD in fairy floss but he's not a fool. So why did he introduce major changes to long-standing, hitherto bipartisan tax policy in a budget? Because the Government wanted the lolly ASAP to pay for the spending they don't want to cut. Jim made sure it had everything: broken promises; tax deductions for some; tax increases for others; slashing of red tape; housing and health costs for the whipper-snappers underwritten by the wrinklies and on it went. If you want to make radical changes to taxation there are two rules: 1. don't do it before an election because you'll lose seats and possibly the election; 2. do it after the election and grandfather the changes. The future of parliamentary democracy depends on our not asking too much of it. I fear that we are, and the civil authority must have the courage to tell us where to get off. Like, not compensating us for the costs of living.

And what about the Farrer by-election? Eine Volk finally has won a seat in the Reps. It's a shame you have to vote for a rabble to register a protest but don't forget that we blame disaffected

Americans for Trump. The Four Horsemen of the Acropolis are coming for the Coalition because of their blind indifference to women, climate and the owners of Australia's mineral wealth i.e. the citizens. Had they supported Malcolm Turnbull, they might still be a credible political force. Anguish has said some good things about migration and tax brackets but he and his mate Matt Jayco, I mean Caravan, have been leaning on their shovels. It's not often I take issue with my old pal John Milton but his words "They also serve who only stand and wait" do not include the people we elect to steer the course of the polity.

The justice system looks like becoming as cock-eyed as everything else. The Appeals Court in the Tickle and Giggle case has decided that a women's group must compensate, for excluding her from their meetings, a trans woman who has had - wait for it - 'gender affirming surgery'. It makes you want to wince and cross your legs. The chairman of the NACC has had the good sense to resign. It will be interesting to see who is anointed as his replacement. We are tiring of the Donald's daily ever-shifting story about the Middle East. Your correspondent's boss, SB-J, sent me to the ME to find out what's really going on. My expense account is pretty tight so I hitched a ride with the Gaza Sumud Flotilla but the IDF caught us. It was pretty tense for a while until it was obvious they meant us



no harm, handed out beer and kosher food and put us safely ashore - in Eritrea. Watch for the new reality TV show 'Isis Bride Wants a Husband'. Some people are shocked that we're going to refurb the Collins class subs for \$11Bn. After all, eleven isn't that many billions of dollars, is it? More disturbing is that we're getting old Orcas, not new ones. We should opt for those baby Orcas that don't need a crew.

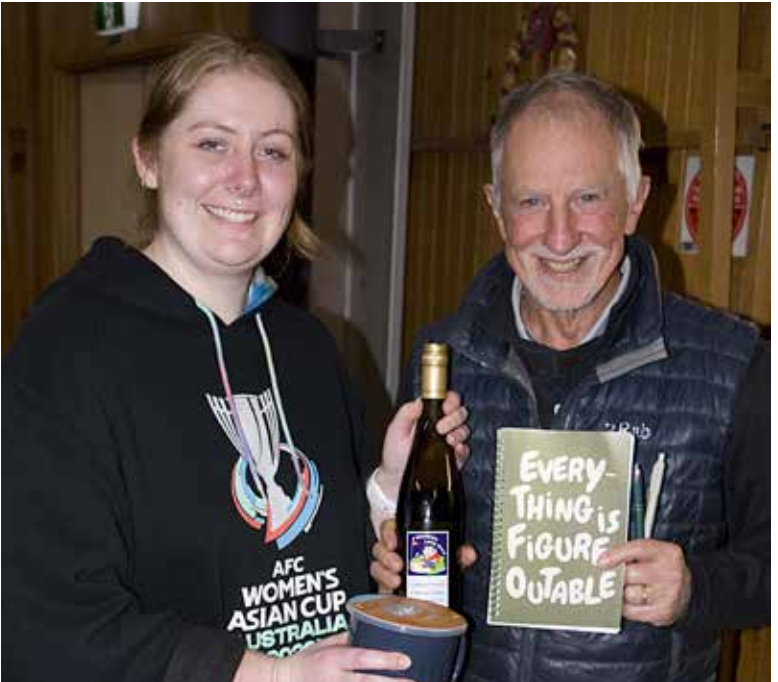
After struggling with Sums 1.0 the Captain rattled the cage to gain our attention. He welcomed our Mexican visitors, Al and Conchita Mundial, and old favourites Terry Cotter and Liberty Belle. Ted's Joke featured speaking parts for a sand wedge, 9 iron, 3 club and driver. The googly ball went to

Vicki Still for carelessly losing seven balls, five in Frances' dam and two at Masons. She cleverly avoided the dummy spit award by waiting until the 19th to assert that Tim Barter had "whinged all the way round" (a claim Tim appeared to accept). Instead it went to Col Urquhart for complaining about his handicap. For the avoidance of doubt, he didn't say it was too low. It was then passed to Rob Gorham for old times' sake and for bitching that the felled pines on Pine Slice hadn't helped him find the green. NTP and LD ball winners were Craig Purdam 3, Ken Gordon, David Bailey, Paul Griffin, Glenn Crafter and Stephen Miners. Vicki Still won the meat tray raffle. Winner of the nine hole comp was

Craig Purdam 39/26 (say a fond farewell to that handicap, Craig). Runner-up was Ken Gordon 38/34 from Robert Gorham 46/36. Winner of the 18 hole comp was Tim Barter 74/64 from Andrew Huggett 83/65 and David Bailey 88/67.

Next month - July to be precise - we contest the GST Pennant when abominable things are done to your Business Activity Statement (handicap). Join us at the Hall at 12.15pm on Sunday, 5 July for the 12.30pm shotgun start. Meanwhile, RIP Neale Daniher and Richard Scolyer. They fought the good fight. They kept the faith.

Larry King, golfer
Photos: Pete Harrison



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Bungendore Swimming Club wrapped up its 2025-2026 season in May with a vibrant trophy presentation night, proudly supported by Community Bank Bungendore. The club celebrated a record year, with more than 120 swimmers taking part across the season.

This year also saw the successful introduction of a new app to manage

weekly swims, streamlining administration and helping events run more efficiently. The club extended its thanks to the many volunteers and families who embraced the new system and kept race days running smoothly.

A heartfelt acknowledgement was given to the dedicated BSC committee and support team, who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the club remains a welcoming, well-run and community-minded organisation. Their ongoing commitment is central to

creating such a positive environment for local families.

Special thanks also went to the club's older swimmers, whose encouragement and leadership inspired the creation of a new category—the "Super Frogs", recognising senior members who support and mentor younger swimmers.

The night's major honours went to Henry, winner of the boys' category, and Hattie, winner of the girls' category and the overall highest point



scorer for the season. The club hopes everyone enjoyed the celebration and looks forward to welcoming swimmers and families back for an even bigger 2026-2027 season. Photo supplied

Sport

Bungendore Mudchicks vs Cooma Red Devils - Sponsors Day

Bungendore Mudchicks

The Bungendore Mudchicks welcomed the Cooma Red Devils to Bungendore this weekend for our annual Sponsors Day clash.

Cooma proved to be a strong side, just as expected, bringing plenty of intensity from the opening whistle. Despite the challenge, the Mudchicks showed tremendous grit and determination, defending strongly throughout the entire match and never

taking a backward step.

Taryn Robson and Chemain Hansen worked tirelessly all game, leading by example with their effort and commitment around the paddock.

Tia Baxter and Shannon McAlister were outstanding, putting in massive performances with strong carries and fearless tackling that kept the Mudchicks in the contest from start to finish.

One of our rookies, Georgia

Russell, continues to grow in confidence each week and really came out of her shell this weekend, showcasing both her skills and impressive understanding of the game.

It was also fantastic to welcome Amanda Kay back to the side. Amanda made her presence felt immediately, showing her strength and determination in the rucks and reminding everyone just how important she is to our team.



A huge thank you goes out to all of our sponsors. Your support is the reason we are able to take the paddock every week, and we are incredibly grateful for everything you do for our

club.
Points this week: 1 Point - Tia Baxter 2 Points - Shannon McAlister 3 Points - Chemain Hansen
Coaches' Awards: Tia Baxter

& Georgia Russell
Pick: Amanda Kay
Up the Chicks!
Photos: Rose Sports Media

Mudchicks Bounce Back

Stewart Wilson

The Bungendore Mudchicks rugby team responded to its previous game defeat by ADFA with what was eventually a strong 52-12 win over the Cooma Red Devils at the Bungendore Sports Hub on 13 June. The win leaves the team on top of the competition table.
It was a big day for the club which hosted its annual Sponsors' Day event, where the individuals and

companies who support the Mudchicks and Mudchicks are thanked for their hugely appreciated efforts.
Player jerseys created especially for the occasion were auctioned off after the game, the proceeds going to the club's injured players fund and the Black Dog Foundation, a very worthy cause.
The first half of the match was a little strange because neither team really got

properly going for much of it - there was little flow to it despite no lack of effort from both sets of players. A positive for the Mudchicks was their scrum, which dominated from the start and remained that way throughout.
The Mudchicks scored first after five minutes, a spectacular long range try to very fast winger Jy Clarke who has made a welcome return to the team after a couple of years away.



The try wasn't converted and it was the Red Devils who scored the next two, one of them converted to make it 12-5 in their favour as the half wore on, neither team looking to have any noticeable advantage over the other.
Things began to turn the Mudchicks' way later in the first 40 when tries to flyhalf Kyle Shand another to Jy Clarke started to get the ball rolling for the locals. Both were converted by Tom Worman to make it 19-12 at the break.

The second half was all Mudchicks, the team playing some very good rugby and racking up 33 unanswered points to complete what had turned into a dominant display.
The Chooks scored five tries in the second 40, all by forwards - a double to Jye Russell (who is turning into a bit of a try scoring machine this season!), a double also to Geeps Pretorius and one to Jacob Cullen. Tom Worman converted four of them, giving him six for the game.

Player awards and their sponsors for the Cooma game were:
Best and Fairest: Jye Russell (3 points), Jy Clarke (2 points), Brent Williams (1 point).
Players' Player: Luke Gorman.
Coach's Award: Toby Campbell.
Chicks' Pick: Kyle Shand.
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