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## Hoskingtown/Rossi Brigade celebrates 80 years of service to community



The Hoskingtown-Rossi Rural Fire Brigade recently celebrated their 80th Birthday at the Hoskingtown War Memorial Hall. A big milestone for a little Brigade that supports the communities of Hoskingtown, Forbes Creek, Rossi as well as further afield. After an introduction

by the Brigade President, Neil Hadley and Senior Deputy Andrew Hedley we had speeches by the Member for Monaro, Steve Whan, MLC Nichole Overall and RFS Lake George Superintendent, Paul Jones. All spoke of the valuable job done by volunteer Brigade

members and their importance to their communities. They also spoke of the importance of families in supporting our volunteer firefighters.

Richard Begbie, Max Dumbrell, Ray Eldridge and Andrew Hedley

all spoke about the history of the Brigade. As long time members they told many stories about the old equipment and especially the old trucks and their misadventures. For a small Brigade they have certainly been to a lot of fires, accidents and more.

There was a special life membership presentation to Andrew Hedley and Geoff McKergow who have been valued members for 28 years.

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# From Your Local Captains: Fire season preparation starts before October

**A message from the Captains of Boro/Mt Fairy, Bungendore, Hoskinstown-Rossi, Mulloon, and Wamboin Rural Fire Brigades**

Every August, while we're still pulling on another jumper, we keep half an eye on what's happening on the other side of the world.

Firefighters across the northern hemisphere are in the thick of their summer, and this year has again brought significant fires in Canada and parts of Europe.

Their season doesn't predict ours, but it does provide a timely reminder: the best time to prepare for a bad fire day is well before there's smoke in the air.

Across our five local brigades – Bungendore, Wamboin, Mulloon, Boro/Mt Fairy and Hoskinstown-Rossi – that preparation is already underway.

Behind the station doors, our volunteers are checking trucks and equipment, refreshing skills and training together. We regularly train and respond across brigade boundaries because when things get busy, we don't operate as five separate brigades. We work as one team.

We'd like our communities to get

ready alongside us.

None of us knows exactly what this fire season will bring. Preparing early doesn't mean expecting the worst. We'd simply rather prepare for a difficult season that never arrives than find ourselves wishing we'd done more when it does.

The Bush Fire Danger Period is currently scheduled to begin on 1 October, but preparation doesn't need to wait until then.

Take a walk around your property with fresh eyes. Are the gutters clear? Is there long grass, fallen branches or other combustible materials close to buildings? Could a fire truck get through your gate and safely turn around? Is your water supply accessible? And most importantly, does everyone in your household know what they'll do if there's a fire?

If you haven't already, download the Hazards Near Me NSW app and set up watch zones around your home, workplace and other places important to you. Don't wait until there's smoke nearby to work out where to find reliable information.

Preparation doesn't stop at the front gate

There's something else we'd like our communities to think about this year: your neighbours.

Whether you live in a village, on a few acres or further out on a rural property, knowing the people around you can make a real difference.

Who might need a hand? Who works away? Who has animals to move? Where are the water supplies? Are there access issues? Is there only one road in and out?

You don't need a formal committee, matching clipboards or a three-hour meeting. Sometimes being better prepared starts with a few neighbours having a conversation at the end of a driveway.

This spring, our brigades would like to encourage more of those conversations through Street Meets.

Get a few neighbours together and talk to your local brigade. Where possible, we can come along and talk about access, vegetation, water supplies and what a bad fire day could realistically mean in your particular area.

It's not about frightening people or



inspecting backyards. It's about having useful conversations before we need to have urgent ones.

Over the coming months, we'll use this column to share what's happening across our local brigades, introduce some of the volunteers behind the big red trucks, explain a little more about how we prepare and respond, and help our communities head into summer better prepared.

Because preparation is something all of us can contribute to.

A prepared household helps. A prepared street helps even more. A prepared community can make an enormous difference.

From your local Captains:

Noel - Boro/Mt Fairy Rural Fire Brigade

Sandi - Bungendore Rural Fire Brigade

Andrew - Hoskinstown-Rossi Rural Fire Brigade

Mark - Mulloon Rural Fire Brigade

Matt - Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade

# From your Federal MP

As we head into spring, I'm encouraging everyone across Eden-Monaro to start preparing for the upcoming bushfire season.

The latest Seasonal Bushfire Outlook, released by the Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council (AFAC), identifies an increased bushfire risk across parts of southeastern New South Wales. Following below-average rainfall and warmer conditions, much of the state is entering spring drier than usual.

Our communities know all too well the impact bushfires can have. Having experienced major fires and floods in recent years, many local families will understandably be concerned as temperatures begin to rise.

While governments and emergency services are preparing for the season ahead, there are practical steps we can all take now. I encourage everyone to review their Bush Fire Survival Plan, understand the risks in their local area, and check in with family, friends and neighbours to ensure they have a plan too.

To help communities get ready, the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) is holding *Get Ready Weekend* events across the state. These free events provide practical advice, information about local bushfire risks, and simple actions you can take to better protect your home and family. You can find an event near you at: [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/get-ready-weekend-2026](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/get-ready-weekend-2026)

I also want to thank our emergency services personnel, volunteers and support agencies, whose professionalism and dedication will once again be critical in keeping our communities safe.

## It's also tax season - need help with your tax return?

My office has joined a network of Tax Help Centres, where ATO-trained volunteers can assist eligible community members earning \$70,000 or less per year.

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- Set up myGov and link it to the ATO
- Lodge your tax return
- Claim a refund of franking credits
- Lodge an amendment or non-lodgment advice



Sessions are free, confidential and bookings are essential. To make an appointment, call my office on 02 6284 2442.

If I can assist with any other federal matter, please get in touch at [Kristy.McBain.MP@aph.gov.au](mailto:Kristy.McBain.MP@aph.gov.au).

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The Legacy badge is a special emblem of support for our veterans' families, symbolising our nation's greatest values of mateship, compassion and fairness.

Legacy badges may be little but the funds they raise make a big impact in the lives of our veterans' families.

Legacy Week is a time to give back to the families of those who have given so much.

Donate - Every contribution helps. You can donate online at [legacy.com.au/donate](https://legacy.com.au/donate) or by purchasing a badge or bear from one of our volunteers in all major local shopping centres.

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Community Bank Braidwood & Bungendore welcomes Jack Agland as Senior Branch Manager

Community Banks Braidwood and Bungendore are pleased to announce the appointment of Jack Agland as its new Senior Branch Manager.

Jack brings more than 10 years' experience in banking and financial services, with a strong background in retail banking, together with a strong commitment to supporting regional customers, businesses and communities.

Born and raised in Orange, Jack has lived in several cities but says regional communities have always felt most like home. He is looking forward to becoming involved in both Braidwood and Bungendore and building strong relationships with local customers, businesses and community organisations.

"I'm excited to get involved in working with both branches and really getting to know the communities and people across Braidwood and Bungendore," Jack said.

"There's nothing better than watching a local business grow and seeing our customers build and protect their wealth, all while giving back to the community."

Jack said the community banking model and its direct local impact were key reasons he was



attracted to the role. "I've seen firsthand what it means when profits go back into the towns that generate them. I'm proud to be joining an organisation that has returned more than \$12 million to its local communities."

Jack is encouraging existing and prospective customers to visit either branch and introduce themselves. "Whether you've banked with us for years or you're new to the area, my door is always open. Community banking only works because of the community

backing it, and I don't take that for granted."

Outside work, Jack enjoys playing basketball, going to the gym and following the rugby league.

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Ordinary women. Extraordinary chaos. Bombshells comes to The Q

Presented by Echo Theatre and Arts on Tour, Bombshells brings five women, five very different lives and plenty of extraordinary chaos to The Q - Queanbeyan Performing Arts Centre at the end of August.

With singing, dancing, comedy and moments of raw honesty, Bombshells moves from crisis to hilarity through five powerful and deeply human stories, exploring the pressures, expectations and contradictions of modern womanhood.

Written by acclaimed Australian playwright Joanna Murray-Smith, the play steps into the lives of an exhausted young mother, a nervous bride-to-be, a widow yearning for the unexpected,

a broken-hearted cactus lover and a feisty teenage talent-quest competitor.

At times hilarious and at others raw and poignant, their stories invite audiences to laugh, reflect and perhaps recognise a little of themselves, or the women in their own lives, along the way.

Through five distinct monologues, Bombshells explores everything from the guilt, fear and exhaustion of parenting to loneliness, relationships and the expectations women navigate at different stages of life. It strips back the masks we wear to reveal the thoughts we might usually keep to ourselves, while celebrating resilience, strength and the desire to be

seen and heard.

Director Jordan Best said the production is ultimately about uncovering the remarkable stories that can sit within seemingly ordinary lives.

“This is a play about finding the extraordinary in the ordinary, about resilience and persistence, about the strength and tenacity of women at every stage of our lives, exposing humanity at its most vulnerable moments,” Best said.

Following Echo Theatre’s acclaimed 2024 production, Bombshells returns to the region for a limited season at The Q from 27-29 August.

**Tickets are available at theq.net.au.**

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Residents despair over proposed Dunns Creek Road

**Debbie Evans**

Impassioned pleas and tears filled the Chamber as a sense of possible impending loss shaped discussion of Dunns Creek Road development options during Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council’s open forum at its August 12 meeting.

The proposed road would link Googong’s growing population with the ACT.

Five residents addressed the open forum, urging the council to consider how some proposed routes would put their properties and others in the path of Dunns Creek Road construction, requiring full or partial acquisitions.

The council also received 13 written submissions opposing several options in Stantec’s 2026 Dunns Creek Road Options Review.

The Stantec report said some proposed routes raised “significant and real concern” about the disruption to residents who had built homes, planted trees, created thriving native habitats and become part of the community.

“Whilst the impact on buildings, properties and

dwellings is noted; the full cost of land acquisitions, the impact on the health and wellbeing of families who have lived in the area for 30, 20 or 10 years, cannot be underestimated. The social impact cost, land acquisition and legal expenses have not been included in the report.

The council considered a report introducing the Options Review. It said Dunns Creek Road had been investigated intermittently since 2007 and that, following strong community support, the council selected Option 5 as its preferred route in 2015. The route would run from the Googong Road-Old Cooma Road intersection to Sheppard Street in Hume, ACT, before joining the Monaro Highway.

However, when Stantec was engaged to advance the project, it reassessed Option 5, and the earlier Option 1B, plus several new routes between Holcim Quarry and Fernleigh Park to improve the road’s geometric design.

The report stated “As this work expanded to identify constraints to the design, it was identified that biodiversity stewardship sites had been registered on private land along the

preferred route and through the initial study area.

“These sites, and the Wandaliyal-Envrona Conservation area, became a realised constraint to the project. Initial discussions with the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT), who administer and approve biodiversity stewardship sites, suggested they would not approve a road through the stewardship sites.

“The land is legally encumbered by a Conservation Agreement registered directly onto the property’s land title under the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act (2016). This covenant permanently (in-perpetuity), legally binds all future owners to preserve its biodiversity and prohibits any future subdivision or residential development.

“The BCT confirmed that the lack of identification of Dunn’s Creek Road route Option 5 on planning documents meant Council’s interest in the private land could not be identified and considered during the registration process of the stewardship sites. The NSW Minister for Environment has responded to Council on the question of offsetting an offset on two occasions.

“As reported to Council, this is not supported by the BCT, and Council is encouraged to assess other route options as a priority over this site. Should Council wish to pursue any options with an alignment which goes through the Biodiversity Stewardship Site, there are necessary steps required including:

- Written notice of the proposed development to the BCT
- Justification why the impact on the Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement (BSA) cannot be avoided by selecting an alternative route
- How the biodiversity values will be affected including any future improvements achieved
- Impacts on plant and threatened species for which credits have been issued
- Number and types of biodiversity credits required to be retired or replaced (the offset); and
- Consideration of the impacts on the predator proof fence and Australian Wildlife Conservancy reintroduction program.

“This work has not been completed, and cost estimates of this work have

not been prepared to date.

“The study area was expanded south, identifying three additional options - options 2A, 2B and 2C.

“These design options were considered in both four-lane (two in each direction) and two-lane (one each direction) configurations.

“Two No-Dunns Creek Road options are also documented which consider upgrades of existing routes (north and south).”

Council was told The Mayor and General Manager/ Acting General Manager, over the past six weeks have collectively met with 30 plus individual property owners, and attended community and resident meetings at Fernleigh Park, Tralee, Jerrabomberra and Googong to discuss the options review.

The meetings aimed to ensure that as many residents as possible were aware that the report would be published after the August 12 meeting. The Fernleigh Park meeting was attended by more than 120 people.

At these meetings, the Mayor and General Manager assured residents that

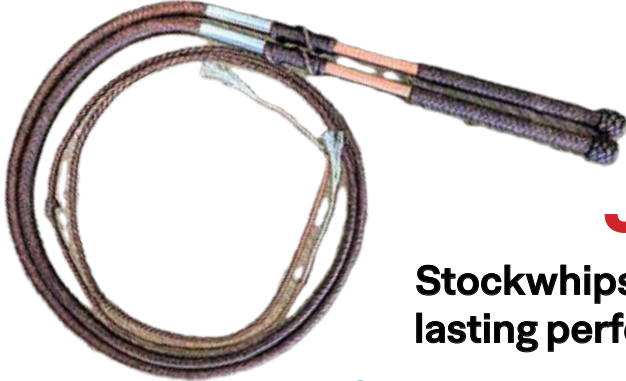
Council has not yet made a decision on any preferred route.

Councillors were told “It is important that the 2026 Options Review is made public and that sufficient time and resources are allocated to engage and consult further with directly affected residents and the broader community. All stakeholders need to be afforded the opportunity to ask questions and provide their feedback so that Council can consider this at a later date and make an informed and appropriate decision as to the direction of the project.”

Council has now unanimously resolved in relation to the 2026 Stantec Options Review for Dunns Creek Road, that Council:

1. Publish this and associated appendices onto the Dunns Creek Road Major Projects website page.
2. Invite public comment and questions on this Review until 6 October 2026.

More information on Stages 1 and 2 of the Dunns Creek Road development can be found on Council’s website under Major Works Projects in Progress.



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# Bungendore RFS Boosts Bushfire Readiness with Iberdrola Australia Support

The Bungendore Rural Fire Service (RFS) Brigade has received a welcome boost to its firefighting and maintenance capabilities, thanks to the generous support of Iberdrola Australia.

The company has funded the purchase of a new air compressor, air hoses, fittings and a range of pneumatic air tools, plus some portable lights – equipment that will help brigade volunteers maintain their firefighting appliances and equipment to the highest standard.

The new compressor is already proving its value, particularly as the brigade prepares for the upcoming bushfire season. The ability to maintain the correct tyre pressures on the brigade’s firefighting vehicles is an important part of ensuring appliances are safe, reliable and ready to deploy at short notice. With the new compressor now available, brigade members can quickly and efficiently check and adjust tyre pressures as part of their regular vehicle maintenance and bushfire preparedness activities.

The official handover was attended by Iberdrola Australia representative Thomas Dwyer, Bungendore RFS Brigade Captain Sandi Love and brigade members, who gathered to acknowledge the

partnership and the positive impact the donation will have on the brigade’s day-to-day operations.

Captain Sandi Love said the equipment would be a valuable addition to the brigade’s workshop and would support volunteers in keeping vehicles and equipment operational and ready for deployment.

“We’re incredibly grateful to Iberdrola Australia for this generous contribution. As a volunteer brigade, support like this makes a real difference. It provides us with the tools we need to maintain our equipment efficiently, including keeping our firefighting vehicles at the correct tyre pressures. This is particularly important as we prepare for the bushfire season and work to ensure our appliances are ready to respond whenever and wherever they are needed.”

As the brigade prepares for the season, it is also encouraging members of the local community to take the time to prepare their own properties, families and bushfire plans. Being bushfire-ready is a shared responsibility, and simple actions such as clearing gutters, managing vegetation around homes, checking emergency kits and knowing what to do if a fire threatens can make an



important difference. The brigade encourages residents to stay informed, understand their risk and make their bushfire plan before the season is underway.

Being prepared is a key priority for the Bungendore RFS Brigade, particularly as the brigade looks ahead to the challenges of another bushfire season. Having reliable vehicles, properly maintained equipment and the right tools available at the station helps volunteers respond quickly and safely when incidents occur. The new compressor and pneumatic tools will make routine maintenance more efficient and help the brigade keep its

appliances deployment-ready.

The donation forms part of Iberdrola Australia’s ongoing commitment to supporting the volunteer emergency services that protect the communities surrounding its wind farm operations. In addition to Bungendore, Iberdrola is also assisting the Boro/Mt Fairy, Tarago, Taylors Creek and Gundary RFS brigades, recognising the essential role these volunteers play in safeguarding local communities.

Thomas Dwyer said Iberdrola Australia was proud to support the dedicated volunteers who give their time and skills to protect lives,

property and the environment.

The Bungendore RFS Brigade sincerely thanks Iberdrola Australia for its generosity and continued investment in strengthening the capabilities of local volunteer firefighters. This practical support will help volunteers keep their equipment maintained, their vehicles ready and the brigade prepared to serve the community throughout the bushfire season and beyond.

Above: Iberdrola Australia representative Thomas Dwyer presents Bungendore RFS Brigade Captain Sandi Love and brigade members with a new air compressor, air hoses, fittings and pneumatic air tools. Photo supplied

## Magpie Hill Solar Farm

Join us at our community engagement sessions

### Join Mint Renewables to explore the latest updates on the Magpie Hill Solar Farm. Learn about the technical studies informing the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), including early findings from these studies, and share your questions, feedback and local knowledge with the project team.

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Technical Webinar - Fire (online)  
Wednesday 26 August, 6.00 – 7.00pm

Pop-up - Outside Corang Estate  
Cellar Door & Pantry  
Thursday 27 August, 2.00 – 5.30pm

Technical Webinar -  
Amenity: Landscape & Noise (online)  
Tuesday 1 September, 6.00 – 7.00pm

#### Community Drop-ins

Bungendore Nora Starrs  
Community Centre  
Thursday 10 September, 2.30 – 7.00pm

Tarago Town Hall  
Friday 11 September, 2.30 – 6.30pm

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# Real stories show no one is just a number this Scams Awareness Week

Four courageous Australians share their stories during Scams Awareness Week 2026 and join with the National Anti-Scam Centre in encouraging people to remember three simple steps: Stop. Check. Protect. They hope to encourage others to share their stories too.

Running from 24 to 28 August, this year's campaign theme, *No one's just a number*, puts a human face to the scale of scams in Australia by sharing real stories from Australians who were scammed.

Australians made 91,767 reports to Scamwatch in the first six months of 2026, with \$156.6 million reported stolen. When combined with reports made to law enforcement through ReportCyber the total reported lost during that period was \$554.1 million across 122,550 reports. This is an 11 per cent drop in the number of reports and an increase of 1 per cent in reported losses. The

figures show scams remain a serious problem but the personal stories behind the statistics are just as important

"Behind every reported loss is a person who has been harmed, whose life has been disrupted by criminals using pressure, impersonation, psychology and technology including AI to steal their money or identity," ACCC Deputy Chair Catriona Lowe said.

"This Scams Awareness Week, we want Australians to know that any of us can be scammed. Being scammed is not a reflection of someone's intelligence or judgement - it reflects how sophisticated and manipulative these criminals have become."

### Scammers use pressure, trust and familiar situations

The stories reflect some of the most common ways scammers reach Australians. In the first half of 2026, online contact methods, including websites, social media and

mobile apps, accounted for the highest reported losses to Scamwatch. Phone calls and emails continued to generate high volumes of reports.

Buying and selling scams (which often involve online shops or marketplace buyers and sellers), had the highest number of Scamwatch reports involving financial loss, with 7,652 people reporting money stolen. Investment scams remained the highest overall loss scam type reported to Scamwatch, with \$80.4 million stolen in the first six months of 2026.

Cryptocurrency and bank transfer continued to be the payment methods linked to the highest reported scam losses, with more than \$50 million reported stolen through each payment type.

These figures are based only on reports to Scamwatch, and understate the actual cost of scams, with many losses reported to police via ReportCyber, others identified by service

providers, and many more going unreported. The impact of scams in Australia as captured across multiple reporting sources can be seen in the National Anti-Scam Centre's Targeting Scams 2025.

"Scammers create situations that feel urgent, routine or emotionally compelling. It might be a slick professional looking website, an email that looks like it comes from a trusted service, a payment request that you're expecting, a message from someone you care about, or a relationship that feels genuine," Ms Lowe said.

"Taking a moment to stop, check and protect yourself every time you get a request for money or personal details is one of the best ways you can make it harder for scammers to succeed. But equally don't blame yourself if scammers do deceive you - these criminals are experts and reporting is a great way to fight back."

**Stop. Check. Protect.**

The National Anti-Scam Centre is urging Australians to take three simple steps:

### Stop

- Always take a moment before giving money or personal information to anyone.
- Scammers will create a sense of urgency to pressure you into acting quickly. Don't rush to make decisions about money or sharing personal details.

### Check

- Make sure the person or organisation you're dealing with is real.
- Scammers pretend to be from organisations you know and trust. Always verify who you're really dealing with before taking any action.

### Protect

- Act quickly if something feels wrong.
- The sooner you take action, the better you can protect yourself and others from scammers.

- If you believe you've had sensitive information or money stolen by a scammer, report the scam to police and contact your bank immediately.
- Report to Scamwatch even if you haven't had money stolen.

Reports help the National Anti-Scam Centre identify emerging scam activity, support disruption efforts and warn the community.

"The more we talk about scams and report them, the harder it becomes for scammers' tactics to work," Ms Lowe said.

"If you have been affected by a scam, support is available. You are not alone, and reporting what happened can help protect others."

Scams Awareness Week is a collaborative effort between government, business, community groups, consumer protection organisations, educational organisations and individuals to promote scams awareness and help Australians stay safe.

# Staffing is the last major hurdle for Yvonne Cuschieri House

### Debbie Evans

The adage "build it and they will come" has yet to hold true for Yvonne Cuschieri House: although the Ross Road respite care facility is nearing completion, it still lacks the operational funding needed to open its doors and welcome people.

After a decade of community support, fundraising, government funding and sustained effort, Yvonne Cuschieri's dream of a dedicated Queanbeyan respite care facility for people aged 18 to 60 is finally close to becoming a reality.

However, supporters fear that despite the facility nearing completion, there

will be no funding to employ the staff needed to provide respite care.

Chairman of the Respite Care for Queanbeyan Board, Paul Walshe OAM, said the development of the centre has certainly been a journey and one he plans to complete fulfilling the vision of his friend Yvonne Cuschieri.

"Yvonne and her husband, Joey, were the primary carers for their son Steven after he was diagnosed with a brain tumour.

"After a time, they found themselves both needing a break, but suitable respite placement was hard to find outside aged care facilities. Following Steven's death

in 2013 Yvonne started campaigning for a youth respite centre."

With support from the Queanbeyan community and funding from several government sources, the facility is now a reality. Landscaping by Yvonne's sons, Roger and Todd, in the coming weeks will provide the finishing touch.

Yvonne Cuschieri House will be ready to open in a couple of months but uncertainty over staffing remains.

In an early August Facebook post, Walshe expressed his frustration: "It's so sad and frustrating to stand there and see 10 years of hard work sitting empty."

"How can this happen?

"How in this day and age, can our elected representatives Kirsty McBain MP and Steve Whan MP, let it come to this. It's got me beat.

"As for the Anthony Albanese's and the Chris Minn's Governments, along with their respective Health Ministers, Mark Butler MP and Ryan Park MP, you not only let down all the people that put some much into this project, but also the community of Queanbeyan and the region.

"Could I also add the Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council is not far behind them.

"I'm not here to make friends with politicians and



councillors, as I've come to the conclusion they are all tarred with the same brush. "We just need someone to stand up for the Community of Queanbeyan. Someone has to."

Walshe is now calling on the community to lend their support again by emailing the Federal Health Minister, Hon Mark Butler MP and the State Health Minister, Ryan Park MP, to ask that funding

be found to staff Yvonne Cuschieri House.

Details on how to participate can be found on the "Respite Care for QBN" Facebook page.

If Yvonne Cuschieri House opens, the purpose-built, six-bedroom facility will provide sorely needed respite care for Queanbeyan and surrounds.

Photo: Respite Care for Queanbeyan

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### Bungendore Quilters: War Memorial Hall Raffle Winners

On 8th August during our Bungendore Quilters' Market Day, two of the Bungendore War Memorial Hall Committee members, Di Seath and Jill Fox, came down to the Community Centre to draw the winners of our Memorial Hall raffle.

We raised \$760 for the Bungendore War Memorial Hall which was a fantastic result. Thank you to everyone who supported this raffle by purchasing tickets or making a donation.

There were two prizes of quilts with choices between four quilts. 1st prize went to Elke Hughes and second prize to Mary-Anne Webster. Elke chose a gorgeous sunflower quilt in blues and greens and Mary-Anne chose the children's quilt with frogs, snakes and crocodiles on it.

Sew and Chat days for September are Tuesday 8th and Saturdays 12th and 26th. If you are interested in coming along to see what we do, please drop into the Norah Starrs Community Centre in Turallo Terrace on any of these days between 10:00am and 3:00pm. We would love to welcome you.

Photo supplied of Di and Jill drawing the winners of the Memorial Hall raffle



### 2026 is a Symphony of Stories! Queanbeyan Lions Community Bookstore

The 2026 Children's Book Week theme is 'Symphony of Stories'.

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### The Last of the Bread Tags

On 30th June Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs collected the last of the bread tags from their collection points around Australia. Thank you to Bungendore, Braidwood, Queanbeyan and Canberra residents who have done a wonderful job in collecting and depositing bread tags at their local collection points. Thank you also to Lids4Kids who have been instrumental in collecting bread tags from Canberra and

throughout NSW to send to South Australia. This dedication amassed to just over 1.1 tonnes of bread tags from our area. One hundred and seventy-one wheelchairs have been given to disadvantaged people to date, mainly in South Africa, and the total amount of bread tags sent to South Australia is in excess of eighteen tonnes! This is certainly a significant amount that has not gone into local landfills around Australia.

Lids4Kids in Canberra will still be collecting plastic bread tags and these can go in your Zero Waste Warrior Tub. Cardboard bread tags are more commonly used now and these can go into your normal paper recycling. If you are interested in obtaining a Zero Waste Warrior Tub, please contact Lids4Kids



through their website at <https://www.lids4kids.org.au>. Thank you everyone for your support of Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs and Lids4Kids.



### Census night was Tuesday 11 August.

It's compulsory for each household to complete the Census to help plan for Australia's future. For help, visit [census.abs.gov.au](https://census.abs.gov.au) or call 1800 181 227.

Every answer matters.



Census

# Queanbeyan families benefit with two new public preschools now open

The NSW Government is delivering more fee-free early learning for families across Queanbeyan, with two new public preschools now open for up to 160 children each week.

Queanbeyan East Public Preschool and Queanbeyan South Public Preschool have officially opened last Friday, giving local families access to high-quality, fee-free early learning in the year before their child starts school.

Each new public preschool can welcome up to 80 children each week, and features two state-of-the-art learning spaces, dedicated staff facilities and landscaped outdoor play areas. The preschools are staffed by qualified early childhood teachers and School Learning Support Officers, providing children with a high-quality, play-based early learning program.

Queanbeyan South and Queanbeyan East are the fourth and fifth new public preschools to open as part of the Minns Labor Government's historic program to build 100 new public preschools across NSW by early 2027. They are part of 49 new public preschools being delivered in

regional NSW under the program.

Queanbeyan South Public School Principal Kelly Broomham said, "We are thrilled to welcome our youngest learners and their families to our new public preschool."

"Our preschool will provide access to high-quality early learning programs and a place where our little ones can start their educational journey in a safe, nurturing, and inspiring environment."

"Having a public preschool on our school grounds allows local children to become part of our school community from the very start. This connection will help make their transition to kindergarten smooth and natural."

Member for Monaro Steve Whan said, "Queanbeyan has some fantastic preschools, but for as long as I can remember there have been waiting lists or families who just couldn't afford to send their kids."

"That's just not good enough, which is why I'm delighted the NSW Government's commitment to Queanbeyan South and Queanbeyan East has not only



been delivered but delivered early.

"That's what investing in public education looks like, and it's wonderful to see these new preschools opening their doors and giving local children the chance to learn, grow and build those important early connections within their own community."

Queanbeyan East Public School Principal Danny Scott added,

"Opening our doors to this new preschool is a wonderful moment for our school community. Our qualified early learning educators have worked hard to create a space where children can explore, play, and learn every single day."

"This preschool gives our youngest learners access to high-quality early education right here in their own community, supported by dedicated teaching staff and

purpose-built learning spaces.

"We look forward to supporting this next generation of learners as they grow within our school community."

Families interested in enrolling their child can contact Queanbeyan East Public School or Queanbeyan South Public School to submit an expression of interest.

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## Bungendore Seniors 55+



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

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

We meet at 10am at the Bungendore Sports Hub ammentities building. Cost is



\$5.00 per person, which includes morning tea.

See right for dates.

Everyone over the age of 55 is welcome!

**Seniors Chair Yoga** -Chair Yoga: Tuesdays at the Bungendore Scout Hall - 2.30pm. Chair Yoga is **held during school terms only**. Cost: \$13 per session

for members, \$18 for non-members. All welcome to attend

**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](mailto:bungendoreseniors@gmail.com)

### THURSDAYS

Thursday 3 September  
Thursday 17 September  
Thursday 1 October  
Thursday 15 October  
Thursday 29 October  
Thursday 12 November  
Thursday 26 November

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Queanbeyan man convicted over possessing illegal weapons and threatening a federal parliamentarian

A Queanbeyan man, 42 has been convicted and fined \$2,750 by the ACT Magistrates Court today (17 August, 2026) for possessing prohibited weapons and threatening a federal parliamentarian.

The AFP's National Security Investigations (NSI) team began an investigation in March, 2026, and linked a social media post threatening a federal parliamentarian to the Queanbeyan man.

In April, 2026, Canberra NSI officers - with assistance from ACT Policing - executed search warrants at a residence in Queanbeyan and on a vehicle at the man's place of work in the ACT.

Investigators seized the man's mobile phone, as well as a laptop from the residence, and taser and extendable baton from the vehicle.

On 16 June, 2026, the man pled guilty to the following offences:

- Two counts of possessing a prohibited weapon, contrary to section 5 of the *Prohibited Weapons Act* (ACT); and
- One count of using a carriage service to menace/harass/cause offence contrary to section 474.14 of the *Criminal Code* (Cth).

AFP Commissioner Krissy Barrett announced the establishment of NSI teams in October, 2025, to target groups and individuals causing high levels of harm to Australia's social cohesion, including the targeting of the federal parliamentarians.

Council Meeting Agenda - 26 August 2026

The Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on 26 August 2026, commencing at 5.30pm. WB Freebody Chambers Nellie Hamilton Centre, 257 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan Presentations for items listed on the Agenda can be made in writing, via Zoom or in person.

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

**Reports To Council - Items for Determination**

9.1 QPRC Annual Community Grants 2026/27

9.2 Monaro Street Shopfront Improvement Program - Round 2

9.3 Grant Funding Application Better Open Spaces Program

9.4 Queanbeyan Voluntary Purchase and House Raising Feasibility Study - Consultation Strategy

9.5 2025-26 4th Quarter Budget Review Statement and Budget Revotes

9.6 Investment Report - July 2026

9.7 Lease Agreement - Homes NSW, QPRC & Argyle Community Housing - 26-28 Sassafras Crescent, Karabar

9.8 Wamboin Canning Close Reserve Committee

9.9 Draft Agricultural Chemical Use in Public Places Policy

9.10 Post-Exhibition Report - Events Policy

9.11 Policy Post Exhibition Report - Multiple

9.12 Land Acquisition - Cooma Road Ballalaba

9.13 Major and Local Community Infrastructure Program - Jerrabomberra

Community Infrastructure Upgrade

**Reports To Council - Items for Information**

10.1 Jerrabomberra Traffic Campaign - Brudenell Drive Consultation Outcomes

10.2 QPRC Section 355 Committee Financials 2025-26

10.3 Monaro Rock - Submission Response

10.4 Bungendore Economic Stimulus Trial

10.5 Completion of Solar and Battery Projects on Council Facilities

10.6 Update on Googong Voluntary Planning Agreement Amendments

10.7 Community Satisfaction Survey 2026

10.8 Mount Jerrabomberra Mapping

10.9 Completion of QPRC Scope 1, 2 and 3 Emissions Inventory for FY2023-24 Project

10.10 Joint Organisations Framework Review - Update from Minister

**Reports Of Committees**

11.1 Local Transport Forum Minutes - 9 June 2026

11.2 Local Transport Forum Minutes - 4 August 2026

Notice Of Intention to Deal with Matters in

Closed Session 74

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**Reports For Closed Session**

16.1 Legal Matters Update - 1 January to 30 June 2026

*Item 16.1 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (c) (e) (g) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; AND information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law; AND advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.*

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

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

Below: QPRC Item 10.1 Jerrabomberra Traffic Campaign

Figure 2: Example kerb extensions on Bicentennial Drive, Jerrabomberra



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# Karabar Housing Cooperative Celebrates 40 Years of Affordable Rental Accommodation Provision

On 4 September 2026, Karabar Housing Cooperative (KHC) will celebrate forty years of providing quality, affordable rental accommodation to members of our community.

KHC was founded during a period when affordable rental housing was becoming increasingly difficult to access in the local area. In response, community leaders worked together to create a sustainable, charitable, affordable housing organisation, to serve the community.

Local leaders including

Valerie (Hope) Marland MBE, Fr Michael Cockayne OAM and David Horton OAM combined their talents to establish one of the region’s longest-serving community housing organisations.

Two of the three foundation members, David Horton and Fr Michael Cockayne, continue to provide invaluable governance expertise, strategic guidance and historical knowledge to the organisation.

Current KHC Chair Viv Cox, said KHC’s 40th anniversary was an opportunity to celebrate the collective

effort that has sustained the organisation over four decades.

“This anniversary is about recognising what communities can achieve when people work together, in this case, to address the right to be able to afford to rent a home.”

“As the organisation celebrates 40 years of successful affordable rental housing provision, we do so at a time when there is (again) a crisis in rental housing affordability, and again, we are undertaking two new building projects in



response.” Ms Cox said Ms Cox, who joined the Board in 2021 has played a leading role in advancing the organisation’s strategic direction and long-term sustainability.

Under her leadership, the Cooperative achieved registration as a Community Housing Provider, secured a Housing Australia Future Fund (HAFF) grant to build transitional housing and progressed additional plans to expand its asset base to ensure the organisations future.

Karabar Housing Cooperative Secretary Sylvia De Luca said the principles that inspired the

Cooperative’s founders remain highly relevant today.

“Access to affordable housing, and in particular affordable rental housing, remains one of the most significant challenges facing communities across Australia,” Ms De Luca said.

“The experience of the past forty years demonstrates that support and partnerships with a range of individuals, community organisations, industry and government can deliver practical housing solutions that create lasting community benefits and allow people to enjoy the stability that comes with having an affordable home.”

The Cooperative

acknowledges and sincerely thanks the organisations currently assisting the progress of the HAFF transitional housing project, including QPRC, The Riverview Group, Manteena, DNA Architects, Eight Mile Planning and MGI Joyce | Dickson. These contributions will support KHC to increase the number of quality affordable rental housing properties available to members of our community for decades to come.

Further information about Karabar Housing Cooperative can be found at [www.karabarahousing.org](http://www.karabarahousing.org).

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# Hoskingtown/Rossi Brigade celebrates 80 years of service to community

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A toast to the Brigade was followed by afternoon tea and a chance for members, family and friends to look at the displays of old equipment, photos and to reminisce about the Brigade. There were many stories told as everyone enjoyed the wonderful CWA afternoon tea.

Thank you to everyone that came along, to those who assisted in the organisation

and to the Bungendore CWA and Hoskingtown War Memorial Hall Committee.

Congratulations to the Hoskingtown-Rossi RFB, you are a vital part of our community and we appreciate all you have done in so many ways over the past 80 years.

Rowan Simpkin and Andrew Hedley

Photos Colin Brown and Rowan Simpkin

RFS Superintendent Paul Jones said, “This is a great opportunity to reflect on the brigade’s proud history and to recognise the dedication of members, past and present, who have protected the local community for eight decades,” Superintendent Jones said.

“Established in 1946, Hoskingtown/Rossi is one of our district’s oldest brigades.

“Servicing an area comprised of steep hilly country to the east and grasslands to the west, volunteers respond to bush fires, structural fires, motor vehicle accidents, floods, animal rescue, floods and storm damage.

“As a former Captain always said, ‘this brigade always tries to punch above its weight’.”

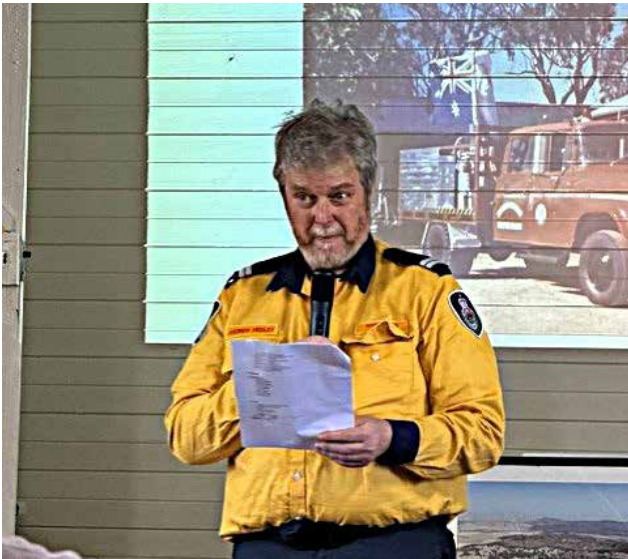
Superintendent Jones said the brigade members had supported several significant incidents over the years, including the 2019/20 Black Summer bush fires and the 2003 Canberra Fires.

“The community is in safe hands with such a dedicated group of volunteers, and I thank every member for their commitment over the past 80 years,” Superintendent Jones said.

“While our volunteers never seek recognition, it is important to acknowledge the extraordinary time and skill they give to helping others.

“Whether on the fireground, supporting emergency operations, participating in training events or mentoring younger members, they continue to make a real difference every day.

“I also acknowledge the families, friends and employers who support our volunteers. Their encouragement and understanding make this commitment possible, and we thank them for standing beside our members,” he added.



# Measles warning highlights critical role of community pharmacy vaccination services

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia is urging Australians to check their measles vaccination status following new research showing an estimated 1.7 million Australians may be vulnerable to the highly contagious disease.

National President of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia, Professor Trent Twomey, said the findings were a timely reminder of the vital role vaccination plays in protecting individuals, families and communities.

“Measles is one of the most contagious diseases in the world, but it is also one of the most vaccine-preventable,” Professor Twomey said.

“We now know immunity gaps exist across several generations - and many Australians simply don’t know whether they have received the necessary two doses. If you’re unsure whether you’ve had two doses of a measles-containing vaccine, now is the time to check.

Professor Twomey said community pharmacies were ideally placed to support Australians to stay protected.

“With more than 6,100 community pharmacies located

in metropolitan, regional, rural and remote communities, pharmacists make it easier for people to access vaccination advice and services close to home.

“Pharmacists are able to quickly check vaccination status, answer questions and provide vaccinations, often without an appointment,” Professor Twomey said.

“International travel continues to increase and we are seeing measles outbreaks around the world. The risk of imported cases leading to local outbreaks increases when immunity gaps exist within the community. Australia has worked hard to maintain measles elimination status for more than a decade.”

The Guild is encouraging Australians born during or after 1966 who are unsure of their vaccination history, particularly those planning overseas travel, to speak with their pharmacist, GP or other immunisation provider.

Australians can visit [www.FindaPharmacy.com.au](http://www.FindaPharmacy.com.au) to see which local pharmacies offer vaccination services.

# Bungendore High School Buzz

## Bungendore High School

What do firefighters, engineers, chefs, defence personnel, university lecturers and apprentices all have in common? Bungendore High School students met them all at the Canberra Careers Xpo 2026!

On a beautiful Wednesday in August, students from Years 10 and 11 travelled to EPIC for a day packed with inspiration, hands-on displays and conversations about life after school. From universities and TAFEs to employers, government agencies and industry experts, the Careers Xpo showcased over 150 stalls exhibiting exciting pathways and opportunities.

Students explored interactive exhibits, asked plenty of questions and collected information about careers, apprenticeships, traineeships and further study. Whether they already had a dream job in mind or were just beginning to explore their options, there was something to spark everyone’s interest. The highlight for Terry and Mr C was meeting one of the outback truckers!

The excursion was a fantastic opportunity for students to broaden their horizons, discover new possibilities and start thinking about where their future could take them. Who knows, the next paramedic, builder, scientist, teacher or entrepreneur might just have found their inspiration at the CareersXpo!

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# Increased Spring Bushfire Risk for Eden-Monaro

The latest season bushfire outlook has identified an increased risk across northern and southeastern New South Wales this spring.

The Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council (AFAC) Seasonal Bushfire Spring Outlook shows New South Wales entering the season much drier than usual, following below average rainfall and warmer conditions across much of the state.

The outlook combines expert analysis of fuel conditions, rainfall, temperatures and climate

forecasts to provide emergency services and communities with an indication of bushfire risk for the season ahead.

Southeastern New South Wales is already drying rapidly, leading to low soil moisture and conditions that increase the likelihood of fires starting, taking hold and spreading more quickly.

Of particular concern are forested areas in the region as they have high fuel loads, are dense and well-connected.

Above-average daytime and

overnight temperatures are also expected between September and November.

While the outlook identifies areas of heightened risk, bushfires can occur anywhere, and communities should remain vigilant regardless of whether they live in an area identified as above normal risk.

Minister for Emergency Management and Member for Eden-Monaro, Kristy McBain MP said "As the Member for Eden-Monaro, I understand the concern that many families and communities will be feeling as we

head into the warmer months.

"Communities along the South Coast know all too well the devastating impact of natural disasters, having experienced significant fires and floods in recent years.

"The Albanese Government stands ready to support the New South Wales Government and local communities as needed throughout the fire season.

"There are also practical steps that individuals and families can take now. Prepare your bushfire

survival plan, understand local risks, and check in with friends, family and neighbours to make sure they have a plan in place as well.

"Being prepared before an emergency occurs can make a significant difference when conditions deteriorate.

"I'd also like to thank in advance our emergency services personnel, volunteers and support agencies for their professionalism and dedication, which will once again be critical in keeping communities safe."

# A square deal: the Great Granny Square Challenge by Bungendore CWA a huge success!

From humble beginnings in 2025 the incredible jump from 400 squares to 1,850 squares shows how much a community craft project can grow.

This year's 62 entrants came from across southern NSW and the ACT, from the South Coast to Taralga through to the Canberra community and in between.

With ABC 666 Canberra Radio coming on board to promote the event and even staging a "hook in" with 12 members of the community, the event was already shaping up to be a massive success.

"It was quite overwhelming at times" stated Branch Handicraft Officer Jude Nettleingham. "But it was such a fantastic community event and showed how much people cared. We had no idea that we would get this many squares and every day when we added to the total we were amazed. We even received a couple of



boxes from a mystery person from Braidwood that contained over 480 squares on the day before the display. Just amazing"

A display of squares was held on Sat 15th August, International Granny Square Day, and was attended by many community members. Presentations were made to prize winners and some of our CWA expert crocheters were on hand to explain the how-tos of crochet. We think maybe a few more are hooked! From Best in Primary School to Most Innovative and Most Squares, it truly was a sight to see Bungendore War Memorial Hall decked out in crochet Granny squares. The Bungendore CWA also catered a lovely morning tea for those visiting, and even the scones were square!

All the squares will be donated to Roundabout Canberra whose wonderful volunteers will lovingly turn into blankets for their linen packs for those in need.

We would like to thank the Regional Independent, ABC 666 Radio Canberra, NJOY Security, The Royal Hotel Bungendore, Gunna Doo - Cakes and Pies, Makerie by Hand, for their support during this challenge.

- Best by a male - Owen
- Best Primary - Emily
- Best Secondary - Matilda
- Best overall - Colleen
- Best technique - Donna J
- Most Innovative - Glenda
- Most detailed - Lianne and Shelly
- Most squares - Beverly

- Best pattern - Wendy
- Best colour scheme - Marilyn
- Encouragement: Joy, Trudi, Julie, Rhonda, Donna B, Erin, Sarah, Savannah, Aida
- Below right: Jude dropping the squares off at Roundabout. Photo supplied



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## Maria's Community Corner



**Maria Porreca**  
Wow, what a fortnight!

It started on Sunday 9th August

with a BBQ at Bunnings Fyshwick where the CWA Queanbeyan Evening Branch ladies cooked up a sausage and onion storm to raise money for PanKind (Pancreatic Cancer) medical research. Some customers also came back for a second sausage and some just donated towards our fundraising efforts. It was a very successful day even though it was a cold and wet

day. Thank you everyone who helped in whatever way you could.

Then on Monday I had a 'catch up' lunch with friends at Walsh's Hotel. The food has been great every time I've been.

Tuesday evening the CWA Queanbeyan Evening Branch (QEB) held its monthly meeting in 'Nonna's Kitchen' at Campbell & George. We had quite a few apologies as many members were unwell. Even so we still got through a very full Agenda. The next meeting is at 6.30pm on Tuesday 8th September.

On Thursday 13th August a group of CWA QEB ladies travelled to Braidwood to attend the CWA Southern Tablelands Group Council meeting which is held quarterly and at different locations. The CWA ladies from Braidwood Branch were amazing and hosted members from as far as Crookwell, Yass, Goulburn and Marulan. They also catered for a very delicious lunch and morning tea. Well Done ladies.

That same evening a small number of us attended the Queanbeyan Show Sponsor Night at the Showground. It was a great evening, and

we got to hear of some of the ideas in the pipeline for a bigger and better show. There are also some new categories in the Handicraft section so keep an eye out for the schedule when it comes out.

You would've heard about the CWA Bungendore Great Granny Square Challenge. The winners were announced on Saturday 15th August at 10.30am and you could also browse the display from 9.30am that day. Last year there were around 400 granny squares entered, and the organisers were hoping to have many more this year. Well the

crocheters of Bungendore and the region blew that number out of the water. Total squares received was 1,850 and a lovely lady from Queanbeyan received a prize for the most squares, 350 of them. All squares have been donated to Roundabout who will stitch them together to make blankets for the needy. Glenda C. received an award for Most Innovative and Donna B. an Encouragement Award, both ladies members of CWA QEB. So, the challenge for next year - over 2,000 granny squares?



That evening some of us attended the Rise Above 40th Birthday Celebration at the Royal Hotel. It was also an amazing event and hard to believe it is 40 years strong. Rise Above do an amazing job helping people.

The next day, Sunday, I celebrated Ferragosto with around 100 members of The Calabrese Federation. Ferragosto is an Italian public holiday celebrated every year on 15th August. The word comes from the Latin phrase 'Feriae Augusti' which means 'the rest of Augustus'. It started

around 18 BC and marks a major mid-summer peak for holidays, resting etc. We celebrated at EQ Café and Lounge with a fabulously delicious 3-course lunch, some Italian music and raffles (I didn't win anything). It was a really special way to spend a Sunday.

If you were debating about going to see 'Spa Weekend' at Palace Cinema, then you should go. A group of us went on Wednesday evening and we had a ball.

Till next time take care everyone.

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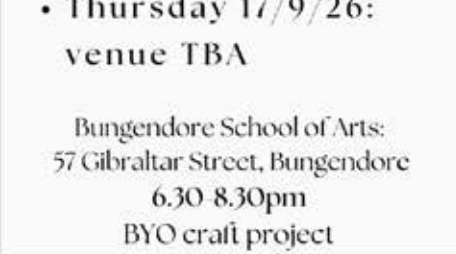


















**BUNGENDORE CRAFTERS CO-OPERATIVE**

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- Thursday 17/9/26: venue TBA

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| <b>TUES:</b>  | Veterans Guitar Group - 10:00am to 12:00pm                   |  |
|               | Heart-Muscle-Balance - 12:30pm to 1:15pm                     |  |
| <b>WED:</b>   | RSL Sub Branch Catchup - 9:00am to 11:00pm                   |  |
|               | Fortnightly - Create & Caffeinate - 10:00am to 12:00pm       |  |
| <b>THURS:</b> | Zumba (Back Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> ) - 11:00am to 12:00pm |  |
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# Next steps for Captains Flat remediation

Debbie Evans

Two months after the announcement of a million-dollar funding package to help residents remediate lead-contaminated land at Captains Flat, they are still waiting for details on how to access the funds.

However, local member, Steve Whan, was able to shed some light on the process over the weekend.

Whan told the Independent “The funding will be administered by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) for eligible residents.

“The EPA is currently working with Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council and NSW Government agencies to finalise the design of the program.

“Residents will be able submit a formal expression of interest (EOI), with details of eligibility, testing and application requirements to be provided in the next few weeks.

“As the program is being developed, we anticipate ongoing engagement with the Captains Flat community to help inform its implementation.

“I invite Captains Flat residents to contact me or my office if they do want up-to-date information.

“To be clear the \$1m does not need to be spent this financial year so we can ensure that we get the program design right. It does take a bit of time for the Departments to progress program design and delivery, it has only been a couple of months since the funding was announced.

“As residents would be aware the restrictions on development of private land in Captains Flat were put in place under the former Coalition Government. I am pleased that the Minns Labor Government is addressing the inequity these requirements imposed, with this funding program.”

Captain’s Flat Community Association President Ellanor Pavlovich has welcomed the news on Monday saying last week; she was increasingly concerned that no information has been released on how residents can apply for the funding.

“I’ve been reaching out via email to Member for Monaro, Steve Whan, for assistance, and I’m very pleased to finally see some progress on a way forward.

“I’ve been worried time is getting away. We are already well into August and if we must engage soil testers in September or later, and then trades, the Christmas break for them through December and January will mean further delays.

“I’d been concerned if there’s a funding deadline of June 30, 2027, and the funds aren’t expended, would the money be withdrawn?”

Pavlovich added if the EPA are not administering the funds and it

falls to the QPRC she has lost faith in Council to project manage and properly allocate the funding.

“I have completely lost trust in Council after their handling of recent major projects like Briar Sharrows Bridge, Foxlow Bridge and Monaro Street. Council simply doesn’t function as it should.

“They have a lot of work to do to rebuild trust with the community.” She said.

The Minns government made the announcement of the \$1 million funding on 3 July stating, 2026-27 NSW Budget will provide financial assistance to households with surface soil lead concentrations above the national health investigation level, by supporting practical works such as applying clean topsoil and returfing affected areas to reduce exposure.

A government statement at the time said, “Eligible property owners will be encouraged to remove

surface contaminated soil from affected areas and transport it to a designated disposal location at a nearby former mine site, where it can be safely managed.

“This funding will assist with the purchase of clean topsoil and turf to reduce exposure risks and restore outdoor areas.

“The NSW Environment Protection Authority is also extending its offer of free surface-soil testing for Captains Flat locals. This will help property owners better understand contamination levels on their land and determine whether remediation is required.”

Whilst Pavlovich acknowledged Council’s advocacy and support for the Captains Flat community and the Government’s initial commitment to funding, she gave an assurance she would remain a “squeaky wheel” on behalf of the Captains Flat community.

# Survey shows gross underestimation of private health impacts

National Seniors Australia (NSA) is calling on parliamentarians to oppose the cut to the higher Private Health Insurance (PHI) Rebate for people aged 65 and over as a new survey shows older people are considering dropping or downgrading their cover, putting public and private health systems at risk.

NSA’s survey of 2000 participants reveals 8.4% are considering dropping their hospital cover entirely and 12.5% are considering downgrading their cover to manage potential cost increases from changes to the PHI Rebate. If these survey results were reflected in the wider population, it could see up to 270,000 people drop their cover and up to 400,000 reduce the level of their cover - much higher than government estimates.

“Our survey results are concerning. They show seniors have already dropped and downgraded private health cover in response to price pressures over the past two years, and worryingly, many are considering these strategies in response to the rebate cut. If that

happens, the sustainability of both private and public health could be at risk,” NSA Chief Executive Officer Mr Chris Grice said.

“National Seniors Australia (NSA) has called on parliamentarians to join Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Shadow Minister for Health and Aged Care and Senator for South Australia the Hon Anne Ruston, Independent Member for Mayo Ms Rebekha Sharkie MP and Independent Member for Kooyong Dr Monique Ryan MP to reject the proposed cuts to the rebate before private health becomes unaffordable.

“Even before these cuts were announced, older Australians were struggling to afford private health insurance, with many ‘scrimping and saving’ to keep it,” Mr Grice said.

“While some will do anything to keep private health insurance and begrudgingly absorb the increase, this might be the straw that breaks the camel’s back, especially for seniors on lower incomes.

“Older Australians have paid



premiums for decades, in some cases their whole working lives. They’re already struggling to afford it and doing everything possible to keep it.

“The cuts could push people to downgrade their cover, potentially leaving them underinsured when they need it most. And at the same time add pressure to an already stressed public hospital system.

NSA is especially concerned about pensioners, who we know are more likely to either drop their health insurance or be forced to make savings elsewhere.

“Long before this cut was announced, NSA questioned the value of private health; and recommended an inquiry into the private health system and for the PHI rebate to be increased for

older people with limited means. That call has become more urgent,” Mr Grice said.

“In addition, we must urgently identify ways to reduce health inflation and improve value for all policy holders. If we can find efficiencies to drive down premiums, this will reduce the cost of the rebate. A win, win situation.”

Image: Shutterstock

# First-of-its-kind data shows non-melanoma skin cancer rates up to three times more common than all other cancers combined

A new report from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) has shed significant light on the scale of non-melanoma skin cancer in Australia.

The report is the first of its kind to use available data to better estimate diagnosis and deaths from the two most diagnosed types of non-melanoma skin cancer (NMSC), basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma.

The report finds that around half a million Australians (535,000 people - 2% of the population) each year have at least one common non-melanoma skin cancer removed. By comparison, in 2021, around

15,000 people were diagnosed with melanoma and around 154,000 people were diagnosed with all other types of cancer combined.

The findings confirm previous research showing that common NMSC is around three times as common as all other cancers combined.

Additionally, in 2023-24 the combined health system expenditure of NMSC and melanoma was about \$2.5 billion making them the most expensive cancers (with NMSC costing \$1.9 billion, making it the third most expensive cancer and melanoma

costing \$596 million).

Chair of Cancer Council’s National Skin Cancer Committee, Sally Blane, said today’s data shows just how serious Australia’s skin cancer burden remains.

“These figures from the AIHW confirm what we see every day. Non-melanoma skin cancer is Australia’s most common cancer by a significant margin, affecting half a million people every year and costing our health system close to \$2 billion annually.

“Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. Two in three Australians will be diagnosed with skin cancer in their lifetime.

Thankfully, we know most skin cancers can be prevented.

“The best line of defence is to be prepared whenever the UV Index is three or above. That means protecting against the sun in five ways: Slip on sun protective clothing, Slop on SPF50 or SPF50+, broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen, Slap on a broad-brim hat, Seek shade when possible, and Slide on sunglasses.”

The data confirms what Cancer Council Australia has long maintained: skin cancer is one of Australia’s most common and preventable cancers. It’s important

all Australians are aware the risk of developing non-melanoma skin cancers is generally higher for people who work extensively outdoors, with lighter skin tone, live in regional and remote areas, with a family history of non-melanoma skin cancer, and those with a reduced immune system (immunosuppression).

“Most Australians will be affected by some type of skin cancer in their lifetime. We don’t have to accept that. Australia’s most common cancer is also the most preventable. Implementing sun protection habits at any age makes a real difference.”

Above: Laura and Thalia. Photo courtesy of Jerusha McDowell

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# Ageing Australia calls for urgent action on Support at Home

Ageing Australia is calling on the Federal Government to urgently act to reduce Support at Home wait times, provide packages that better reflect the full cost of older people’s needs, and ensure human oversight is at the core of assessments.

The recent Four Corners episode revealed harrowing stories of older Australians struggling to cope under the new system.

“It is heartbreaking to watch older people crying out for support they

so desperately need and deserve,” Ageing Australia CEO Tom Symondson said.

“As a society we are judged on the way we care for older people and in these cases the system is certainly failing them.”

“Currently in Australia more than 200,000 people are waiting for a home care package or waiting to be assessed. 50,000 more are only receiving a portion of the funding they have been promised. We also know that the value of packages

does not adequately reflect older peoples’ needs. It’s simply not good enough. We need an urgent review of wait lists, wait times, and package values, as well as an urgent release of more packages to clear the backlog.”

“Home care shouldn’t be rationed as it is currently, as the Royal Commission so clearly stated.”

“People overwhelmingly want the opportunity to age in their own homes close to family and community. Ageing in the

community, supported by the right services, is better for the older person, better for their families, and better for the system.”

The Four Corners episode also highlighted ongoing issues with the Federal Government’s Integrated Assessment Tool (IAT) algorithm.

The Government recently announced a decision to introduce human oversight to the IAT, which decides the level of an older person’s Support at Home services, following sustained

advocacy from Ageing Australia.

“We were able to provide the Government with over 150 examples of older people struggling with the system, thanks to help from our members. We now need to see the Government follow through on this decision.”

“Every person should be able to expect that their needs will be met by our system, with care tailored to their individual needs. As last night showed, for many this is far from the case.”

## Council Meeting Summary - 12 August 2026

QPRC

Here is the summary of the resolutions made at the Ordinary Council meeting of 12 August 2026.

The archived record of the meeting and the Public Forum are both available at: <https://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au/archive.php>

- Council offered condolences to the family of Joseph McGrail-Bateup, the Town Crier for Queanbeyan and Canberra
- Council heard from 9 members of the public who made presentations about items on the agenda including: Dunns Creek Road; a Development Application at 53 Wilson Street, Braidwood; and speed cushions in Jerrabomberra. Two petitions were also tabled concerning: Dunns Creek Road; and Captains Flat Waste Transfer Station services
- Council resolved to publish the 2026 Stantec Options Review for Dunns Creek Road on the Dunns Creek Road Major Projects website and invite public comment and questions on this Review until 6 October 2026
- Council granted conditional consent to DA at 53 Wilson Street Braidwood
- Council declined to remove

the following speed cushions from the Edwin Land Parkway: eastbound opposite Woolworths car park, eastbound approaching Stringybark roundabout, westbound approaching Stringybark roundabout, and will continue the 12-month trial

- Council refused modification to DA at 38A Forster Street, Bungendore
- Council authorised progression of the acquisition of easement for water supply associated with the Queanbeyan to Bungendore pipeline across Crown Land lots, and for public road reserve for extension of Turallo Terrace towards Elmslea Estate. Council authorised progression of acquisition of land and associated rights of carriageway for proposed Brooks Bank Reservoir and Millpost Lane re-chlorination facilities
- Council deferred consideration of the Ellerton Drive At-Receiver Noise Treatment Program report until the Ellerton Drive Extension Working Group has provided their feedback
- Council endorsed additional housekeeping amendments to the Palerang Development Control Plan (CDP) 2015, South Jerrabomberra DCP

2015, Googong DCP 2010 and Queanbeyan DCP 2012. They will be on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and adopted if no objections.

- Council authorised the General Manager to finalise and execute a Memorandum of Understanding to formalise the proposed partnership between the Queanbeyan Performing Arts Centre (The Q) and Karabar High School
- Council endorsed the draft QPRC Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030 for public exhibition for 28 days at <https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au>
- Council endorsed the drafting of a new Climate Change Action Plan which is to include progress metrics and monitoring framework for review
- Council adopted the Street Verge Maintenance Policy
- Council endorsed the Draft Tree Management Strategic Policy for public exhibition for a period of 28 days at <https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au> and will adopt the policy if no submissions are received
- Council received information report about Federal Government funding for Councils
- Council received information report about plans for a new

cemetery

- Council received information report with the Land Sales and Acquisition Register Update
- Council received information report with the Food Safety Annual Activity Report to NSW Food Authority
- Council received information report with the Workforce Report for 2025-26 Financial Year
- Council received information report about councillor workshops from 1-29 July, including Dunns Creek Road Stage 2 Options Report, Regional Sports Complex Stages 2 & 3 - Funding and Business Plan Strategy, Strategic Risk Register
- Council received the minutes of Heritage Advisory Committee held on 16 July 2026 and the submissions made during the meeting
- Council noted the minutes of the QPRC Sports Council meeting held on 6 July 2026
- Council received the minutes of Sustainability and Climate Change Meeting held on 23 July 2026
- Council received information report with answers to councillor questions about Labour Hire
- Council received information

report with answers to councillor questions MoU with Homes NSW and TAFE NSW

- Council received information report with answers to councillor questions about Captains Flat Lead Grants and Containment Cell Access
- Council received information report with answers to councillor questions about the Queanbeyan-Palerang Timing of Works Analysis 2023
- Council received information report with answers to councillor questions about matters on the agenda
- In closed session, Council invited prospective tenderers Abergeldie Contractors Pty Ltd, Icon CCB, Haslin Georgiou Joint Venture, and Seymour White Constructions for the Early Tenderer Involvement phase for the Queanbeyan Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade Project

If you’d like more information about these matters, you can find the business papers and minutes on our website at: [www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Council-meetings](http://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Council-meetings).

To view the Public Forum and council discussion head to <https://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au/>



**Mondays**

**Chair Yoga** 9.30am to 10:30am

**Mat Yoga** 11am to 12pm

Axis Centre, 22 Campbell St  
Next to Lions Bookshop in  
Queanbeyan Town Park - Cost \$10  
Contact Sue at [www.agewell.yoga](http://www.agewell.yoga)

**Scrabble** 10am to 12pm  
Seniors Centre - Cost \$2

**Craft & Chat** 11am to 2pm

Bring your own lunch and project or a Seniors project.  
Seniors Centre - Cost \$2

**Cards 500** 1pm to 3pm  
Seniors Centre - Cost \$2

**Tuesdays**

**Exercise Class** 9.30am to 10.30am  
Seniors Centre - Cost \$10

**Zumba Gold** 9.30am to 10.30am

**Zumba Normal Impact** 11am -

## Queanbeyan Seniors 50+ Activities

12pm  
Axis Centre, 22 Campbell St  
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Queanbeyan Town Park - Cost \$10

**Wednesdays**

**Canasta** 10am to 12pm  
Seniors Centre - Cost \$2

**Tai Chi Qigong**

2 Classes  
10.30am to 11.30am  
11.45am to 12.45pm  
Booking essential - you can book via Trybooking or come to the first class.  
Seniors Centre - Cost \$10

**Euchre** 1pm to 3pm  
Seniors Centre - Cost \$3

**Mahjong** 1pm to 3pm  
Seniors Centre - Cost \$2

**Thursdays**

**Hand & Foot** 10am to 11am  
Seniors Centre - Cost \$2

**Exercise Class Chair** 9.30am to

10.30am

**Exercise Class Mat** 10.45am to 11.45am  
Seniors Centre - Cost \$10

**Zumba GOLD** 11am to 12pm  
Veterans Hub Upstairs  
251 Crawford St - Cost \$10

**Rummikins** 1pm to 3pm  
Seniors Centre - Cost \$2

**Fridays**

**Mat Yoga** 9.30am to 10.30am  
Contact Louise  
<https://sunlightyoga.com.au/>  
Axis Centre - Cost \$10

**Chair Yoga** 11am to 12pm  
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<https://sunlightyoga.com.au/>  
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**Carpet Bowls** - 1pm to 3pm  
Seniors Centre - Cost \$2

**Membership** renewals are due for the 2026-2027 financial year.

New members - first year \$20 then an annual renewal fee of \$10.

Thank you to all who have already renewed their memberships.

Welcome to our new members.

**September**

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Tue 15 Sep  
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Sat 19 Sep  
Seniors Fete

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Wed - Oct 7 and Fri - Oct 9  
Batemans Bay cruises and lunches

Oct 20  
Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Dec 3  
Christmas Party

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Who is Local Land Services and what can they do for you?

Local Land Services (LLS) is a NSW Government agency that works with landholders to manage natural resources, improve agricultural productivity and build resilient landscapes. By combining local knowledge with practical, science-based advice, LLS helps

landholders address a wide range of land management challenges while achieving both production and environmental outcomes.

LLS provides support through property and farm planning, helping landholders identify

priorities, set goals and develop tailored management strategies for their enterprises. Our advisors offer guidance on soil health, pasture management, animal health, livestock production and sustainable farming practices to improve

farm and environmental productivity. LLS also assists landholders to strengthen landscape resilience by addressing issues such as drought preparedness, erosion, water management and biodiversity conservation.

LLS can assist with your habitat restoration projects, revegetation programs and support for native vegetation management, as well as advice and support with pest animal and weed control, and drought preparedness.



Practical protection for the backyard flock

Lou Baskind District Vet Braidwood

When people hear the word biosecurity, they often think of large commercial farms rather than a few backyard chooks. However, diseases can be introduced into flocks of any size in many ways, including through wildlife, vermin and contaminated equipment. Every flock owner wants the same thing: healthy, happy birds and protection from diseases that could impact their welfare or, in the worst cases, cause serious illness or death.

The good news is that there are some simple steps you can take to greatly reduce the risk of disease and parasites entering your flock. Most involve small changes to everyday routines or straightforward weekend

projects that can make a big difference to your birds' health and your peace of mind.

To start with, it helps to understand how diseases spread. Some diseases are transmitted through direct contact between birds, while others spread indirectly through contaminated droppings, feed, water, equipment, clothing, footwear and even our own hands. Wild bird droppings are an important source of contamination.

Many backyard flock owners prefer to let their birds free-range, and there are clear welfare benefits to this approach. However, free-ranging can increase contact with wild birds and their droppings. Reducing that contact is one of the

most effective ways to lower disease risk.

Installing bird-proof netting over poultry areas is strongly recommended. While solid coverings such as tarpaulins may seem like a good option, they can flap in the wind, tear over time and create cool, damp conditions underneath that may favour disease survival. Netting is often a more practical and durable solution.

If enclosing the entire range area is not practical, focus protection around the coop, feeding areas and water sources. Wild birds should never be allowed to congregate around poultry feeders or share feed and water with your flock. This remains one of the highest-risk points for disease introduction.

Particular care should be taken around waterbirds (e.g. ducks, geese, herons, gulls and terns). If your property contains dams or other water sources that attract waterbirds, consider how they may interact with your poultry. If dam or pond water is used as a drinking source, consider alternative water supplies or treatment through chlorination.

Feeders and water containers should be cleaned regularly with soap and water, then rinsed thoroughly. These are places where respiratory secretions, saliva and droppings can accumulate, making them important hotspots for disease transmission.

Your own habits can also make a significant difference. Regular hand washing with soap and water is a simple but highly effective way to reduce disease spread. Keeping a bottle of hand sanitiser near the coop entrance can serve as a useful reminder to clean your hands before and after visiting the birds.

Dedicated footwear such as gumboots is another good investment. Boots should be cleaned thoroughly to remove dirt, manure and debris, then disinfected using an appropriate product such as 3% citric acid, Virkon or F10SC. Remember that disinfectants require

adequate contact time, typically at least 10 minutes, to work effectively.

Wearing clothes or coveralls specifically for poultry duties can help prevent contamination being carried elsewhere. Washing clothing after use on a hot cycle and drying it in the sun adds another layer of protection.

Rodent control should also form part of any flock health plan. Feed should be stored in rodent-proof containers and spills cleaned up promptly. Feed scattered around the coop is an open invitation to rodents, which can contaminate food and water with droppings and introduce disease-causing organisms.

A well-designed coop is equally important. Adequate space, good ventilation and effective drainage help maintain bird health and welfare. It is worth planning for situations where birds may need to be temporarily confined rather than free-ranging. At times, housing poultry may provide the best protection from disease risks present in the surrounding environment.

Thinking about buying new birds? Don't be afraid to ask questions about the health of the seller's flock. Your questions may prompt the seller to think about aspects of flock health and biosecurity they had

not previously considered, while also helping you make a more informed decision and avoid bringing a problem home. Even when birds appear healthy, quarantine new arrivals for at least 14 days away from your established flock and monitor them closely for signs of illness. The same principle applies to birds returning home from shows or exhibitions.

Finally, consider limiting unnecessary visitors to your poultry areas. Anyone handling your birds should follow the same hygiene measures that you do, including clean hands, footwear and clothing. It may feel awkward at first, but most people quickly understand the importance of protecting a treasured backyard flock.

A few simple measures can go a long way towards keeping your chooks healthy and safe. With a little planning and some good habits, backyard flock owners can significantly reduce disease risks while continuing to enjoy all the rewards of keeping poultry.

Stay up to date about NSW H5 bird flu detections and advice to help understand the risks to your birds. For more information scan the QR code.

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The risks of low dosage herbicide rates

Jo Powells, Senior Agriculture Advisor

Applying herbicides below the recommended label rate may appear to save money and reduce chemical use, but it can create significant weed management challenges and increase long-term costs. While lower rates may provide short-term savings, they often result in poorer weed control and greater risks for production.

One of the most serious consequences is the development of herbicide resistance. Sublethal herbicide doses may damage weeds without killing them, allowing survivors to set seed and pass on traits that improve their ability to tolerate future

applications. Repeated exposure to low rates increases selection pressure on weed populations, leading to resistance and making control more difficult and expensive over time.

Surviving weeds continue to compete with crops and pastures for moisture, nutrients, light and space. Although growth may be temporarily suppressed, many plants recover and contribute additional seed to the soil seedbank, increasing weed pressure in future seasons.

The problem can be even greater for perennial weeds. Reduced herbicide rates may suppress above-ground growth while leaving roots, rhizomes or crowns intact,

allowing plants to recover and spread. Resistance has already been identified in several perennial grass weeds in south-eastern NSW, including serrated tussock, African lovegrass and giant Parramatta grass.

Another concern is hormesis, a phenomenon where very low herbicide doses can stimulate plant growth rather than suppress it. Research has shown that sublethal rates may increase biomass, root development, seed production and overall vigour in some weed species, potentially giving resistant plants a competitive advantage.

Although reducing herbicide rates may seem economical, the long-



term consequences often outweigh any short-term savings. Applying herbicides at label-recommended rates and integrating other weed management practices such as grazing, crop rotation,

competitive pastures and mechanical control remain the most reliable approach for sustainable weed management.

Image: African lovegrass treated with flupropanate (left to right)

at 0L/ha, 1.25L/ha, 2L/ha and 3L/ha. Note the plants treated with 3L/ha are also showing signs of hormesis (promotion of increased seed production). Photo - Plant Science Consulting

New to using herbicide? Chemical do’s and don’ts

Bella Hart, Land Services Officer

Effective weed control relies on staying consistent and using multiple complimentary management techniques and control options. Herbicides are a common control option but must be used correctly to be effective, to protect the environment and production systems and to avoid wasting your time and money.

Important factors

- Legal requirements - even though herbicides are easy to buy, they are regulated substances. You must read and follow all label directions and any applicable APVMA (Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority) permits. In NSW, chemical use records must be kept for commercial, occupational and farm pesticide use. Chemical record templates are available on the EPA’s (Environmental Protection Agency) website.
- Timing - if applied at the wrong time, some herbicides will only half kill or not affect weeds at all. Herbicide application needs to be timed in accordance with the lifecycle of the weed you are targeting. Most herbicides (excluding pre-emergent) work best when applied to healthy, actively growing weeds. TIP:

- you can spray weeds in winter if they are actively growing (like serrated tussock), but you can’t if they have gone dormant (like St. John’s wort or blackberry).
- Weather - generally speaking, you cannot apply herbicides when it is raining (or about to), there is a heavy dew, when it is too windy, or when it is too hot (due to increased evaporation).
  - Environmental contamination - not all herbicides can be used in sensitive areas like waterways or public areas.
  - PPE - always wear the personal protective equipment called for on the label of the chemical you are using.
  - Herbicide resistance - if herbicides are overused or used incorrectly, the small population of target weeds that initially survive will go on to reproduce and create a larger population that has inherited the ability resist the misused herbicide.
  - Application method - the way you apply your chemical matters. It must suit the context, the weed and the chemical to be effective.

How to choose the right herbicide

When choosing a herbicide, you need to know what weeds you are targeting and the surrounding plant

- species you want to keep, how soon you need the chemical to act and if you need to suppress future germination of seeds. You need to choose something that has been designed to kill the specific weed you are dealing with.
- Not all herbicides work the same and some functional characteristics that can be helpful to consider are:
- Herbicides can kill plants on contact or systemically. Contact herbicides act on the parts of the plant they are applied to (usually leaves and stems). They need good coverage on actively growing plants for good results and can be fast acting. Systemic herbicides are absorbed by plant tissues and spread throughout the plant to cause damage, so can be slower acting but allow more comprehensive control of the weed as they can impact the entire plant.
  - Herbicides can be selective or non-selective. Selective herbicides are designed to target specific types of plants and minimise damage to desirable plants. Non-selective herbicides are designed to kill a wide range of plant species. For example, products containing metsulfuron methyl are used to control broadleaf and woody



- weeds in grass-based pastures as most established grasses are relatively tolerant (selective), and glyphosate products cause damage to both broadleaf plants and grasses (non-selective).
- Herbicides can be residual or non-residual. Residual herbicides remain active in the soil for an extended period (usually months) and can be useful to prevent further weed seed germination. Non-residual herbicides are quickly broken down in soils or unavailable to plant roots.
  - Herbicides can be applied as pre-emergent or post-emergent. In most contexts herbicides are applied after weeds have germinated or are mature as a post-emergent herbicide. Pre-

emergent herbicides are typically used in agricultural settings, but may also be used in forestry, turf and some environmental weed management situations. They have a strong residual effect and are applied to soil to prepare for a sowing event.

To see a list of chemicals that may be suitable, check out you target weed’s WeedWise webpage then make your selection from there. Participating in an accredited AQF3 chemical application training course is also a great way to increase your knowledge of herbicides and how to use them safely.

Photo supplied of excessive use of a residual herbicide has prevented grasses from growing, creating an opening for broadleaf weeds

Farmers share practical insights through Big Shift for Small Farms

Anne Johnston, Climate Smart Agriculture Project Officer

How can farmers build more resilient and sustainable farming systems while navigating changing seasons, new technologies and increasing uncertainty? These are the questions explored through Big Shift for Small Farms, a podcast from NSW Local Land Services.

Two recently published episodes, supported through the Climate-Smart Agriculture Program, bring the focus to practical approaches for managing climate variability.

In “AgTech Without the Hype: What Actually Works on Farm,” visits Twynam Agriculture’s Wingello Park to hear directly from producers trialling virtual

fencing, livestock monitoring and regenerative grazing systems. Farmers and industry experts discuss the opportunities and limitations of agtech, and the importance of ensuring technology solves a genuine problem on farm.

“Beyond the Weather Forecast: A Decision-Making Tool for Farmers” visits Mattana Farm near Milton, where Bec and Adam share their experience using soil moisture monitoring to navigate drought, fire, flooding rains and difficult livestock decisions. The episode explores how Farming Forecaster can combine data with farmer experience and intuition to support better decisions.

Together, the episodes

demonstrate the value of sharing farmer experiences – not as a one-size-fits-all solution, but as an opportunity for producers to learn from what others are testing, adapting and finding useful on farm.

Big Shift for Small Farms is available through major podcast platforms including Spotify and Apple Podcasts.

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Become a Feral Fighter: protect Royalla’s wildlife from cats and foxes

Andy Taylor, Senior NRM Advisor

If you live in the Royalla area and would like support to control feral cats and foxes for the benefit of our unique native wildlife, join us at the Feral Fighters Event on Sunday 13 September at the Royalla Hall.

Local Land Services is teaming up with Upper Murrumbidgee and Royalla Landcare and Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) to help landholders learn about:

- the impacts of feral cats on biodiversity
- monitoring cats and other pest animals
- trapping cats and foxes using new Celium technology
- habitat restoration options to support native wildlife.

and frogs, as well as 371 invertebrates, each year.

Feral cats have been implicated in the extinction of more than 20 native mammal species and continue to threaten many more.

Our ecosystems are out of balance, and they need your help.

**Register today**

Scan the Feral Fighters QR Code to register for the event.

Scan the Impact of Cats QR Code to learn more about the latest research and the effects of feral cats on native wildlife.

**Interested but live outside of Royalla?**

We hope to expand the program into other areas in the future. If you live in Burra, Carwoola, Bungendore or Braidwood, we’d love to hear from you.

Contact Andy Taylor at andy.taylor@lls.nsw.gov.au or 0427 750 891.

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Talk and Tucker - Canberra event



Simone Horn, Senior NRM Advisor

Buying a rural property is an exciting step - but knowing where to start can be challenging. A property planning course can help new and small landholders develop a clear vision for their land, make informed decisions and avoid costly mistakes.

By understanding the natural assets, opportunities and limitations of a property, landholders can get the balance of property goals right and create a more sustainable operation.

Our property planning course provides practical tools for

setting realistic goals, managing resources effectively, and planning improvements that support both environmental and financial outcomes.

Whether you’re managing a small lifestyle block or embarking on a larger rural enterprise, investing time in property planning can pay dividends for years to come.

If you’d like to learn more, we are hosting a free Talk and Tucker evening in Canberra for new and prospective rural landholders. Our natural resource management staff will explain the benefits of property planning, outline what our upcoming property planning course offers, and answer your questions in a relaxed and welcoming environment. You’ll

also have the opportunity to connect with staff other local landholders over a complimentary supper.

The Talk and Tucker event will be held in Canberra on Thursday 10 September between 6 - 8 pm. Scan the QR Code to register your attendance and we’ll confirm the venue once we have numbers.

Whether you’re considering purchasing a rural property or looking to improve the management of your existing farm, this is a valuable opportunity to discover how property planning can help you achieve your goals. For more information, contact Simone Horn on 0429 555 823 or simone.horn@lls.nsw.gov.au

# Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION



### Household Chemical CleanOuts in September

Do you have old or excess household chemicals that you need to get rid of but don't know how? Drop them off at one of our Household Chemical CleanOut sessions!

You can drop off up to 20L or 20kg of a single item of the following:

- Solvents, household cleaners, and pool chemicals
- Pesticides, herbicides, and poisons
- Motor oils and fuels
- Paint and paint related products
- Fluorescent globes and tubes
- Smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, and gas bottles
- Car and household batteries
- + more

Drop off at:

- Bungendore Waste Transfer Station on 12 September from 8-11am
- Braidwood Waste Transfer Station on 12 September from 1-4pm
- Queanbeyan Waste Minimisation Centre on 13 September from 8-11am
- Find out more at [www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/events](http://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/events)



### Arts Trail in October

This year we celebrate the Arts Trail 20-year anniversary in Queanbeyan, and its 10th year in Braidwood and Bungendore.

Whether you're browsing or buying, this is a fantastic opportunity to support and learn more about our talented and varied local arts community.

The 2026 event dates are:

- Braidwood – 3 & 4 October
- Bungendore – 10 & 11 October
- Queanbeyan – 17 & 18 October
- Register by 16 August 2026 at [www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/arts-trail](http://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/arts-trail)

### Have Your Say

| Projects & initiatives open for community comment   | Closing Date |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Draft Riverside Cemetery Condition Report           | 28 August    |
| David Madew Memorial Park Improvements              | 31 August    |
| Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030          | 10 September |
| Draft Tree Management Policy                        | 10 September |
| Development Control Plans - Housekeeping Amendments | 10 September |
| The Naming of Alma Lane                             | 16 September |
| Cooma Street lane duplication - Stage 3             | 17 September |
| Dunns Creek Road                                    | 6 October    |

- Find all the details at [www.yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au)

Submissions can be made:

- By registering and commenting via [yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au](http://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au)
- By email to [council@qprc.nsw.gov.au](mailto: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](http://bit.ly/MinutesAgendas). Meetings are live streamed via [bit.ly/QPRCwebcast](http://bit.ly/QPRCwebcast).

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

Next meeting dates are:

- 26 August 2026 (Queanbeyan)
- 9 September 2026 (Bungendore)

### Written Questions on Notice

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

### Work with Council

Current vacancies include:

- Team Leader - Central Waste (weekend)
- Asset Data Analyst
- Labourer (General Equipment Operator)
- For more information and roles see [bit.ly/QPRC-Careers](http://bit.ly/QPRC-Careers)



### National Wattle Day Educational Walks

We are holding National Wattle Day Walks in collaboration with Queanbeyan and Bungendore Landcare.

National Wattle Day is held every year on the first day of Spring, and celebrates the 1000+ species of wattles found across Australia. Come along and learn about our native vegetation and some of our natural history.

Join us on:

- Mount Jerrabomberra - Sunday 30 August from 9-11am
- Turallo Creek Bungendore - Sunday 30 August from 1:30-3pm
- Learn more at [www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/events](http://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/events)

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

### Follow us on social media

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### Sign up for our weekly eNewsletter

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### 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.

#### Number Jig

Which one of the listed numbers won't fit in each of these mini grids?

263 362

392 629

923

507 584

705 745

870

#### Splits

Can you rearrange each of these sets of letter blocks into a word?

1 B L A I L C H I N

2 M O S E D N I D E

3 D I T R E S A G E

4 R E N D M E C O M

5 V E V A P E R S I

#### Missing Link

The three words in each clue have a fourth word in common, and that's your answer. For example, the clue 'Moon • Navy • Royal' gives the answer BLUE (blue moon, navy blue, royal blue). Write each answer in the grid, and the shaded column will reveal something associated with weddings.

1 Eleventh • Rush • Witching

2 Friend • Level • Man

3 Ear • Head • Tooth

4 Collar • Market • Pit

5 Chop • Pie • Scratchings

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Quick Time Crossword

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- Across

1 Allow (3)

3 Went by sea (6)

8 In excited eagerness (4)

9 Before (poet) (3)

10 Severe trial (6)

11 Roof of the mouth (6)

14 Comforts (5)

17 Locations (5)

20 Kitchen utensils (6)

24 Causing death (6)

26 Hail! (3)

27 Light blows (4)

28 Negligent (6)

29 Prosecute (3)

Down

1 Source of light (4)
- 2 Lofty (4)

3 Black deposit (4)

4 Concur (5)

5 Yorkshire city (5)

6 Major division of time (3)

7 Food shops (5)

12 Friend (Fr) (3)

13 Solemn wonder (3)

15 Annex (3)

16 Needle hole (3)

17 Of the sun (5)

18 Tribal symbol (5)

19 Strikes with open hand (5)

21 Woe! (4)

22 Girl (4)

23 Flank (4)

25 The first woman (3)

Sudoku

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

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|   | 2 | 6 | 5 |   |   | 8 |   | 1 |
|   | 1 | 7 | 2 |   |   |   |   |   |
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|   |   |   | 4 |   | 2 |   | 9 |   |
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Crossword

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Target Time

Target: Average - 18, Good - 24, Excellent - 30+

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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|---|---|---|
| Q | T | U |
| E | E | R |
| E | D | S |

- Across

1 Retirement fund

4 Divisions

8 Share expenses: go \_\_\_\_

11 Getting at

12 Toy

13 Catalogue entry

14 Strike with an open hand

16 Insertion mark (^)

17 Give temporarily

18 Ski town near Kosciuszko

21 Cut short

22 Shellfish soup

25 Dropped suddenly

26 Recessed (4-3)

28 Midges

29 Talks wildly

31 Yachtman's option
- 32 Contribute money (3,2)

33 Assessed

34 Ball with a bias

37 Made wider

40 Show worry

41 Banned

43 Additional

44 Actress, Monroe

46 South American country

47 Mother's help

48 Blockade

49 Cry

50 Ordered

Down

1 Type of onion

2 Bundles

3 Annulled

4 Throw

5 Upper class (4,7)

6 Female singer

7 Glamorous (coll)
- 8 Noticing

9 One who perseveres

10 Disloyalty (4,7)

15 Blemish

19 Comeback

20 At work (2,4)

23 Foursome

24 Unemotional

25 By-products

27 Coins of low value (5,6)

30 A mess (coll)

32 Arctic animal (5,4)

35 Outdoors (4,3)

36 Lived

38 Stripped bare

39 Bids

42 Spree

44 Swamp

45 Jumped

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Granny square challenge

PET OF THE WEEK



Name: Abbey

Age: 12 years old

Breed: Australian Kelpie

Likes: Enjoying her well-deserved retirement as a totally spoiled indoor dog. Her absolute favorite comforts include her luxury \$200 Adairs bed, her fluffy lounge room bed, daily dental sticks, and—most importantly—her internal “tummy clock” going off for

dinner at 6pm sharp, closely followed by her second dinner (the humans’ dinner).

Dislikes: The forbidden “D-word” (diet), going to the vet, late dinners, and the absolute tragedy of humans eating out so that second dinner gets cancelled.

Claim to Fame: Abbey is a goofy, wholehearted legend who loves keeping a watchful eye on her environment and her

“flock.” Having survived two Achilles tendon repairs in her lifetime, she’s a certified orthopedic warrior. Now in her golden years, she rules the house as a kind supervisor to her flock, complete with a nightly ritual of giving her little sister Rosie the Miniature Dachshund a thorough tummy lick like a sausage flavoured lollipop. She is a cherished, deeply loved member of the family

Wamboin Annual Bonfire and Fireworks Display: this Saturday

Wamboin Community Association  
Annual Bonfire and Fireworks Display  
Wamboin Community Centre 112 Bingley Way Wamboin  
Saturday 29 August 2026

Cash Admission Fee is \$20 per Family or Carload or Individual

Food stalls from 5.30pm (bring Cash), Bonfire lit at 6.36pm, Fireworks 7.06pm

Please bring Cash for \$20 per family or per carload or per Individual for Entry Fee and for Food and Drinks: Because at the hall the internet connection is not reliable, the Fire Brigade at the Gate and the many food stalls cannot rely on ability to accept payment in any way but Cash.

Please don't bring any more fuel, as we

already have more than enough.

Support local community groups including Wamboin Community Association, Golf, Pony Club, Play Group, Church, Sutton School and Bungendore Scouts with a range of traditional stalls offering: Gluhwein, Apple pies, Steak Sangers, Bacon & Egg Sangers, Baked Spuds, Glo Sticks, Great coffee, soft drinks and other food and beverages and Monster Raffle.

Please note: No drones and by law the only fireworks allowed will be the display by FIREWORKS AUSTRALIA

Bonfire Night is the major, and sometimes the only, fund raising activity for our community groups who run all the food, drink and novelty stalls.

Photo supplied



CAPTAIN BUNgEndore

I've LEARN! A NEW term. 'SPRINTER' REFERS TO THE TRANSITION BETWEEN WINTER AND SPRING.... A time WHEN some FLOWERING AND BUddING PLANTs get CONFUSED. so, CAN we use 'SPRUmmER' FOR THE SPRING TO suMMER TRANSITION?

JAC

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

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

Only your name and suburb will be printed.

Bungendore Food Hub

A HELP UP FOR OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORTED BY OUR COMMUNITY

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

OPEN WEDNESDAYS 10AM-12PM

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

CONTACT 6228 1261 OR 0422605089

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

LOCATED IN THE QUEANBEYAN PARK

OPEN: Tuesday to Saturday 10am-4pm

SECONDHAND BOOKS, MAGAZINES, GAMES, JIGSAWS, CRAFT

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

Public Notices

Greta Barnes obituary

Former Bungendore resident Greta Celine Barnes, née D'Silva, was born in the small Indian village of Trasi on 29 May, 1927 and died at the Warrigal Aged Care facility in Goulburn on 12 August, 2026.

As a young girl, Greta was sent to be educated with her older sister at a French convent school but was deeply homesick and sent home to complete her education a short time later. Aged just 17, she joined the Women's Auxiliary Corps of the British Army in Delhi and served for just over two years as clerical and secretarial support for the team working to break the cypher codes being used by opposition forces.

Greta left India following Independence to work in Pakistan, to send money home to help support her many brothers and sisters. She met her Australian husband, Maurice Barnes, in Karachi where they married and where her only child Antoinette (Toni) was born. After living and working in Malaysia, England and Libya the family finally returned to Australia and settled in Canberra in 1974.

For the last part of her career - from secretarial work to word processing - Greta worked for the Department of Immigration in Belconnen where her Indian and German language skills were occasionally



requested. She and Maurice bought a property and built a house at Lake George, outside of Bungendore, where Greta grew her own food and bred Angora goats for many years. They later moved to Bungendore where Greta continued to live after Maurice's death until she needed more care. She moved first to Warrigal in Queanbeyan, then the Goulburn facility.

Greta is survived by her daughter Toni Mason and son-in-law Mark Mason. There will be no funeral service, at her request. Masses are being arranged to be said in her honour.

Toni and Mark thank the dedicated staff at Warrigal Care who provided excellent and supportive care for Greta during the final years of her life.



Next meeting of the Queanbeyan Evening Branch of CWA: Tuesday 8th September

The next monthly meeting of the Queanbeyan Evening Branch of Country Women's Association (CWA) of NSW is on Tuesday 8th September, 2026.

Please note that there will be a supper at 6.15pm at Axis Centre, right next to Queanbeyan Park and Lyons Bookshop, Cnr Campbell & Park Streets, prior to our meeting.

Meeting will commence at 7.00pm at the Axis Centre.

Please note time and location change. The CWA aims to improve conditions for

country women and children. We reach that aim in various ways including lobbying for change, helping the local community, creating a network of support and meeting together. New members are always very welcome.

For further information or inquiries about us, please contact the Branch Secretary, via email: queanbeyaneveningbranchcwa@gmail.com.



Bungendore Open Mic

The organisers of the community event "Bungendore Open Mic" will be running their monthly (August) open mic event on Saturday August 29 from 1pm to 5pm at the Royal Hotel Bungendore

If you are interested in performing, or would like more information contact John on 0447 069 317, or email tomthumb1375@gmail.com



QPRC There has been a change to our Tech Help Drop-in service! You can now find Tech Help Drop-in at Queanbeyan Library on Fridays and Saturdays, from 10am-12pm.

We're also pleased to announce that Tech Help Drop-in will be available at Braidwood Library on the first Saturday of each month, from 9.30am-12.30pm, starting 5 September.

If you need a hand with your device, apps, email or online services, drop in and chat with our volunteers.



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 3 September 2026 10:00am to 1:30pm

Where: RSL Lifecare, Level 1, 251 Crawford Street Queanbeyan

Appointments are essential - please call 1800 229 529

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

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

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

Mayor's Column

We are seeking feedback on a review of options for Stage 2 of Dunns Creek Road, which is a proposed connection from Old Cooma Road in Googong to the Monaro Highway in the ACT. Stage 1 of Dunns Creek Road is the connection into the ACT and will provide a second connection for Tralee. Stage 2 is the connection from Old Cooma Road to Stage 1 and a report has been prepared considering several options to make this connection. You can provide feedback and ask questions about the proposed options until 6 October 2026 at yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au/dunns-creek-road



The QPRC draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030 (DIAP) is currently on public exhibition. The DIAP provides a guide for Council and its partners to build a more accessible and inclusive Queanbeyan-Palerang Region. The DIAP 2026-2030 has been shaped by feedback from people with disability, their families, carers, supports and the wider community. I'd like to say thank you to everyone who shared their experiences and input when we ran the DIAP community survey earlier this year. Creating an inclusive community is a shared responsibility and by working together to remove barriers and improve accessibility, we can build a region where everyone can participate, connect and thrive. You can read the draft DIAP and provide your feedback at yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au/disability-inclusion-action-plan-2026-2030

This Sunday, there will be two educational walks as part of National Wattle Day. The first walk in Queanbeyan will be at Mount Jerrabomberra from 9:00am to 11:00am. The meeting place for this walk will be on Jerrabomberra Hill Road. The second walk will be along Turallo Creek in Bungendore from 1:30pm to 3:00pm. The meeting place will be at Bungendore Skatepark on McMahon Drive. I thank Queanbeyan Landcare and Bungendore Urban Landcare for helping Council run these great events! Make sure to come along and learn about our fantastic local wattles as well as some of the other trees and shrubs that grow in our region! You can find more information about the walks at qprc.nsw.gov.au/Events

There is an Ordinary Council Meeting tonight from 5:30pm in the Nellie Hamilton Centre, Queanbeyan. Some items on the agenda include the QPRC Annual Community Grants 2026/27, Round 2 of the Monaro Street Shopfront Improvement Program, and a grant funding application under the Better Open Spaces Program. In two weeks, we will be holding our Ordinary Council meeting at the Norah Starrs Community Centre (formerly Bungendore Community Centre) on Wednesday 9 September from 5:30pm. You can find more information about the Council meeting and the agenda at qprc.nsw.gov.au/Events/Ordinary-Council-meeting

Cr Kenrick Winchester, Mayor

Target Time

Target: Average - 18, Good - 24, Excellent - 30+

deer, desert, deter, duet, duster, ester, etude, quest, reed, request, REQUESTED, reset, rest, rested, rete, reuse, rude, rudest, rued, ruse, rusted, seed, seer, sere, steed, steer, steered, sued, suede, suer, suet, sure, teed, terse, tree, treed, true, trued, used, user.

Brain Training

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Puzzle Solutions

Sudoku

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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

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BUNGENDORE SENIORS

Next get together will be Friday 28 August, 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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Aussie Skip Bags Rubbish Removal. Pick up for Queanbeyan Area & Surrounds. Prices range from \$160 - \$270. Bags From \$55 Delivered, No Time Limits on Pickups Phone John 0499 033 433

CB BOBCATS

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



RURAL CONTRACTING  
David Sillis - 0428 265 111

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY WANTED

Commercial Property wanted to buy in Queanbeyan Area. Land and/or building  
Phone John 0499 033 433

VINTAGE & RETRO

Vintage and retro shop open Friday, Saturday and Sunday - 10.00 am to 4.30 pm. End of winter sale 28th and 29th August. Sunday 30th will be closed due to family commitment.

ART BY ANDERS 144 Uriarra Rd Crestwood Queanbeyan.

WANTED: HOUSE

Queanbeyan House wanted to buy in any condition. Looking for Large Block for Truck Parking  
Phone John 0499 033 433

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



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LIONS COMMUNITY BOOKSHOP

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



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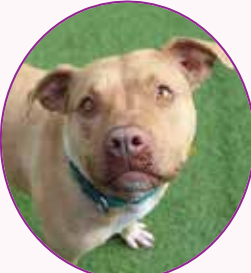
Braidwood - Canberra - Braidwood  
Monday - Wednesday - Friday  
Mob: 0428 968 162

RSPCA: These are just some of the many deserving animals waiting to find forever families at the RSPCA Shelter. (As of 23 August)  
Check this link [rspca-act.org.au/adopt-pet](https://rspca-act.org.au/adopt-pet) for the most up to date list.



LOTTIE (F) Staffy  
Approx 1 yr

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BLONDIE (F) American Staffy  
Approx 2½ yrs

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LICORICE (F) DMH  
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WILLIAM (M) DSH  
Approx 12 mths

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SUSHI (M) DSH  
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BELLA (F) DLH  
Approx 14 mths

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SONIC (M) Gold Laced Cochins

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ARGOS (M) AUSTRALOP

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TOFU (F) Pigeon

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MUKO (F) Pigeon

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LADY GUINEVERE (M) Pigeon

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MICRORAPTOR (F) Dove

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SIR GAWAIN (M) Pigeon

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Sport

Queanbeyan Whites

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The Queanbeyan Whites 2026 campaign came to an abrupt end last weekend with First grade, Reserve grade and Third grade all losing their preliminary final matches at Viking Park.

Third grade raced away to an early 25-3 lead in their match against Tuggeranong. Three minutes in, outside centre Jack Negus scored the first try after the Whites forwards went through phase after phase before spreading it back across the field

Ten minutes later Vikings drew a penalty for Whites offside and closed the gap to 5-3. The Whites pressure from the restart through Evan Nelson, Jack Morrison and Nick Frost resulted in a turnover. Chris Prail advanced the ball 10 metres before moving it right where Nelson found himself just short of the line. Prail and Morrison moved the ball back to the left before a little chip by Mitch Morrison placed the ball in goal which Rory Forbes was able to gather and place down just before it crossed the dead ball line, giving the Whites a 12-3 lead.

A lack of communication saw the Whites bomb the restart but a penalty shortly after for not releasing saw them regain possession and a lineout on half way. Nelson secured the lineout moving the ball out to McGuinness whose long kick saw the ball bounce just before the try line and into the in goal. Winger Harry Velnaar had chased hard and after an initial scuffle with Vikings, gathered the loose ball and earnt the five points. Whites were ahead 22-3 at the 22 minute mark.



Vikings again secured the restart and after some sustained pressure and penalties found their way over the line. The Whites responded with a penalty goal shortly after for a 25-10 half time lead.

In the second half nothing went the Whites way and they found themselves unable to add to the scoreline. There was some terrific passages of play, good strong forward play, and phase after phase but then a dropped ball or a penalty, or a kick that worked in the first half went astray in the second. Vikings jumped on the occasional opportunity and made it count to take the win 25-38.

Reserve grade took on Uni-Norths in the Spence Cup preliminary final and started strongly. The line breaking runs of wingers Paul Dolokoto, Hayden Patu and inside centre Dino Kahaulelio kept the Owls on the back foot early while the experience of Cameron Stanley, Andrew McFarlane, Mitch Douch and Steven Prail kept the Whites moving forward.

The Whites team work and patience were rewarded ten minutes in. No 8 Sione Naufahu came off the back of a Whites scrum just inside Vikings 22 moving it sideways to Douch and onto Dolokoto. Dolokoto took the ball forward a few metres and managed to grubber kick the ball ahead before being tackled out of field. Douch and McFarlane chased with Douch toeing the ball ahead before pouncing on it over the line and the Whites were ahead 5-0



Uni-Norths took the lead just minutes later as the Whites were unable to gather a long range in field kick from the Owls. The ball bounced in one direction and then the other and then again before Uni-Norths pounced on it and cleared the final few metres to score under the post and take a 5-7 lead.

Queanbeyan proceeded to go on the attack and bombarded the Owls line. Stanley, Mark Tiuri-Beni, Steven Prail, all found themselves just short of the line. It took almost 15 minutes of sustained pressure before they found the way through. The movement again started with a scrum around the 22, Dino crashed through the defence before Stanley charged through the final 10 metres just to be pulled down again short of the line. The ball went back to Prail and onto McFarlane who stepped his way through four Owls player to retake the lead.

The Whites continued to attack and hold on to the ball, but a penalty to the Owls saw them progress down field, and a couple of loose, ineffective tackles and quick ball movement saw the Owls make a diving try in the corner and level the score at 12 all. The Owls hit again just minutes later off the back of a couple of mistakes by the Whites to go into half time ahead 12-19.

Uni-Norths immediately increased their lead to 12-26 but the Whites went on the attack and this time it was Lachlan Stanley who somehow managed to get the ball over the line in a jumble of players.

Just minutes later Uni-Norths extended their lead 19-33. The next ten minutes both teams had their moments and opportunities but it was the Whites who eventually found the try line again - this

time through Lochlan Smith. With just a try the difference (26-33) and eight minutes to go the win was still within the Whites grasp. The sinbinning of Sione Naufahu around the 60 minute mark added difficulty to the task.

Unfortunately some ball handling errors gifted the Owls the ball and they did not pass up the opportunity, extending the lead to 26-40 with just two minutes to go.

To the Whites credit they didn't give up, pressuring the kick off, securing the ball and scoring again right on the bell - this time to lock Fionan Dunne.

Queanbeyan's last hope for an appearance on Grand Final day lay with First grade...but it was not to be. The first half was dominated by Royals as Queanbeyan struggled to take the ball forward or take advantage of any momentum they worked hard to get. Going into the second half down 0-20 the Whites had

The Whites were the first to trouble the scoreboard in the second half after gaining a penalty deep in Royals 22. After some trouble

with their lineouts over the last few weeks, everything worked this time and what had become a signature move earlier in the season, worked. Nick Frost secured the ball at the back of the lineout and as they drove forward moved the ball to hooker Ewald Kruger at the back to drop over the line and score the try. Carool converted to reduce Royals lead to 7-20.

As the game went on the speed of Mickey Rademaker, Nathan Carroll, and Angus Tak often had Royals on the back foot and while unable to convert it seemed to be just a matter of time as all momentum as with the Whites. As the WHotes continued to attack and them an intercept by Royals winger around half way in the middle of the filed - woth no one able to turn around and catch him. Extended the lead 7-27

The Whites continued to pressure Royals but it took another ten minutes before they were able to break through. Inside Centre Waisea Tudulu found the gap racing from the half way line to the 22 before

attempting to hook up with Rademaker or Dolo on the outside. While the pass went wild xx regrouped bringing the ball back in field where the forwards worked it over the line and the try to Judah. Carroll converted to reduce the scoreline to 14-27 with twenty minutes to go.

A penalty goal to Royals just minutes later meant the Whites would have to score three times...with 15 minutes to go. The Whites were not going to die wondering and after securing a penalty again executed their lineout move, this time with Townsend securing the ball and Frost at the back of the pack going over five points. 21-30 with 13 minutes to go.

A momentary loss of focus handed Royals another try and a 21-37 lead with nine minutes on the clock. Both teams again had their opportunities as they moved the ball around the field in the dying minutes but the Whites struggled to hold onto possession long enough to launch any sustained attack and Royals came away with the win.

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