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Keeping the community connected for 190 years



Debbie Evans

Friday's celebrations marking the Queanbeyan Post Office's 190th anniversary received the stamp of approval from attendees.

Queanbeyan Post Office first opened its doors in 1836, making it one of the oldest post offices in New South Wales.

Queanbeyan Post Office Postal Manager Dale Smith said it was heart-warming to see so many former Australia Post team members attend. "A highlight was seeing past team members celebrate this important milestone, knowing the vital role they have played in keeping the community connected."

"We are proud to be celebrating an incredible 190 years of serving the Queanbeyan community. The Post Office has been an important part of the local area for generations, helping residents and businesses stay connected as their needs have evolved."

"We are grateful for the community's ongoing

support and look forward to continuing to serve Queanbeyan with the same care and commitment for many years to come."

Queanbeyan Post Office opened just 26 years after Australia's first postal service was established near Circular Quay in Sydney in 1809. When Queanbeyan's post office opened its doors, there were no pre-paid stamps, instead residents paid postage when they collected their mail, a practice that continued until pre-paid stamps were introduced in 1850.

The town's first postmaster, Charles I Gerrard, received no salary but was instead entitled to 20 per cent of the postage he collected. In the post office's early years, mail was carried via Bungonia and Bungendore, with letters posted weekly numbering in the hundreds.

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Image: R-L, Queanbeyan Post Office Manager Dale, with mascot Pip with Leonie and Art.



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Majors Creek Rural Fire Brigade Strengthens Firefighting Capability with New Underground Water Tank

Majors Creek Rural Fire Brigade is strengthening its firefighting capability and local emergency preparedness through installation of a new 110,000-litre underground concrete water tank.

The project addresses a critical challenge for Majors Creek, a high bushfire-risk rural community with no reticulated water supply.

The new tank will provide a secure and reliable local water source, significantly enhancing the Brigade's preparedness and response capability for bushfires and structural fires.

The Community Bank Braidwood and the NSW Rural Fire Service Association (NSW RFSA) have provided support for the project.

The NSW RFSA is contributing \$5,000 towards the project as well as providing a tanker of water for the new tank. This support, alongside the Community Bank Braidwood's grant, shows the value of strong partnerships in strengthening local emergency infrastructure.

Importantly, the new water supply will also support the NSW Rural



Fire Service's Clean Firefighter program and contamination control practices. Adequate water at the station will enable firefighters to wash personal protective equipment and shower following incidents, helping reduce the risk

of transferring contaminants to firefighter's homes.

Engagement Manager Nick Fry said the Braidwood and Bungendore Community Bank is proud to partner with the Majors Creek RFS on such a worthwhile

project.

The Majors Creek Rural Fire Brigade sincerely thanks NSW RFS and the Community Bank Braidwood for their generous support.

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Landcare's First Florabank Training a Resounding Success in Queanbeyan

Upper Murrumbidgee Landcare and Upper Shoalhaven Landcare Council celebrated the success of their first-ever Landcare Florabank Training, held at QPRC's Braidwood Room in Queanbeyan on Friday 14th August. The event was fully booked and attracted 33 participants, highlighting the strong community interest in native seed collection and propagation.

The full-day workshop brought together Landcare members, representatives from NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) and volunteers from the Southern Tablelands Tree Start Growers Network, to build their knowledge of best practice native seed collection and use. Attendees were guided through the nationally recognised Florabank Guidelines by special guest

presenter Kelly Stubbs, founder of Wagtail Natives Nursery and passionate educator in native seed collection and propagation.

Kelly led participants through several Florabank training modules, covering topics including seed collection, harvesting methods, storage and the role of local provenance seed in successful revegetation projects. With Florabank training no longer available online, the face-to-face session provided a valuable opportunity for participants to gain knowledge and skills from an experienced practitioner.

This pilot training workshop forms part of Landcare's long-term vision to develop a "Seed Spotters Network" of skilled volunteer seed collectors across the Southern Tablelands, strengthening the supply of locally sourced native

seed to support local revegetation efforts.

The overwhelming attendance on the day demonstrated the region's interest in restoring and protecting local landscapes, with Landcare hoping it can offer more training opportunities like this in the future.

Special thanks to Wagtail Natives Nursery and Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council for supporting this event, as well as sponsors in the NSW Government Koala Strategy and Landcare Enabling Program Phase 3 Innovations and Partnerships Grant Program.

Photo supplied of presenter Kelly Stubbs of Wagtail Natives Nursery discusses best practices for seed storage at Landcare's Florabank Training Session on 14 August.



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Community News

Monaro Street Refresh Project
update - 2 September 2026

QPRC

Works will begin at the Lowe Street intersection during the Spring school holidays.

The intersection works have been scheduled during the school holiday period to minimise disruption to school drop-off and pick-up times and reduce impacts on local traffic as much as possible.

The Lowe Street intersection will be closed from Sunday 27 September for approximately two weeks while contractors undertake underground infrastructure upgrades and surface reconstruction.

Detours will be in place for eastbound traffic at the traffic signals at Ross Road. This detour will direct motorists to the signalised intersection with Uriarra Road. Eastbound traffic can turn right at this intersection and then join Morisset Street as part of the current detour.

The detour is not being put in place at the intersection of Canberra Avenue and Stornaway Road as it is not possible to turn right from Stornaway Road into Uriarra Road.

Local traffic will be able to use local streets to access their properties and businesses.



Additional variable message signs will be in place for this work and eastbound traffic is encouraged to use Norse Road, Kendall Avenue and Uriarra Road rather than Canberra Avenue.

Crawford Street will remain open for north-south traffic during the Lowe Street closure. Collett Street is also open, noting that there is a maximum height limit of 3.1m under the Queen Bridge.

Employees who work along Farrer Place will have local traffic access. There will be a section of Canberra Avenue that will be closed eastbound, between Ross Road and Stornaway Road, which vehicles will need to detour around.

Access in and out of the Lowe and Morisset car parks is still open.

To enter the Lowe Street car park, come through the roundabout at Rutledge Street, go over the wombat crossing, and turn right into the car park. To exit, turn left back onto Lowe Street towards the Rutledge Street roundabout.

To enter the Morisset Street car park use the Morisset Street entrance to turn left off Morisset Street into the car park. To exit, turn left onto Morisset Street towards the Lowe Street and Morisset Street roundabout.

Council is also working closely with the Queanbeyan Police Station and Court House to help manage access and minimise disruption during the works.

At the same time, footpath works are continuing to progress and we are working with businesses to accommodate access.

Artists impression: Intersection Monaro and Crawford Streets

Release Of Veteran Allied
Health Discussion Paper: submit
your feedback by October 30

Consultation is now open for the new allied health arrangements for veterans through the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA), which will come into effect from 1 July 2027.

Under the changes, the current 12-session treatment cycle will be removed. Veterans will still need initial GP referrals but will no longer need GP referrals after every 12 sessions to access allied health care.

This will mean fewer appointments and less paperwork for veterans who need ongoing allied health care.

A new annual \$5,000 review threshold will also be introduced to make sure veterans receiving higher levels of allied health care continue to receive treatment that is appropriate and effective.

Veterans who require more than \$5,000 in allied health care each year will still be able to receive clinically necessary treatment.

Importantly, the threshold will not apply to Veteran Card holders receiving the Special Rate Disability Pension or Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Pension, or those who have been determined to be catastrophically injured.

The changes are backed by the Government's \$169.7 million investment to strengthen access to allied health care for Veteran Card

holders. This is the largest investment in veteran allied health provider fees in more than two decades and responds directly to Recommendation 71 of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide, which called for increases to the Department of Veterans' Affairs' (DVA) fee schedules to improve access to care.

Veterans approaching the threshold will have their treatment reviewed with their health care team. They will be able to continue accessing treatment while DVA considers any request for additional care, so there is no unnecessary interruption to treatment.

We know changes to allied health care arrangements matter deeply to veterans and their families. We want to listen to their experiences and make sure the new system is less burdensome and supports veterans to get the care they need.

Feedback will help make sure changes do not result in any gap in accessing service for veterans who have a clinical need for allied health treatment.

To review the discussion paper, get involved in a consultation session or submit your feedback, visit <https://www.dva.gov.au/about-us/publications/budgets/budget-2026-27/changes-for-allied-health-from-july-2027>, consultation closes on 30 October 2026.

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Council Meeting Summary - 26 August 2026

QPRC Here is the summary of the resolutions made at the Ordinary Council meeting of 26 August 2026. The archived recording of the meeting is available at: https://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au/archive.php • Council heard from nine members of the public and staff who made presentations about items on the agenda including: Public Interest Disclosure Policy; QPRC Annual Community Grants 2026/27; Update on Googong Voluntary Planning Agreement Amendments; Grant Funding Application Better Open Spaces Program (in favour or Jerrabomberra Skate Park upgrade); Monaro Rock Quarry response to submission; Community Satisfaction Survey 2026; Events Policy; 2025-26 4th Quarter Budget Review Statement and Budget Revotes; and Mount Jerrabomberra Mapping • Council endorsed both Agnes Avenue Park and Jerrabomberra Skate	Park as projects for the grant submission under the Better Open Spaces Program and subject to grant being successful provide additional matching funds in 2027-28 Operational Plan. Council will also add the Jerrabomberra Skate Park to its NSW Election advocacy projects list • Council received information report about the Bungendore Economic Stimulus Trial • Council approved Category A Grants for 2026-27 totalling \$44,026 and Category B Venue Hire Donations for 2026-27 totalling \$45,000 • Council approved execution of funding deeds for \$2,000 each, totalling \$28,000 for the 14 eligible applicants for Round 2 or the Monaro Street Shopfront Improvement Program • Council will notify and engage six property owners identified as high flood risk at their property to advise their property has been identified	• as potentially eligible for future Voluntary Purchase schemes and to gauge support should these schemes become available. Council will develop a targeted awareness program for residents in units located in high flood hazard areas, and a community wide awareness program relating to flooding in Queanbeyan • Council received and noted the June 2026 Quarterly Budget Review Statement, carried forward and revoked budget of \$36,164,216 into the 2026-27 financial year, noted the draft unaudited Cash and Investments position as at June 2026 • Council received Investment Report for the month of July 2026, noting return of \$1,082,093 • Council, in accordance with Joint Venture Deed with Homes NSW, approved entering into a 20-year lease agreement with Argyle Community Housing for 26-28 Sassafras Crescent, Karabar • Council dissolved the	Wamboin Canning Close Reserve Committee as a delegated Section 355 Committee and will negotiate a license agreement with the Wamboin Pony Club for the use of the Canning Close Reserve site • Council will place the draft Agricultural Chemical Use in Public Places Policy and the associated Draft Pesticide Use Notification Plan on public exhibition for 28 days at https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au • Council adopted the amended Events Policy • Council adopted the Review of Environmental Factors Determination Policy, Directional Signage Policy, Public Interest Disclosure Policy, Data Breach Policy, Crown Road Management Policy • Council acquired Lot 8 DP1307838 for the purpose of the road realignment of Cooma Road, Ballalaba • Council endorsed the \$1,645,000 Funding Agreement for the Federal Government's Major	and Local Community Infrastructure Program for the Jerrabomberra Community Infrastructure Upgrade • Council received information report about the Jerrabomberra Traffic Campaign and outcomes from Brudenell Drive consultation • Council received information report about Section 355 Committee Financials 2025-26 • Council received information report about the submission response from Monaro Rock • Council received information report about the completion of solar and battery projects on Council facilities • Council received information report with an update on Googong Voluntary Planning Agreement Amendments • Council received information report about the Community Satisfaction Survey 2026 • Council received information report about	mapping of Mount Jerrabomberra • Council received information report about the completion of Scope 3 emissions inventory for FY2023-24 • Council received information report with a letter from the Minister for Local Government about the Joint Organisations Framework Review • Council noted the minutes of the Local Transport Forum held on 9 June 2026 • Council noted the minutes of the Local Transport Forum held on 4 August 2026 • Council receives information report with answers to councillor questions about items on the agenda • In closed session, Council received information report about legal matters 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
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Queanbeyan Rotary Ramble

By Tracy Styles & James Ansell

During August, the Rotary Club of Queanbeyan supported and promoted Rotary youth programs, donated to local primary schools, and supported our local AFL club.

On Wednesday 12 August, the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (Ryda) program ran their one-day workshop for Year 10 and Year 11 students from 4 participating schools (Karabar High School, Queanbeyan High School, Jerrabomberra High School, and Bungendore High School). Our Club members assisted running the event, with facilitators running sessions across a one-day workshop, focused on fostering long-term road

safety habits, from any seat in the vehicle.

In total, 90 students participated across. Thank you to the Ryda facilitators, who travelled from all over NSW (and the ACT) to deliver the training, as well as our friends from the Rotary Club of Jerrabomberra and Rotary Club of Bungendore who assisted on the day.

On 12 August, the Club was invited to the Karabar High School Parent Wellbeing Information Evening to talk about the different types of youth leadership and development programs Rotary has to offer, including:

- Interact Clubs; for students 12 to 18 years bringing

young people together to work on two service projects a year

- Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment (RYPEN); for Year 9 and Year 10 students to attend an intensive residential weekend to focus on self-confidence, self-esteem and enhance a belief in their abilities and talents.
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA); for young people aged 18 to 28 years to attend a short residential program on leadership development.
- Rotary Youth Exchange Programs (short and long-term); provides opportunities for students to spend time abroad, learn a new language, discover another culture and become a global citizen.
- National Youth Science Programs; provides a range of programs for students (from year 10) to explore STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) beyond the classroom.

If you are interested, or know someone who would benefit from attending any of these programs, please reach out to our Club for more details.

During Book Week (24-28 August), the Club was delighted to donate \$500 each to 8 local Primary Schools, towards their



Library. The schools included:

- Googong Public School
- The Anglican School Googong
- Queanbeyan East Primary school
- Queanbeyan Public School
- St Gregory's Primary School Queanbeyan
- Queanbeyan West Public School
- Queanbeyan South Public School
- Captains Flat Public School.

The funds raised come directly from the local community, including the BBQ we ran at the August Queanbeyan Market. We look forward to seeing more people come out at the Queanbeyan Springfest Market on Sunday 20 September (9 am to 2 pm), at the Queanbeyan Showgrounds.

On Sunday 2 September,

the Club completed another year of volunteering at the Queanbeyan Tigers Australian Football Club entry gates. Congratulations to the Tigers AFL Rising Stars Girls on reaching the Grand Final.

The community is invited to attend the September Rotary Speaker event on Wednesday 9 September at 7 pm, held at the RSL LifeCare in Queanbeyan (on Crawford Street). Light refreshments will be served. Our speaker this month is Judy Mack who is a member of Legacy and has held positions as a Board member and President of Canberra Legacy from 2018 - 2020. She was also on the Board and a member of the Rotary Club of Canberra Sunrise. Judy was a weekly presenter on Radio 1RPH, a community Canberra Radio station for the vision

impaired, daily newspapers were read. Judy is currently the President of the Probus Club of Woden/Weston Creek.

If you are looking to volunteer in the community, come along and join us at our weekly Wednesday meetings at 6:30 pm, to learn more about Rotary and the work we do in the community. Contact us via secqbnrty@gmail.com or search 'Queanbeyan Rotary' on Facebook.

Above: Queanbeyan High School Students attending a Ryda Workshop session facilitated by John Elliott, Program Director for Australia and NZ from Road Safety Education.

Right: James Ansell speaking to parents at the Karabar High School Parent Wellbeing Information Evening

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Community News

The Queanbeyan Arts Trail Turns 20

The 2026 Queanbeyan-Palerang Arts Trail is shaping up to be a fabulous celebration of the Arts in the region! With over 40 venues and activations registered to participate over three big weekends this October; in Braidwood - 3 & 4, Bungendore - 10 & 11, Queanbeyan - 17 & 18. This year we have innovative new activations and venues, with Sculptures at the Cellar Door hosted by Lark Hill Winery and Aranya Acres in the hills above Bungendore, and Blessing of the Bikes in Captains Flat, initiated by its famous hotel.

Also this year the Arts Trail celebrates its 20th year in Queanbeyan, it is from there that the Arts Trail program will be launched at The Q Exhibition Space on Tuesday 29 September from 5:30pm. At this year's Arts Trail Launch two exciting exhibitions will be opened in our civic precinct galleries, 'The Places that Shape Us' in The Q



Exhibition Space by local Braidwood artist Ray Monde and Jenny Sheppard from Jerrabomberra with 'Beyond Clear Waters' - paintings of Queanbeyan and beyond, in the LinQ Gallery. These two local artists are indicative of our regional creatives with unique talents that connect to their local environs, which they bring forth into their work. These are exhibitions not to be missed!

Your Arts Trail journey starts in Historic **Braidwood on October 3 and 4**, with a broad creative offering, from ceramics, collage, antiques, printmaking, performance, photography and much more. You can wind your way through unique venues, from performance in the local museums Oddfellows Hall to an artist in residence for the weekend at the local gin distillery. There are also several artist home studios open for the Arts Trail weekend and a collective of up to 20 artists exhibiting at the Braidwood Regional Arts Group Gallery with works on paper, all priced under \$150.

When you rejoin the Arts Trail in **Bungendore on October 10 and 11**, you will need to sample not only the art but some of the best wines of the southeast region. The inaugural 'Sculpture at the Cellar Door' is joining this year's Arts Trail, bringing sculpture into the vineyards of the Queanbeyan-Palerang wineries, which has been a goal of Janita Byrne the Arts Trail Coordinator... 'I'm so excited that this year we have managed to get sculptures into the vineyards of our LGA, this is a pairing for our regional agribusiness and creatives' she says.

The Arts Trail is back in Captains Flat

again this year, with events that bookend the October trail. Firstly with **'The Blessing of the Bikes' on October 3 & 4** and followed by 'Muma Tierra Collectiva' on October 17, showcasing local artisans and produce in the heart of this small town and experience the wealth of talent and creativity in the region first-hand as you meet the artists in their creative environments, ranging from ceramics to paintings, prints, textiles and more.

We save the birthday party for last with the 20th Arts Trail in **Queanbeyan and surrounds on Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 October**, where you can experience over 20 different galleries, pop-ups, performances and artist studios from incredible artists in our region. This year once again, the Queanbeyan Arts Society is partnering with Cartel Taqueria Restaurant to combine art, food, music and cocktails to the Arts Trail, outdoors and in by the Queanbeyan River. Just up the hill at the historic Rusten House Art Centre, they will be host three excellent artists exhibitions. Queanbeyan also boasts master glass artists, with two home studios open for the weekend; Curtis Glass Art and Schwartz Glass Studio. The Hive of Queanbeyan, will be hosting 'A lifetime in Lines' by artist Trevor Gibson. With over 40 venues and activations during our October Arts Trail, we cannot list them all here but you can interact with the showcase of talent online on the Arts Trail website and use it to plan your journey into the creative world of our region.

Full list of participants below, and head to treasuretrail.com.au/arts to learn more.

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Queanbeyan Uniting Church Jumble Sale: Saturday 26 September

The Queanbeyan Uniting Church Jumble Sale is as popular as ever.

It is the go-to place to find a good bargain!

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

And we go on doing our best to serve the community during these difficult times, helping people to recycle and repurpose goods that would otherwise end up in landfill.

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

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

We are open from 9am to 12pm.

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

Donations needed: If you are doing some spring cleaning please keep the Jumble Sale in mind. You can drop your donations off at the church on Tuesdays between 9 and 10am. Thank you!

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Defence Shed Eden-Monaro: A safe space for veterans

Debbie Evans

Local resident Tony Payne and a group of dedicated volunteers hope to improve the lives of those who have served their community in uniform by establishing a Veterans' Shed in Bungendore.

A 32-year Warrant Officer veteran of conflicts in Timor, Iraq and Afghanistan, Mr Payne says he still feels responsible for caring for his troops. This enduring commitment drives his passion for establishing a Veterans' Shed in Bungendore to support those who have worn a uniform in service to their community.

"Many service members are deeply affected by their experiences and develop post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Simply put, this is a normal response to abnormal circumstances. Unfortunately, in the services, showing weakness or struggling to cope can be seen as a failure.

"People find it hard to adjust to everyday life and connect with others when they return home. Those best placed to help are often people with similar lived experience. They need help from people they can relate to.

"Our Veterans' Shed will be a focal point to help them.

"Through activities such as woodworking, we hope to help people focus, connect with others,

and discuss their feelings in a safe, supportive space with those who understand their experiences.

"The uniforms might change but we all go through the same shit.

"Unfortunately, our Veterans' Shed still has no home. We have discussed options with the Bungendore Men's Shed and Council but have yet to find a suitable site. As we refine the vision, we'll seek further support to secure a location and bring the project to life by approaching the Department of Veterans Affairs and others.

"We mightn't be able to cure but we can care."

Working alongside Tony is a strong executive team of Army, Navy, and RFS veterans. Together, they are planning the Defence Shed Eden-Monaro to ensure it is built on solid foundations and provides much-needed support to veterans from all forms of community service.

Commodore Daniel Sutherland, who leads Australia's submarine defence force, supports Defence Shed Eden-Monaro as its patron.

Mr Payne hopes the shed will offer more than practical activities such as woodworking, metalworking and 3D printing, with possible referrals to further services suited to each person's needs.

The executive will meet next at 6.30pm at the Loaded Dog in



Tarago and they invite anyone who is interested to come along and join the conversation in the interest of supporting veterans in the community.

The Defence Shed, despite its name, will be open to not only veterans, but also those still serving, corrections officers and emergency services workers.

Anyone wishing to join this worthy project as a volunteer can complete an Expression of Interest form which can be found on the Defence Shed Eden-Monaro Facebook page.

Mr Payne said he has drawn inspiration for the Defence Shed from similar initiatives, in places such as Wagga Wagga, Adelaide and Hobart as well as the Purple Heart Project in Canada.

Whilst the operational site will be in Bungendore Mr Payne's hopeful the concept will attract people from across the Eden-Monaro region.

Defence Shed Eden-Monaro will also participate in the Inaugural Honouring the Hidden Service Symposium at the Australian War Memorial on Friday 16 October 2026.

Partners of Veterans Association of Australia Inc. (P.V.A.) is proud to present the Symposium—a landmark event dedicated to recognising the invaluable contribution of Australia's veteran partners, spouses, families and carers.

Mr Payne will continue to garner support as a guest speaker in coming weeks at events in Bungendore and Goulburn.

Photo supplied of Tony Payne (centre) with fellow committee members.

Queanbeyan Probus Club

The Probus Club of Queanbeyan normally meets on the third Monday of each month from 10am to 11am at the Queanbeyan Bowling Club, corner of Canberra Avenue and Campbell St, Queanbeyan (NB: due to construction work at the Bowling Club our meetings will be held at the Campbell & George for the next few months). Our aim is to have fun, provide fellowship and make new friends. Each month the club has a short formal meeting, morning tea, usually a guest speaker, followed by lunch at a local eatery.

The club has been busy over the last month enjoying lots of activities, including a trip to the Bungendore Café Woodworks, exhibitions at Old Parliament House, Christmas in July lunch and a visit to the Australian War Memorial to view the newly opened galleries.

Our guest speaker at the August meeting was Mick Brice from the Canberra Lions Club. The first Club

was formed in Australia over 75 years ago and Lions International is the longest service organisation in the world. Their aim is to identify the world's most crucial needs and do their best to assist. Mick spoke about the enormous value that the club's extensive community service has brought to our local area. Across the approx.

1,200 clubs in Australia, the members are involved in many causes and focus areas, particularly those affected by diabetes and cancer. Among their many programs are the Childhood Cancer Research Foundation (funds from the Lions Biggest BBQ go towards this cause), Lions Assistance Dogs (assisting with funding of dog training), Lions Recycle for Sight (eyeglass recycling program including collecting used spectacles from local optometrists), Youth of the Year Award (which encourages and fosters leadership skills in Australian students in high school) and the Green Canopy



Environment Project (a one million tree planting project!). The Club also supports the Queanbeyan Hospital's maternity ward through semi-annual donations to the Queanbeyan Hospital Auxiliary to assist in the purchase of equipment for the ward. Other fundraising methods include the very successful (and delicious) Lions Christmas Cake which, we

are proud to say, was an initiative born in Queanbeyan. More information about the Lions Clubs of Australia can be found at <https://lionsclubs.org.au>.

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

by email: patersonc14@bigpond.com. Carol can advise when the Club will next meet and ensure a member is available to introduce and welcome you.

Sue Page
Queanbeyan Probus Club

Photo supplied of club President, Carol Paterson with the guest speaker, Mick Brice who is a representative from the Canberra Lions Club.

All spinners welcome at the Wamboin Markets: Sat 19 September

The Wamboin Markets will be back on the Saturday 19th September, after its Winter hiatus, welcoming any spinners to come along and set up their spinning wheels for World Spin in Public Day, which is held the 3rd Saturday in September each year.

We have a climate controlled room available inside to enjoy the

atmosphere of the markets whilst you spin... or knit, crochet and other yarn crafts, if spinning is not your forte.

There will be a spinner on hand who can show you how to spin on a wheel or a drop spindle and the markets welcome others to come along to spin, demonstrate spinning or to experience spinning

for the first time.

The Wamboin Markets is on the 3rd Saturday of the Month (with the exceptions of July and August) and runs from 9:00am - 12:00 noon at the Wamboin Community Hall, Bingley Way Wamboin.

There are stalls with local fresh produce, arts and crafts, a coffee cart, cakes and slices, egg and

bacon rolls and also plants and other items for sale. Also, the local RFS is on hand to talk to you about being prepare, pile burns and any related topics.

The Wamboin Markets have been held since 2003 and are a lovely opportunity to not only buy local produce, but items from the many talented locals in our region, but

to catch up with others in the community.

To know more about the markets, you can visit their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61571684975208> or information page on the Wamboin Community Website: <https://wamboincommunity.asn.au/facilities/index.php?op=market>

2026 Casting For Recovery Program

Rainbow Springs Fly Fishing School was all action in August, hosting the 11th annual Casting For Recovery Program in Wamboin. The event managed by the ACT Fly Fishing Club was a great success, with many fish varieties caught and released.

Rainbow Springs has hosted every event since the program was brought to Australia in 2015. The program aims to raise funds during the year through raffles, auctions, etc so that 12 ladies can be pampered and come together to share experience in a safe and fun environment.

The supporting team were made up of bus drivers, medical staff, caterers, fishing buddies, photographers and organisers.

The ladies received a Goodies Bag on arrival and many organisations and businesses had provided special items of lotions, creams etc, which were well received. Of course we had donated hats, shirts, embroidered Club and Casting for Recovery logos and the group looked smashing.

After some pampering, fly tying and making useful fly fishing knots, the ladies were ready for the big "real fly fishing day" at Peter Walsh's Rainbow Spring Fly Fishing School.

Some further instructions by Peter on how to catch and land fish was invaluable and off they went with their fishing buddies. Suffice to say

they caught and released 15 fish of varying species between them, and after a beautiful BBQ lunch by the catering team it was time for presentations.

A raffle was held on the day with the winner receiving a prized quilt made by the wonderful folks at

Broomsticks and Bobbins in the A.C.T.

This year was also attended by five VIP's who made contributions to the cause. Too soon it was over again for another retreat, which had met its objectives of providing an engaging and joyful few days

to ladies who have been doing it tough.

The founder of the program in Australia, Mr Nick Van Weelden commented "We should be thankful that we have so many volunteer Club members, who are willing to put time and effort into

making the retreat an event to remember with joy".

As one of the participants described, it was "an extraordinary and delightful experience".

Well done everyone.

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TAFE NSW Supports Queanbeyan Mum In ‘Life-Changing’ Journey

A West Queanbeyan mum has credited TAFE NSW with helping her change the course of her life and arm her with the skills and knowledge to pursue a career helping others.

As National Skills Week 2026 begins, TAFE NSW is celebrating the life-changing impact of skills and vocational education by showcasing students like Queanbeyan’s Eliza Logg, who are building new careers, supporting their communities and contributing to industries critical to NSW’s future.

With four in five (82%) Australian businesses experiencing skills shortages in 2025, practical, industry-focussed training is helping people take advantage of growing career opportunities

while building the skilled workforce industry needs.

Eliza Logg, 41, is living with partial deafness and has been a stay-at-home mum since having her first child at 16 but it hasn’t stopped her trying to empower herself through education at TAFE NSW.

After building her literacy and study skills at TAFE NSW Queanbeyan by completing a Certificate II in Career Preparation, Ms Logg went on to complete a Certificate II in Salon Assistant and Certificate III in Community Services in 2025.

She’s now tackling a Certificate IV in Mental Health in the hope of working as a drug and alcohol counsellor and has just finished training as a

volunteer at Family Drug Support.

“I’ve seen a lot of mental health and substance abuse issues in my extended family and want to show my kids, and the whole community, that there is help out there if you’re struggling,” Ms Logg said.

“I hadn’t studied since high school but TAFE NSW has made it so much easier for me, supporting me all the way and giving me the confidence to continue.”

Minister for TAFE, Skills and Tertiary Education and Monaro MP Steve Whan said Ms Logg’s success reflects the important role skills can have, while helping build the workforce NSW needs.

“At TAFE NSW, we see

every day how education can change a person’s life,” Mr Whan said.

“The idea of working in one career for life is becoming less common, as jobs and industries continue to evolve. Whether someone is starting their career, changing direction, returning to work or building new skills, TAFE NSW helps people develop the skills they need to adapt and succeed throughout their working lives.

“TAFE NSW’s strong connections with industry and communities mean students are learning the skills employers need today and into the future.

“For Eliza, the value of TAFE NSW extends far beyond a qualification.”

Photo supplied of Eliza Logg



Queanbeyan Whites Presentation Night

The Queanbeyan Whites signed off on their 2026 season with Presentation Night last Friday night at the Hellenic Club in Woden. While there may not have been the grand final appearances or wins that everyone strives for there was still plenty to celebrate. Third grade Minor Premier’s, Evan Nelson, Third Grade Best and Fairest across the competition, Joel Leiper - Top Try scorer in the John I Dent Cup and first grade winning and defending the Bob Hitchcock Shield to retain it for the 2026 season were just some of the highlights acknowledged on the night.

In other post season wins the Whites have had a number of players selected for representative duties, including:

- ACT and SNSW Griffins Squad: Jack Gordon, Koko Salim, Waisea Tudulu, Alatini Vaihu
- Tonga President’s XV: Judah Saumaisue, Angus Tagicakibau, and past player Davea Teoteo
- ACT Brumbies Super Rugby Aus Squad: Ewald Kruger, Josh Townsend, Judah Saumaisue
- President’s Trophy Matt Toward**
- Best Club Person (Paul Greentree Award)** Becks Seeto
- J. L. Maguire Shield for Most Consistent** Alatini Vaihu
- Ben Mansell Memorial for Most Promising** Angus Tagicakibau
- Len Dean Memorial Trophy for Sportsmanship** Mitchell Bell
- Jeff Townsend Award for Higher Achievement** Ewald Kruger
- Peter Ryan award for - highest pointscorer** Nathan Carroll (109)
- Pat Matthews** Joel Leiper
- Best and Fairest Awards**
- Stafford Shield (first grade) Waisea Tudulu
- Wickes Shield (reserve grade) Fionan Dunne
- Maxwell Shield (colts) Lachlan Stanley



- Moncrieff Shield (third grade) Lachlan Usher
- Donoghoe Shield (fourths) Nic Frost
- First grade**
- Best back: Angus Tagicakibau
- Best forward: Josh Townsend
- Players’ player: Josh Townsend
- Captain Josh: Townsend
- Coach: Becks Seeto
- Manager: Mick Pini
- Manager: Gavin Kemp
- Second grade**
- Best back: Mitchell Douch

- Best forward: Sione Naufahu
- Players’ player: Jack Preston
- Captain: Mitchell Bell
- Coach: Craig Sweeny
- Assistant coach: Seb Lorroway
- Assistant coach: Adam Billiards
- Manager: Scott Preston
- Colts**
- Best back: Hayden Patu
- Best forward: Lochlan Smith
- Players’ player: Lachlan Stanley
- Captain: BJ Fitzpatrick
- Coach: Ian McFarlane
- Assistant Coach: Brad Parrish
- Manager: Brodie Preston

- Third grade**
- Coach: Andrew Fahey
- Manager: Scott Waterman
- Captain: Evan Nelson and Chris Prail
- Best back: Mitch Morrison
- Best forward: Isaiah Fairless
- Players’ player: Jeremy Ramm
- Fourth grade**
- Coach: Oscar Farfan
- Coach: Toby Goodyer
- Manager: Dominic Goodyer
- Captain: Oscar Farfan
- Best back: Jaiden Kay
- Best forward: Ryan McElroy
- Players’ player: Nic Frost

- Below right: Becks Seeto (Clubman of the Year), Matt Toward (President’s Trophy), Alatini Vaihu (J. L. Maguire - Most Consistent)
- Below left: Evan Nelson - Best & Fairest, 3rd Grade competition
- Above: 2nd grade: Scott Preston (Manager), Craig Sweeny (coach), Sione Naufahu (Best Forward), Fionan Dunne (Best & Fairest), Mitchell Bell (Captain), Jack Preston (Club Captain), Seb Lorroway (asst. Coach), Adam Billiards (asst.coach)
- Photos: Jordan Mirchevski



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Queanbeyan PO celebrates 190 years

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As Queanbeyan expanded, its postal and telegraph services grew with it. A telegraph office opened in 1864, followed in 1870 by a dedicated Post and Telegraph Office in rented premises believed to have stood on Monaro Street near the river, where Riverside Plaza now stands.

By 1881, the growth of the town was such that residents petitioned for a home letter delivery service, pointing to the 1871 Census, which recorded a population of more than 800 people. The town's first postman, William John Nugent, was appointed the following year.



In 1907, significant additions were made to the Post Office building on the corner of Monaro and Lowe Streets, reflecting the growing importance of the site to the community. That historic building was later demolished, with a new 'modern' Post Office constructed on the same site in 1972.

The Post Office continued to operate from the Monaro and Lowe Street site until 1998, when it relocated to CityLink Plaza (now home to Kmart). In 2012, Queanbeyan Post Office moved to its current location on Crawford Street, where it continues to serve the community today.

Today, Queanbeyan Post Office continues to support residents and businesses while preserving a postal tradition that has been part of the area for generations. Post Offices like Queanbeyan remain an essential connection point for regional and rural communities, providing access to services that many residents, including those who cannot or choose not to engage digitally, rely on every day.

Dale Smith, a Queanbeyan local and proud Australia Post employee of 30 years, said the sense of community is one of the things he values most about his work.

"Three former Queanbeyan postal leaders also attended, including two who still live locally. It was wonderful to hear them share their experiences and reflect on the

changes they have witnessed over the past 25 years."

"The mid-1800's pillar box on display also created great interest whilst Pip the Koala, Australia Post's Mascot, was a welcome guest for the day." Mr Smith said.

Australia Post under the banners of the Postmaster-General's Department, Australian Postal Commission and finally Australian Postal Corporation, has been Australia's postal service for more than 216 years.

They proudly state they are "at the heart of every community."

Last financial year they delivered 2.2 billion items to 12.8 million delivery points.

Australia Post has one of the largest retail networks nationally, with more than 4,000 Post Offices. Australia Post employs people of all ages, genders, and abilities in their extended workforce of more than 64,000 team members, reflective of the diverse communities we operate in.

Australia Post is proud to be part of the inaugural Indigenous Employment Index, with 3% of its workforce identifying as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. It is also one of Australia's largest employers certified as a Disability Confident Recruiter.

Image: Just one of the pictures on display at the PO

Queanbeyan VIEW Club

Queanbeyan VIEW Club

In August, Queanbeyan View Club members enjoyed each other's company and a fun quiz. Sadly, our planned speaker was ill, so the topic of decluttering may turn up sometime next year.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday September 17th at the Tourist Hotel, Monaro St, Queanbeyan 12 for 12:30pm.

The September guest speaker is a bank officer who is coming to speak to us about the

disagreeable but important topic of online scans. We also enjoy lunch, accompanied by a lucky door prize and a raffle.

New ladies are always welcome to come and join us in fun and friendship. Cost is \$10 plus the price of your chosen lunch. RSVP by Sunday 13th September, to Irene on 0438 231 003 or queanbeyanview@gmail.com.

Photo supplied of new member Jennifer being welcomed by VIEW president, Kaye.





ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GROWING PLANTS?



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF THE SOUTHERN TABLELANDS TREE START GROWERS NETWORK?

Upper Murrumbidgee and Upper Shoalhaven Landcare are partnering for another year to support local volunteers across the district to grow native plants from home.

From Cooma to Queanbeyan, Bungendore to Braidwood, the aim is to support over 100 volunteers to propagate 20 thousand plants for revegetation projects in the Southern Tablelands region. Landcare will provide the materials and resources to grow the plants. Growers will be part of a supported network, with handbooks and expert advice. The growing season kicks off from September to March.

COULD YOU TAKE CARE OF 200 SEEDLINGS?

Scan the QR Code or register on Humanitix

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Jerrabomberra Probus Club Report for August 2026

At the end of July, we enjoyed our annual Christmas in July lunch held again at the Campbell & George in Queanbeyan. Ann Rau and the “elves” decorated he tables and organised lots of horticultural lucky door prizes.

Our August general meeting, also our 22nd birthday, received an extremely interesting, illustrated presentation by Detective Leading Senior Constable Chris Markcrow OAM of the AFP Maritime Special Protection Command who participated as a rescue

diver at the Tham Luang Cave Rescue in Thailand when 13 junior footballers became trapped by rising water during an end of Season celebration.

Chris explained first-hand how they prepared and planned, how they got to the cave and how they needed to keep solving problems as they developed hour by hour. Although the rescue was led by the Thais, they were joined by 6 AFP divers and one Navy diver from Australia, and teams from Japan, USA and UK. They were later joined by Dr

Richard Harris (The Medic) an Adelaide Anaesthetist and expert cave diver, who sedated the boys and Dr Craig Challen, (The Vet), a retired Perth Vet, an Expert technical cave diver and friend of Dr Harris.

The rescue has been the subject of a book and more than one documentary for those who want all the details, but we were privileged to hear directly from Chris who was actually there and part of the action. A vote of thanks was given by Geoff Jones.



Our next General Meeting on 16 September will hear from Dr. Martin Hass on” Police Diplomacy”.

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

Email: eleanor.vqa@gmail.com Phone: 0400 194 340

Peter Haddon
Jerrabomberra Probus Club

Photos supplied of two tables of happy Probians at Christmas in July and AFP Diver Chris with the cave map



Karabar Housing Cooperative Celebrates 40 Years

Last Friday, friends, colleagues and supporters gathered to celebrate an inspirational milestone - Karabar Housing Cooperative (KHC) forty years of providing quality, affordable rental accommodation to members of our community.

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 a to

rent a home.”

“As the organisation celebrates 40years 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

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.

Forty Years By Numbers:

- 40 years providing affordable rental housing
- 350-400 people have called the Cooperative home
- 134 primary tenants across 94 tenancies since 1986
- 26 homes owned or leased by the Cooperative across the Cooperative’s history, including 7 homes managed in partnership with community organisations
- 51 people currently housed
- Two original tenants still living in their homes after decades
- Virtually 100% occupancy maintained throughout our history
- 24 volunteer Directors have guided the Cooperative since 1986
- More than \$4.5 million provided in rental subsidies to tenants
- More than \$13 million in completed and planned housing investment
- \$4.8 million secured for the Carinya Horizons project
- Dozens of community partnerships helping strengthen our community

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.

Congratulations to everyone who has contributed to KHC’s remarkable 40-year journey, from its founders and volunteer Directors to its tenants, partners and supporters, all helping provide local people with something that matters enormously: a safe, secure and affordable place to call home.

Further information about Karabar Housing Cooperative can be found at www.karabarahousing.org.

Sharon Baxter-Judge

Spring Open Day at the Queanbeyan Community Garden

As the weather warms up, the Queanbeyan Community Garden is bursting into life, and we are inviting you to share in the joy of a new growing season at our Spring Open Day.

Date: Saturday 10 October

Time: From 09:30 - 11:00 am

Location: Railway Park Organic Community Garden, Henderson Rd, Queanbeyan.

The Queanbeyan Sustainability

Group (QSG) is a community not-for-profit organisation that manages the Queanbeyan Community Garden. We have 25 plots that members rent as well as common plots with fruit trees, herbs, veggies and berry canes that we share. Whether you're an experienced gardener or just curious about growing your own food, our Open Day is the perfect opportunity to get inspired and connect with the community.

Garden Tours: Discover the beauty and diversity of our garden plots. You might like to become a QSG member or apply to rent a plot.

Start growing at home: We will have some seedlings for sale (gold coin donations would be appreciated to fund our garden improvements).

Hear from an expert: Join us at 10.30am for a presentation by Julie Armstrong from ACT for Bees & Other Pollinators. Julie

will share practical and achievable ways we can make our gardens more welcoming to native bees, honeybees and other pollinators, which are essential for healthy gardens, thriving ecosystems and our food supply.

Julie will talk about:

What to plant to provide food throughout the seasons

How to create habitat and nesting places for native bees

Why diversity in gardens matters

How reducing pesticide use can help protect pollinators

The important connection between pollinators, productive gardens and our food

Come along, discover more about the fascinating bees living around us, and pick up some simple ideas to help make Queanbeyan gardens buzz with life!

Refreshments: Enjoy a cuppa with gardening enthusiasts.

For your safety, please wear closed shoes when visiting the garden.

Parking is available at the Henderson Road Railway Park. The garden has a scooter/ wheelchair accessible track and toilet facilities are in the park.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Spring Open Day!

Follow us on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/QBNSustainabilityGroup/>

Find out more on the QSG website at <https://qbynsustainabilitygroup.wordpress.com/>

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The Southern Tablelands Tree Start Growers Network Returns for a Third Year

The Southern Tablelands Tree Start Growers Network (Growers Network) is gearing up for its third growing season and is inviting community members across the Snowy Monaro and Queanbeyan-Palerang regions to become volunteer native plant growers for the 2026-27 season.

This year, the program aims to support up to 100 volunteer growers to propagate 20,000 native seedlings from locally collected seed. By autumn next year, these seedlings will hopefully contribute to community and landholder revegetation projects that restore wildlife habitat and build landscape resilience

As part of the Growers Network, volunteer growers raise seedlings at home, caring for them from September to March until the tubestock is ready for planting. The program welcomes participants of all experience levels, with Landcare providing everything needed to get started, including

propagation kits, soil, planting tubes, seed, a grower's handbook, instructional videos and ongoing expert support.

Throughout the season, growers are supported by local Landcare coordinators, regular updates and an online community where participants can share advice, photos, and experiences. Over the past two years, the program has grown in both popularity and plants - supporting some 155 volunteers to grow over 25,000 tubestock!

To launch the 2026-27 growing season, Landcare will host five Spring Swap & Drop Sessions across the region from 17th-20th September. These sessions will be held in Bungendore, Queanbeyan, Michelago, Braidwood and Cooma to allow participants to collect their propagation kits, meet fellow growers, and return any equipment or tubestock from previous seasons.

Growing native seedlings is a practical and rewarding way to

contribute to local environmental restoration. With only a modest space requirement, access to water, and a commitment to daily care, community members can play a direct role in creating healthier landscapes for future generations.

Could you take care of 200 native seedlings this season? To register or learn more visit Humanitix: events.humanitix.com/growers-network-2026-27/.

The Southern Tablelands Tree Start Growers Network is a collaboration between Upper Murrumbidgee Landcare and Upper Shoalhaven Landcare, made possible through the support of community partners, sponsors, and dedicated volunteers across the region.

Special thanks to Aurelia Metals, Martin's Fertilizer, Nutrien Ag Braidwood and the Landscape Resilience Program of the Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife for your support this year.



Above: Look out for Landcare's big green trailer during the Spring Swap & Drop with the Southern Tablelands Tree Start Growers Network! It will be delivering native

plant propagation kits to volunteers across Cooma, Queanbeyan, Bungendore and Braidwood.

Photo supplied

\$100 rego discount kicks in for more than 4.4 million NSW vehicles

Drivers across New South Wales renewing their vehicle registration due from 1st September will pay \$100 less to register their privately owned vehicle, while motorcyclists will pay \$80 less for their rego.

The \$100 registration discount will benefit the owners of more than 4.4 million vehicles across NSW, putting money back into the pockets of families facing ongoing cost-of-living pressures.

Around 360,000 privately owned light vehicles are due for registration renewal in September

alone. For drivers whose rego was due in July or August, the \$100 discount will be applied when their registration is renewed in 2027.

Eligible motorists do not need to do anything to receive the discount. It will automatically apply when an owner receives notification that their eligible vehicle is:

- due for registration
- when a new vehicle is registered in NSW; and
- is re-registered in NSW after previously being unregistered.

Drivers can view their registration details and switch to digital registration reminders in their MyServiceNSW account and in the Service NSW app. This is the easiest way to manage vehicle registration and stay up to date.

On top of rego relief, the Minns Labor Government is also helping families with the cost of transport to help ease the pressure on household budgets including:

- lowering the weekly toll cap to \$50 for 12 months as well as removing toll administration fees

which cost motorists \$60 million last year; and

- freezing Opal fares at 2025 prices for the next 12 months.

Minister for Roads and Regional Transport Jenny Aitchison said that the NSW Government is committed to making life easier for commuters and our registration discount is a clear example of that.

"We know it's not cheap to get from A to B, which is why we're making sure drivers, motorcyclists and commuters on public transport can save some of their hard-earned

money.

"Our registration discount is automatically applied, meaning there's no homework, just savings, so families can spend money on their loved ones instead," she added.

The discount is only available for motor vehicles and motorcycles registered for private use.

Drivers can find out more about the registration discount at <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/private-vehicle-registration-discount>

Maria's Community Corner

Maria Porreca
Every year the Country Woman's Association (CWA) studies a country of the world. This year the country of study is Fiji. Eighteen CWA ladies from different areas around NSW have just returned from a week's 'holiday' in Fiji. Two of us were from Queanbeyan, two from Bungendore and the others were from such places as Gunnedah, Walgett, Bendemeer, Armidale, Mandurama, Gwandalan, Ebor, Garah and Dubbo.



When we arrived in Fiji we were greeted by a musical duo and a couple of ladies who placed a shell necklace around our necks. Whilst in Fiji we planted mangroves, visited the Kula Wild Adventure Park where some ladies braved holding a snake and Kevin the iguana, we got to feed turtles, saw a Fijian boa, many species of fish and coral, got to see a Kava plant, fruit bats, mongoose, many species of birds and flowers (most of which we grow indoors here) and so much more. We visited a village and saw first-hand how they live and tasted Kava. Also visited their fresh food markets and saw

the tinniest and hottest of chillies, soursop and the Kava root. Spent some time in the Museum and craft market. A visit to a 'Cultural Village' where we met a chief, showed us how they make their clay crockery, the tools they used for hunting etc, basket weaving, floor mats, palm handbags, their cloth, fishing traps and the list goes on. We were treated to a traditional underground earth oven (lovo) meal which was so delicious and after dinner entertained by Fijian dancers, a kava tasting and a fire show. We attended the Hibiscus Festival and got to meet some of the candidates for the 'Miss Hibiscus' title. There was also another craft market there. Had cocktails at the Grand Pacific Hotel (which apparently is the place to go). It was quite impressive. We drove past both the men's and women's jail (they didn't leave me there), the Fiji Academy of Aviation, some sugar cane fields (harvesting was happening whilst we were there) and so many food stalls on the side of the road. Some ladies went snorkelling and on a glass bottom boat. We also took a local bus into town and on the way back the driver went 'off road' and



drove along the beach to drop off a passenger close to her place of work and then went back onto the main road! On our last night there we were entertained by Fijian dancers and another fire show. It was a wonderful and bonding experience for us all. Since returning home I attended the Karabar Housing Cooperative 40th Anniversary celebration last Friday. It all came about in 1983 because Father Michael Cockayne and Hope Marland recognised the growing need for affordable

rental housing in Queanbeyan. In 1986 the Cooperative was born, 1987 the first sod was turned and today there is significant progress with the DA approval received for the new Carinya Street project and planning continues for a proposed development in Uriarra Road. Congratulations to Karabar Housing on their 40 years as a respected Community Housing provider. 'Sota tale' stay safe everyone. Maria
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Crafters' BYO Project Evenings: Sew Much More Than Craft

Bungendore Crafters Co-Op met on Thursday evening for their regular BYO project night, where the conversation and creativity did not disappoint! The group shared lots of laughs as well as their latest works-in-progress. The Show and Tell segment provided the opportunity for many to also share advice, tips, experience and the best patterns. We were able to troubleshoot as a group when one crafter asked advice on following crochet patterns- we look forward to seeing her foray into freeform crochet! The craft projects on the night included the embroidery, crochet and knitting, but the projects themselves were so unique that everyone could learn

new techniques and appreciate the individual styles and craft-making processes. The crafters are looking forward to their next craft evening in a fortnight. We will craft in the warmth and amongst the delicious aromas of Scrumpers Kitchen on the evening of the 17th September from 6.30-8.30pm. If you would like to join us, please RSVP via the Bungendore Crafters' Co-Operative Facebook page or by contacting organisers on 0412 884 120. For anyone looking to join the creative, supportive space at the Crafters' Co-Op, the group welcomes all women—no matter your skill level or craft. Whether you're picking up a needle for

the first time or have a project basket that's overflowing, you'll find friendship, encouragement, and inspiration at the Bungendore Crafters' Co-Op. For those seeking craft on the weekends and wanting to dabble in a new craft form, the Co-Op also hosts monthly craft workshops, with the next being a Fibres and Fabrics: Focus on Stretch Fabrics sewing workshop and information session held at Bungendore School of Arts on Saturday 26th October. For further information, follow the Bungendore Crafters' Co-Operative on Facebook or come along to one of the fantastically fun and creative events!

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Council Meeting Agenda - 9 September 2026

The Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on 9 September 2026, commencing at 5.30pm. Norah Starrs Community Centre (the Bungendore Community Centre), 2 Majara Street, Bungendore. 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 Election of Mayor for 2026 - 2028 Term
9.2 Election of Deputy Mayor for 2026 - 2028 Term
9.3 Bungendore Preschool Ltd Request for Financial Assistance for Development Associated Fees
9.4 Submissions Report on Community Engagement - 5-year Review of the Bungendore

Structure Plan 2048
9.5 Respite Care for QBN Inc - Request Fee Waiver
9.6 Queanbeyan Showground - Funding for Fence Extension Behind Senior Citizens Building
9.7 Proposed Changes to Waste Vouchers and Rural Recycling Stations
9.8 Post Exhibition Report - South Jerrabomberra Densification Planning Proposal
9.9 Nerriga Road Upgrade Stage 5 - Project Update and Funding Position
9.10 2026-27 Loan Program - ANZ
9.11 Review of Priority Parking Enforcement Policy
9.12 Private Burial Policy
9.13 Strategic Risk Register 2026
Reports To Council - Items for Information

10.1 Dutton's Cottage and Former Queanbeyan Fire Station
10.2 Licence Agreement - Bungendore Community Centre Air Monitoring Units
10.3 Use of Body Worn Camera Policy Implementation
10.4 LGNSW Conference Motion - Sale of Land for Unpaid Rate - Response
10.5 Councillor Remuneration - Minister Response
Reports Of Committees
11.1 Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes - 24 July 2026
11.2 Bungendore Town Centre and Environs Committee Minutes - 17 August 2026
Notices of Motions
12.1 Notice of Motion - Bungendore Economic Stimulus Trial

12.2 Notice of Motion - Respite Care for Queanbeyan
12.3 Notice of Motion - Captains Flat Lead Remediation Process
Notice Of Intention To Deal With Matters In Closed Session 61
Confidential - Not for Publication
16.1 Acquisition of Land and Easement as part of Queanbeyan to Bungendore Pipeline Project
Item 16.1 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.
16.2 Easement Establishment - Tarago Road, Bungendore
Item 16.2 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains commercial information of

a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.
16.3 Legal Matters Update - Historical Abuse Claims
Item 16.3 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (a) (e) (g) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors); 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>. The meeting can be viewed at A live stream of the meeting can be viewed at: <http://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au/>

Community News

AMA calls for exemption from private health rebate changes for older Australians

The Australian Medical Association is warning proposed changes to private health insurance rebates for older Australians could increase pressure on public hospitals and undermine already struggling private hospitals.

In its submission to the Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee inquiry into the Private Health Insurance Amendment (Modernising the Private Health Insurance Rebate) Bill 2026, the AMA has urged the government to protect older Australians on lower incomes by exempting those on the Medicare Levy Surcharge base-tier incomes from the proposed changes.

AMA President Dr Danielle McMullen said the AMA supported the government's efforts to secure additional funding for aged care, but this should not come at the expense of older Australians' access to healthcare.

"The AMA welcomes the government's recognition that aged care requires greater investment, but we do not believe older Australians should be forced to pay for that investment through higher private health

insurance costs," Dr McMullen said.

"Many older Australians have maintained private health insurance for decades. Removal of the higher rebates for people aged 65 and over, particularly those who are on lower incomes, risks making that cover less affordable at a time when they are most likely to need healthcare."

The government has indicated savings from the measure would help bolster funding for aged care. However, the AMA is concerned the projected savings fail to account for the broader costs the measure is likely to impose across the health system.

"The government's own analysis acknowledges this measure is likely to reduce private health insurance participation and increase demand on public hospitals," Dr McMullen said.

"If older Australians are forced to leave or downgrade their cover, that care does not simply disappear. It is likely to shift to public hospitals that are already under enormous strain, further reducing timely access to care for patients. Some people may also delay GP visits, specialist appointments or diagnostic tests to help absorb higher

insurance costs, potentially worsening their health outcomes."

Dr McMullen said the proposal could also have serious consequences for private hospitals, particularly smaller and regional facilities already operating under significant financial pressure.

"Private hospitals play a critical role in Australia's health system, and many are already struggling with narrow margins," Dr McMullen said.

"A reduction in private hospital activity will place further pressure on facilities that are already under significant strain, particularly in regional areas where healthcare options are already limited. Once a private hospital service is lost, or specialists leave private practice, it can be very difficult to rebuild that capacity. That has long-term consequences for patient access and the resilience of our health system."

The AMA has called on the committee to recommend an amendment to the Bill to preserve existing rebate arrangements for older Australians on Medicare Levy Surcharge base-tier incomes.

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.

THURSDAYS	
Thursday 17 September	Thursday 1 October
Thursday 15 October	Thursday 29 October
Thursday 12 November	Thursday 26 November
FRIDAYS	
Friday 11 September	Friday 25 September
Friday 9 October	Friday 23 October
Friday 6 November	Friday 20 November

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

Below: recent birthday celebrations for founding member Beryl, 90 years young!

CATTI Takes the Community's Case to Parliament House

On 17 August, Communities Against The Tarago Incinerator (CATTI) President James Innes and Paul Davey, Chair of the Goulburn Cross-Party Working Group opposing waste incineration, took the community's concerns directly to Australian Parliament House.

Their message to Federal decision-makers was clear: Tarago should not become a dumping ground or sacrifice zone for Sydney's waste.

The meetings focused on Veolia's proposal to build a waste incinerator at Tarago to burn 380,000 tonnes of Sydney's waste every year for 30 years. CATTI highlighted concerns about harmful emissions and toxic ash, and risks to the health, environment and livelihoods of the surrounding region.

The most substantial discussion was with Kristy McBain MP, Federal Member for Eden-Monaro, who reaffirmed her ongoing support for the community's opposition to the proposed incinerator and demonstrated a strong understanding of local concerns.

The discussions also highlighted an important shift at the Commonwealth level. Through the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA), the Federal Government is no longer providing financial support to waste-to-energy incineration projects, recognising that burning waste is not climate-neutral.

CATTI also raised broader Commonwealth responsibilities, including environmental regulation, the potential impact of contamination on Australian agricultural export markets, and the need to protect our reputation for clean and safe agricultural

produce.

Importantly, the message was not simply NO to incineration, but YES to better alternatives.

CATTI highlighted opportunities for regional development through businesses that reduce waste at its source and create genuine circular-economy opportunities through reuse, recycling, recovery and remanufacturing. This is the future we should be investing in, rather than locking regional communities into decades of waste incineration.

The importance of genuine community support was also raised, along with the enormous challenge of building trust when residents are already dealing with two decades of negative impacts and failures from Veolia in managing its existing Tarago landfill.

CATTI also met with a Senior Advisor to Angus Taylor MP, Leader of the Federal Opposition, and a Senior Advisor to Senator David Pocock. Discussions broadened the issue to Commonwealth accountability for waste, reducing fossil-fuel-based packaging at its source, protecting Australian agriculture, encouraging investment in the circular economy and who ultimately pays when metropolitan waste decisions negatively affect regional communities.

One message came through consistently during the day - this is about regional fairness.

Communities like Tarago are increasingly being asked to carry the waste and infrastructure burden created by big cities. That is not fair. Waste accountability should begin where waste is created. Regional communities should not become



sacrifice zones for metropolitan consumption.

The debate is therefore about more than whether an incinerator can theoretically meet planning requirements or emissions limits based on modelling and assumptions prepared by paid consultants. It is also about trust, credibility and whether governments will listen when the community that would have to live with the facility is saying NO.

CATTI is continuing its advocacy with NSW Members of Parliament, including seeking a clear position from Steve Whan MP, Member for Monaro, whose electorate includes communities directly affected by the proposal.

Continue to speak up, stay informed and support CATTI at www.notaragoincinerator.com and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/491803828839813>. Report odours from Veolia's landfill to the NSW EPA on 131 555 or info@epa.nsw.gov.au.

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



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Bungendore Junior Cricket

Doctors urge asthmatics to check inhalers as spring begins

With research suggesting more than 50 per cent of Aussies have taken old medication, delayed or simply not filled a prescription due to cost-of-living pressures, Doctors are urging Australian asthmatics to ensure their medication is up to date or visit their GP ahead of the spring asthma season.

Despite changes to treatment advice which recommends a move away from traditional 'blue puffers' to inhaled steroids, there are concerns many of the 2.8 million Aussies living with asthma,

may not have the right medication for spring when increased pollen levels and wind can increase the risk of attacks.

Dr Jonathan Brown, Medical Director at Bupa Medical said too many Australians don't think about asthma until they need to reach for their inhalers.

"Asthma flare ups can happen quickly due to spikes in pollen during thunderstorms and high winds so being prepared is essential. If you are asthmatic and

using your blue reliever inhaler more than twice a week, then your asthma isn't well controlled.

"We understand cost-of-living pressures are forcing many Australians to make difficult choices about their healthcare but delaying or skipping asthma medication can increase the risk of serious health consequences, particularly as we enter the spring asthma season. If you've been stretching out prescriptions, using expired medication or haven't reviewed your asthma

management recently please book in to see your local GP who can get your asthma management back on track," Dr Brown said.

Bupa research also revealed that cost was nominated as the number one barrier to maintaining health and wellbeing for Australians, ahead of time pressures and general complacency.

"Asthma flare-ups can be unpredictable, so it's vital to be prepared, have an action plan and seek urgent medical

attention where required. The right treatment and preparation can help prevent symptoms from escalating and reduce the likelihood of needing emergency care."

"Knowing what services are available, particularly after hours, such as Medicare Urgent Care Clinics or 24/7 online doctors can be great resources for when a non-urgent medical situation does not necessarily require a visit to your local Hospital Emergency department," Dr Brown said.

It's Time to Talk About Dementia

This is the theme for Dementia Action Week, which takes place from the 21st to 27th of September.

In keeping with this theme, the Bungendore Dementia Alliance will be holding a special "Chat about Dementia Morning Tea" on Monday the 21st of September.

Ellen Cossens from Grand Pacific Health will talk about accessing Australian Aged Care Services. Dementia Australia and several local care providers will have information stands about their services and be on hand to answer questions.

Bungendore Library will display books about dementia and their memory boxes. Stewart Westwood will provide easy listening

background music.

Bungendore Dementia Alliance will be launching its information booklet "Dementia Overview - Guidelines, Supports, Services, Caring" and Care Bags at this morning tea. A tree propagation kit will be on display for those who may be interested in propagating and caring for tree seedlings that will be planted out by Landcare next autumn.

Dementia is a significant issue for many members of our community. Almost half a million Australians are living with dementia today and 1.7 million people are involved in their care. Dementia is now recognised as the leading cause of death in Australia. Talking openly about dementia can increase

understanding and reduce the stigma and the isolation experienced by those living with dementia and by their carers.

Anyone interested in dementia is invited to attend the "Chat about Dementia Morning Tea" on Monday the 21st from 10.00 to 12.00 at the Bungendore School of Arts. Please RSVP Kathleen on 0411 746 293 or email kathleenmargaretmaher@gmail.com.

If this story has prompted any questions or concerns, please call the National Dementia Helpline 1800 100 500 (24 hours, 7 days a week) or visit dementia.org.au/helpline.

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Moving On with Queanbeyan Junior Brass

We are now in our seventh year and both our junior and senior brass bands have been very busy in our community. Recently we held our annual Music Workshop at the Duntroon Community Centre. This event is kindly sponsored by the QPRC and involves bringing onboard experienced instrumental tutors to personally train our young musicians on their specific instruments. We also rehearsed our two ensembles for extended times and introduced them to new

and more challenging music.

Major support for the bands comes from local business (Fire Integrity Services, Future Electrical Technologies), our parents, and most recently a grant from Arts National Molonglo Plains. We are most grateful for such amazing support which underpins all that we do for our families.

The best news is that there is room in the bands for more recruits! We rehearse after school on Tuesdays

(senior band of more competent players) and on Wednesdays (junior band comprising less experienced players and new learners). We are very grateful for our qualified adult helpers each week who, like us, are all volunteers.

Music tuition and instrumental rental are free! Parents pay \$5 a week (\$50 a term) which helps to cover weekly refreshments and the oils and creams needed to keep the instruments in good repair. Prospective players will be matched to the instrument that suits them, considering their choice and their teeth and jaw structure.

Currently we are preparing for community concerts happening this year including a combined concert with the excellent Lilac City Brass Band from Goulburn on Sunday afternoon 8th November. This will be held at the Uniting Church in Queanbeyan. Last year we participated in four Christmas carol concerts in December and we are already looking forward for much the same this year.

So, if there is a school age someone in your home who would benefit from joining Queanbeyan Junior Brass, we would love to welcome them. Contact us by email (qjbrass@outlook.com) or by text (0415 526 572) for an appointment.

John Thompson
Musical Director and Conductor
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The Australian National Dictionary is on the hunt for Australia's hidden regional words

From dardy and Fremantle Doctor in Western Australia, to cheerios in Queensland, Darwin rig in the Top End and turbo chook in Tasmania, Australia's regional vocabulary is as diverse as the country itself. Now, word nerds at The Australian National University (ANU) are asking Australians to help uncover even more local words and phrases.

The Australian National Dictionary Centre (ANDC) is calling on the public to submit regionalisms - words and expressions that are unique to a particular state, territory, town or region - for possible inclusion in the Australian National Dictionary.

"There are more than 16,000 Australian words and phrases recorded in the dictionary, including around 350 that are identified as being specific to a particular state or territory, but we know there are many more waiting to be discovered," ANDC Senior Researcher Mark Gwynn said.

"We're interested in the words and expressions that make Australia stop and say, 'I've never heard that before.'

"Whether it's something your family has always said or a term that's only used in your hometown, we'd love to hear about it."

Gwynn said Australia's regional

vocabulary extends well beyond the familiar debates over potato cakes versus potato scallops or parmi versus parma.

"Regional language tells us a great deal about Australia's history, identity and local communities," Gwynn said.

"Even something as ordinary as ordering a beer or buying a sausage can reveal where you're from.

"Depending on where you live, you might ask for a schooner, handle, pot, middy, butcher or pony, or buy devon, fritz, polony or cheerios."

The annual appeal helps researchers identify emerging and overlooked Australian English, with public contributions playing a key role in documenting the nation's evolving language.

Each submission will be considered for an entry in the Australian National Dictionary.

"So, whether you're firmly in the potato scallop camp or you swear by potato cake, we want to know what words are unique to where you live."

Members of the public can submit regional words and phrases through the Australian National Dictionary Centre's Word Box or contact page on the website.

Wildcare Queanbeyan

By Merran Laver and Krystal Hemsworth

As you've no doubt heard in the news, the virulent H5N1 bird flu has arrived in Australia from migratory birds. At time of writing it has reached every state, affecting a range of mostly coastal birds, a few land-based native bird species, and has now affected mammals on the mainland, with a confirmed case in a long-nosed fur seal - but it is spreading and by the time you read this the numbers could be much higher. Several mass mortality events have been reported. It has not yet spread to farmed poultry, but this too could change.

Australia has been preparing for the arrival of the H5N1 strain of avian influenza since it began spreading across the globe in 2021 and has well-established national response arrangements in place to respond to animal disease incidents.

As of 22 August 2026, there were 298 confirmed events (rather than individual) of H5 bird flu in wild birds in Australia.

Symptoms of the flu in birds may include:

- Seizures or tremors
- Lack of coordination
- Abnormal posture, eg head tilt or twisted neck

- Swelling of head, neck, eyes
- Difficulty breathing
- Inability to stand or fly
- Swimming in circles

Wildcare Queanbeyan will continue to rescue native birds during this time and is liaising closely with Dept of Primary Industries to ensure the correct protocols are followed.

While the current risk to human health is low, it's important for rescuers with Wildcare to maintain strict biosecurity procedures, so we can continue doing what we love - helping our vulnerable native animals. We are currently seeking donations of PPE such as disposable gloves, P2/N95 respirators, eye protection/safety glasses, disposable coveralls, boot covers, hand sanitiser, rescue crates and bleach / F10 disinfectant. If you are able to provide any of these items, please contact our 24/7 Wildcare Helpline on 6299 1966. If you'd prefer to donate financially so we may be able to purchase these items, please head to our website www.wildcare.com.au/donate

Please always avoid direct contact with sick or dead wild birds. If you find a sick, injured or orphaned wild bird, or any other native animal, please contact our 24/7 Wildcare Helpline on 6299 1966 for advice and assistance.

Photo supplied of the Black Swans at Yerrabi Pond



Residential care funding falls short

Ageing Australia has labelled changes to the 2026-27 Australian National Aged Care Classification (AN-ACC) price as "unacceptable", saying aged care providers won't be able to make ends meet, let alone build new beds as a result.

On Thursday 3rd September, the Australian Government announced that the AN-ACC price will be \$303.19 per resident, per day commencing 1 October.

This is an increase of just 2.55% from the 2025-26 AN-ACC price of \$295.64.

The hotelling supplement will also remain frozen at \$22.15 while IHACPA completes its current review.

"This is an extremely disappointing outcome. It does not reflect the major financial challenges the sector is facing, or the massive increase in costs for fuel and clinical supplies driven by an unpredictable international environment," said Ageing Australia CEO Tom Symondson.

"62% of residential homes were already losing money and this below inflation increase in funding will make that number go up. The announcement

also doesn't cover the 4.75% increase in wages awarded to aged care staff by the Fair Work Commission this year, which the sector has been paying without any funding since 1 July. It was expected that the annual increase would cover both that unfunded three months as well as the rest of the financial year, but this announcement does not do that."

Ageing Australia has been raising issues of sector viability ever since the new Aged Care Act was introduced and has been strongly advocating that a sustainable sector is vital if older people are going to be able to access services when and where they need them.

"We are extremely unhappy to see a pricing decision that fails to reflect the real costs of delivering residential care to older people. And this is at a time when everybody has been asking why the sector is unable to build the 10,000 beds per year required to keep up with demand," Mr Symondson said.

"Put very simply, this decision is not good enough and lets down both providers and the older people who rely on them every day."

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- MON:** Invictus Yoga (Back Monday 20th) - 10:00am to 11:00am
- TUES:** Veterans Guitar Group - 10:00am to 12:00pm
Heart-Muscle-Balance - 12:30pm to 1:15pm
- WED:** RSL Sub Branch Catchup - 9:00am to 11:00pm
Fortnightly - Create & Caffeinate - 10:00am to 12:00pm
- THURS:** Zumba (Back Thursday 23rd) - 11:00am to 12:00pm
Fortnightly - Open Arms Coffee Catchup - 10:00am
- FRI:** Mind Body Balance Tai Chi - 9:30am to 10:30am

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Queanbeyan Seniors 50+ Activities

Mondays

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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

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 -
12pm
Axis Centre, 22 Campbell St
Next to Lions Bookshop in
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 1pm to 2pm
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

Chair Yoga 11am to 12pm
Contact Louise
https://sunlightyoga.com.au/
Axis Centre - Cost \$10

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

Sat 12 and 13
Riverside Plaza Stall

Tue 15 Sep
General Bi-monthly meeting

Sat 19 Sep
Seniors Fete

We are asking for donations for
our White Elephant Stall. Drop
them off at the Seniors Centre, 1
Farrer Pl, Mon, Wed, or Thu.

Upcoming - Save the dates

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

Oct 20
Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Dec 3
Christmas Party

For further information, please
contact Brenda on 0407 201 392
or 0407 902 989

Bungendore Quilters:
Save The Date for Our
Annual Exhibition

Proudly supported by Bungendore
Bendigo Bank, **Saturday 28th and
Sunday 29th November** will see
Bungendore Quilters holding their
annual quilt exhibition in the Bungendore
Memorial Hall. There will be a huge variety
of quilts and a display by member Wendy
Horton who will be showcasing recycling
and upcycling of clothing and textiles
which will give you a number of ideas on
how to approach this growing trend.

As well as the viewer's choice, member's
challenge, guessing competition, quilt
block hunt and raffle, we also have a
make and take area where we encourage
people to pick up a needle and thread and
make a small item to take home.

Our exhibition will coincide with the Airing
of the Quilts where quilts are hung on the
railings outside the buildings down the
main street of Braidwood. Both exhibitions
can easily be visited in one day.

Upcoming for Bungendore Quilters will
be our second retreat to be again held
at Varroville in
Sydney's south.
These retreats are
a wonderful way to
spend time working
on projects and
perhaps even get
them finished. With
our exhibition fast
approaching, many
members are keen
to finish their quilts
ready for display.



**Seniors
Annual Fete**
Saturday 19 Sept, 9am to 3pm

We will be having -
**White Elephant
Plants
Cakes, Biscuits, Jams
Pickles
Craft**

**Seniors Centre,
1 Farrer Place,
Queanbeyan**

BUNGENDORE CRAFTERS CO-OPERATIVE

Craft Evenings

- Thursday 17/9/26:
Scrumpers Kitchen
- Thursday 1/10/26:
School of Arts

6.30 - 8.30pm
BYO craft project

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- Questacon Canberra \$70 family pass
- Tigers Club 4x \$50 voucher
- Hotel Queanbeyan 4x \$50 vouchers
- Dendy Cinemas 4x movie passes
- 2x Osara Wine glasses valued at \$218
- \$500 Westfield Voucher
- Travel Lite briefcase - Cognac valued at \$345
- Travel package valued at \$527
- IGA Cannons Googong hamper valued at \$100
- Sonia Price Massage \$100 voucher
- Dan Murphy \$100 voucher
- R8 Children's Ride on Car valued at \$229
- Bunnings Fyshwick \$100 voucher
- \$40 voucher from Common Grounds Corner Gowrie
- The Q \$50 yearly membership
- Woolworths Queanbeyan \$50 voucher
- Lindbeck's butchery \$100 voucher
- Holey Moley Golf Club \$72 voucher
- Curtis & Schwarzrock Studio + Glass pieces valued at \$445
- Hair flair Boutique 2x \$95 Hair care packs
- New York Nail and spa \$50 voucher

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION



BUNGENDORE RUGBYFEST 26

SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER BUNGENDORE SPORTS HUB

Bungendore Mudhooks vs Tuggeranong Vikings
Brumbies Shield Grand Final @ 12pm

Brumbies vs Waratahs
Under 19's @ 4pm

BRUMBIES vs WARATAHS
Super Rugby AUS @ 2pm

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE!
* see link below

Adults \$20
Children (5-16) \$10
Children Under 5 FREE
Family \$50 (2 adults + 2 child)
Brumbies Members - 10% off @ the Gate

GATES OPEN @ 11am
BAR & CANTEEN / FOOD VANS
BRUMBIES KIDS PLAY AREA
LICENSED VENUE, STRICTLY NO BYO
FREE PARKING
FREE SHUTTLE BUS from 11am
(from Mick Sherd Oval every 30 mins)

Event supported by **QPRC**

Brumbies vs Waratahs in Bungendore

The Bungendore Rugby Union Football Club will be hosting Super Rugby Australia action at the Bungendore Sports Hub Garry Cook Field, with support from QPRC this Sunday 13 September 2026.

- Learn more and find the link to buy tickets at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/brumbies-waratahs-BNG

Queanbeyan Town Park Masterplan workshop

We are developing a Masterplan for Queanbeyan Town Park.

Town Park is much loved by our community, and we want to make sure it remains so for years to come.

We want a future town park to cater for families through play and recreational opportunities, provide accessible infrastructure for older residents and people with disability, support community events and social interaction, recognise and celebrate First Nations connections to Country, improve the attractiveness and activation of the town centre, and be a flexible space for residents and visitors.

We are inviting interested residents and stakeholders to a workshop on Thursday 23 September from 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

The workshop is being held in the Queanbeyan Room, Level 3, Nellie Hamilton Centre (257 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan).

- Register your interest to attend at yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Queanbeyan-Town-Park-Masterplan

Have Your Say

Projects & initiatives open for community comment	Closing Date
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

Submissions can be made:

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

Council Meetings and Times

Council holds Ordinary Meetings twice a month on a Wednesday, excluding December and January. Meetings start at 5:30pm. Agendas and business papers for the meetings are available on the Friday prior to the meeting from bit.ly/MinutesAgendas. Meetings are live streamed via bit.ly/QPRCwebcast.

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

Members of the public can make a:

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

Next meeting dates are:

- 9 September 2026 (Bungendore)
- 23 September 2026 (Queanbeyan)

Written Questions on Notice

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

Work with Council

Current vacancies include:

- Waste Operators (Weekday) (Bungendore)
- Waste Operators (Weekend) (Bungendore & Braidwood)
- General Equipment Operator (Urban Landscapes)
- Labourer (General Equipment Operator)
- For more information and roles see bit.ly/QPRC-Careers

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

Household Chemical CleanOuts this weekend

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

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

Follow us on social media

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@QbnPalerang
@QbnPalerang

Sign up for our weekly eNewsletter

eepurl.com/codv-v

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council
PO Box 90, Queanbeyan NSW 2620
1300 735 025
council@qprc.nsw.gov.au
www.qprc.nsw.gov.au

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.

Copycats

Choose the answer that best copies the pattern.

1 MICKEY is to MINNIE as DONALD is to: Deena • Dilys • Dolly • Daisy • Doris

2 CONSTRUCT is to BUILD as BUILD is to: Bridges • Walls • Physique • Tower • Muscle

3 SENATE is to TENSE as INSURE is to: Siren • Resin • Rinse • Reins • Nurse

Spot the Sum

In this box, one of the number is the sum of two others. Can you spot the sum?

32 4 26 27 17
25 12 9 19

TIME

Word Builder

Using the nine letters provided, can you answer these clues? Every answer must include the highlighted letter R. Which feature of universities uses all nine letters?

5 Letters

Stomach sore

Evil spell

Direct, guide

Succinct, snappy

Malicious

Filthy money

6 Letters

Private

Sheen

Steal (livestock)

Puts up

Outcome

Happens again

7 Letters

Saviour

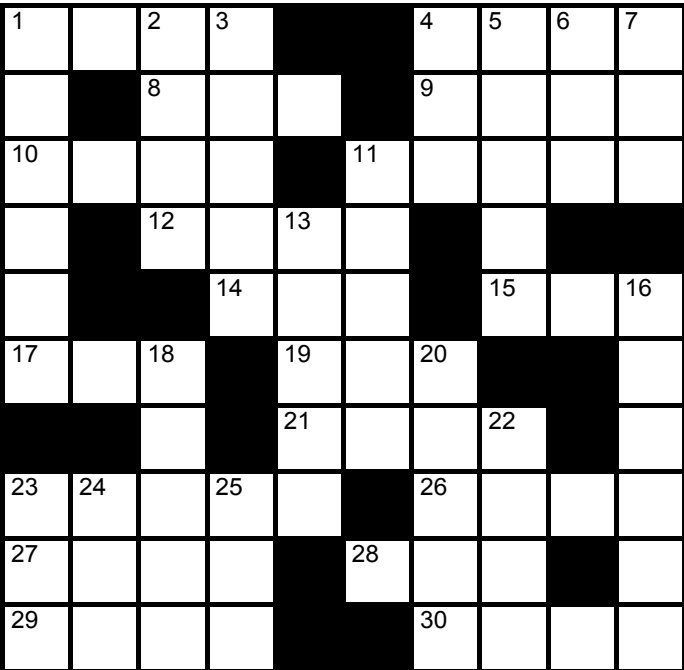
Bunch, group

Hair rollers

More safe

R E C
U R T
S E L

Quick Time Crossword



- Across

1 Fine sediment (4)

4 Snakes (4)

8 Lubricant (3)

9 Mineral springs (4)

10 Wicked giant (4)

11 Type of ray (5)

12 Formerly (arch) (4)

14 Observe (3)

15 Salt waters of Earth (3)

17 Special Air Service (init) (3)

19 Seize (3)

21 Close heavily (4)

23 Not fresh (5)

26 Painful spot (4)

27 North American Great Lake (4)

28 Pouring edge (3)

29 Numeral (4)

30 Plies the needle (4)
- Down

1 Vituperates (6)

2 Traditional learning (4)

3 Layers (5)

4 Enquire (3)

5 Boxes (5)

6 Light blow (3)

7 Compass point (init) (3)

11 Take by theft (5)

13 Comprehend instinctively (5)

16 Fix a tax (6)

18 Country (5)

20 Foundation (5)

22 To be depressed (4)

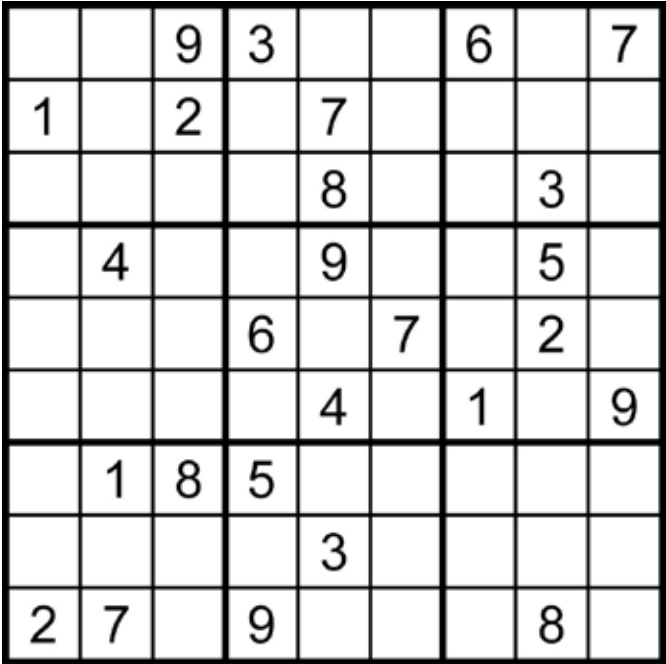
23 Japanese monetary unit (3)

24 Prefix - three (3)

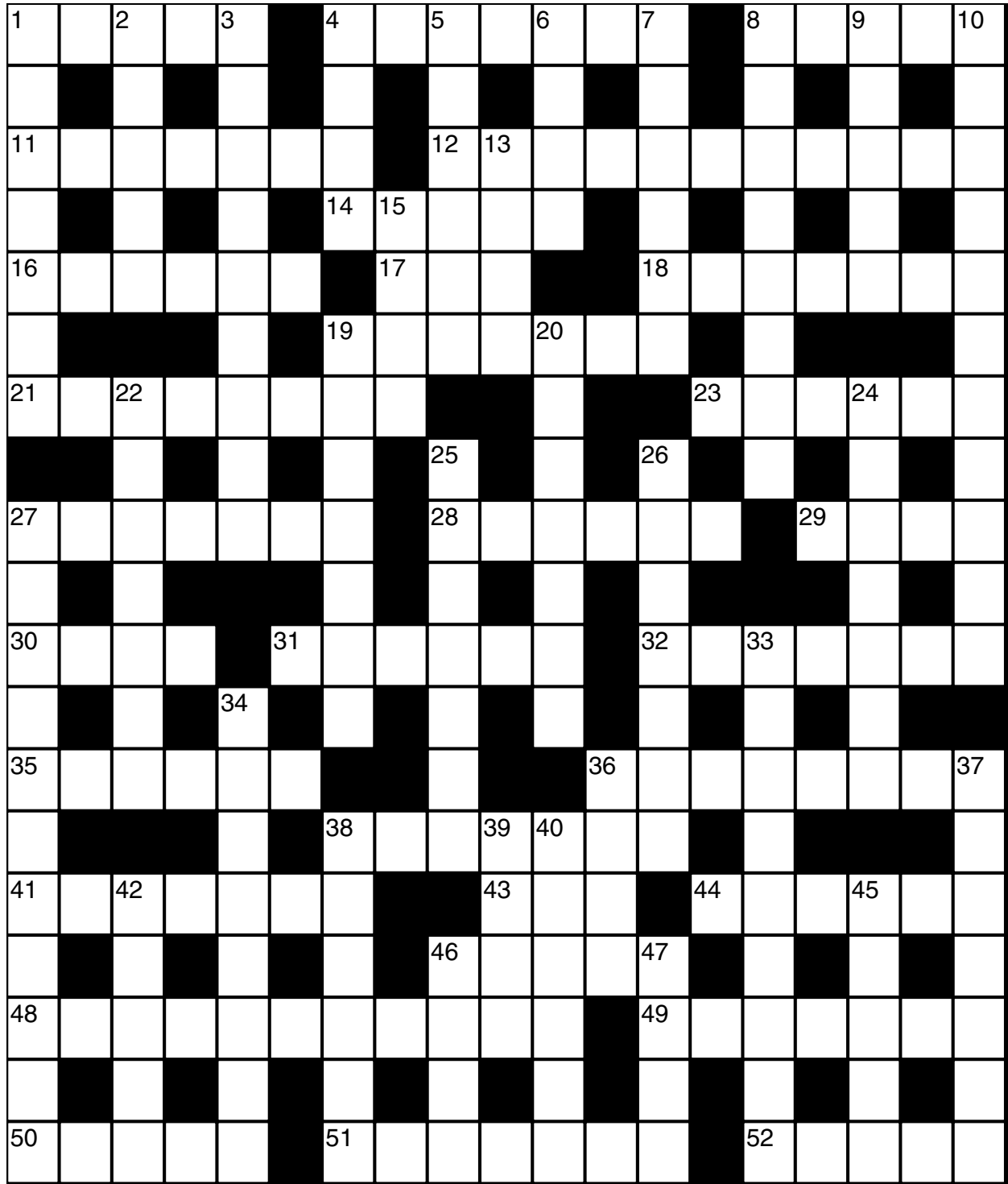
25 The sheltered side (3)

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.



Crossword



Target Time

Target: Average - 12, Good - 16, Excellent - 22+

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



- Across

1 Large fish hooks

4 Agitated

8 Simple

11 One way or another

12 Surveillance

14 Swagger

16 Scour

17 Belonging to him

18 Endmost

19 Bring up

21 Channel for overflow

23 Martial art (4,2)

27 Companions

28 Pass down (4,2)

29 Wife of a raja

30 Crushed cocoa beans

31 Forces out

32 Decide

35 Performing

36 Contracted (6,2)

38 Bangle

41 Inspect directly
- Down

1 Talkative people (coll)

2 Leg bone

3 Planner

4 Seats in a theatre

5 Old coin

6 For fear that

7 Sully

8 Bigheaded

9 Pigs collectively

10 Back-to-back

13 Sculpture of the head

15 People in general
- 19 Enormous

20 Sickness

22 Constrain

24 Protected

25 One who verifies

26 Live together

27 Recovered from illness

33 Critical points in time

34 Army unit

36 Ranked performer

37 Forked

38 Churchman

39 Lower extremity of the face

40 England's largest city

42 Flare up

45 Coach

46 Fence

47 Outcry

Community News

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Wamboin fireworks. Photo: Pete Harrison

PET OF THE WEEK



I'm Tilly, an 8 year old rescue kelpie living a double life! My first four years were on a property west of Lithgow, but sadly they didn't want me anymore and surrendered me to an animal shelter. I was terrified.

However, I was lucky enough to be adopted by a family that divides their time between Braidwood and Sydney.

When I'm in the bush I swim in our creek, protect our property, chase rabbits, and herd wayward cows back down the road where they came from.

When I'm in Sydney I have a job with Mad Dogs Seagull Patrol, herding the hungry seagulls away from the Sydney Opera Bar and Restaurants, and Sydney Fish Markets. We ensure that diners can enjoy their meals without worrying about the naughty seagulls taking off with their scotch fillets and lobster tails!

After a rough start in life, I thankfully ended up with my REAL family. I was given a second chance to show how useful and affectionate I am. I love my new life in Braidwood and my role as a Seagull Patrol Dog in Sydney - the best of both worlds!

Cancer Council Daffodil Day 2026 Bungendore Raises \$4950

Pauline Segeri Thanks to the fabulous community support a total of \$4950 was raised at this year's Cancer Council Daffodil Day.

A huge thank you to the support I received before, during and after the event.

Appreciation goes to: - Advertising to Sharon at Regional Independent &

Ned at Wamboin Whisper Paul at Bungendore Country Butcher for location and donation of tray of meat for raffle.

Leyla at Woolshed Lane Sour Dough for tray of breads for raffle prize.

(Raffle winners notified and now enjoying the fresh foods)

Chloe at Phil's Emporium for letting me set up on Saturday.

St Mary's Parish Community and many more whom I apologise if not mentioned.

To all that supported by purchasing daffodils, merchandise, donations and beyond.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart.

Photo supplied



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

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

Only your name and suburb will be printed.

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

LIONS COMMUNITY BOOK SHOP

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

LOCATED IN THE QUEANBEYAN PARK

OPEN: Tuesday to Saturday 10am-4pm

SECONDHAND BOOKS, MAGAZINES, GAMES, JIGSAWS, CRAFT

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

Public Notices

Dementia Action Week - September 2026

Bungendore Dementia Alliance



Chat About Dementia Morning Tea

Know someone living with dementia?
Caring for someone who is?

You're not alone

information, support, conversations

on Monday 21st September, 10.00 - 12.00

at the Bungendore School of Arts

RSPV: kathleenmargaretmaher@gmail.com or phone 0411746293



BUNGENDORE JUNIOR TIGERS

PRESENTATION NIGHT

FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

FROM 5PM

AT BUNGENDORE BOWLING AND SPORTS CLUB

CELEBRATING OUR PLAYERS, COACHES & VOLUNTEERS

ONE CLUB. ONE TEAM. TIGER PRIDE.

Queanbeyan Community Choir

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

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

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

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





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 17th 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 your call you back at your scheduled appointment time.

Queanbeyan Probus Club: next meeting Mon, September 21

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

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

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

The Queanbeyan club is a combined men's and women's club, we have guest speakers, BBQ's, walks, outings, coach trips, morning teas and other entertainment. We meet between 10am and 12pm, every third Monday of each month at the Queanbeyan Bowling Club. We welcome new members, for more information please contact Carol - email: patersonc14@bigpond.com."

CWA Queanbeyan Evening Branch - Father's Day Day Raffle Results

On Saturday 29th August members from the Queanbeyan Evening Branch of CWA operated a stall in Riverside Plaza where there were plenty of goods on sale as well as a raffle for Father's Day. Goods on sale included many beautiful handmade items, cakes, slices and jams and preserves, as well as the CWA cookbooks. The raffle was drawn that day and the 5 lucky winners were -

- 1st prize was a Stanley FatMax 18V V20 2 x 2.0Ah Drill & Driver Combo Kit - 2 Piece - Won by Julie,
- 2nd prize, a gorgeous hamper won by Ana
- 3rd prize, a rug, Suppeto voucher and bottle of champagne won by LD
- 4th prize, a cologne hamper won by Mim
- 5th prize, a scarf and voucher from Suppeto won by Connor.

Our heartiest congratulations to the lucky winners.

Sincerest thanks to Mitre 10 Hudsons, Yass Road, to Suppeto Collective, Anthony Woods (Woodsie) and to everyone who donated our wonderful prizes.

And of course our sincerest thanks also to all who purchased goods and tickets to help make it a successful event. We couldn't have done it without your help. All money raised will go towards cancer research including PanKind (Pancreatic Cancer Research).

THANK YOU!

CWA Queanbeyan Evening Branch



Queanbeyan Library

Every Friday & Saturday 10am - 12pm

Braidwood Library

First Saturday of each month 9:30am - 12:30pm

Starting Saturday 3 September

Tech Help Drop-in Update

QPRC

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.

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

Mayor's Column

The Lowe Street intersection in Queanbeyan will be closed from Sunday 27 September for approximately two weeks while contractors undertake underground infrastructure upgrades and surface reconstruction as part of the Monaro Street upgrades. The intersection works have been scheduled during the school holiday period to minimise disruption to school drop-off and pick-up times and reduce impacts on local traffic as much as possible. During this period, road closures and detours will be in place at Ross Road, Morisset Street and Cooma Street. Motorists are encouraged to avoid using Canberra Avenue to enter Queanbeyan during the closure period and instead use Yass Road and Ellerton Drive where possible. Signage and variable message boards will be installed to help direct traffic, and a road closure map is available at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Monaro-Street.

We are seeking feedback for Stage 3 of the proposed Cooma Street Duplication. The proposal includes the duplication of Cooma Street between Edwin Land Parkway and Queenbar Road, intersection upgrades, pedestrian and cyclist facilities, changes to medians and access arrangements, and drainage, lighting, utilities and other supporting infrastructure. These changes have been proposed because of increasing traffic volumes from Googong and Jumping Creek. You can view the road design and provide your feedback at yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au

Is it spring cleaning time for your household? Our household chemical cleanout events are on this weekend! The Bungendore Household Chemical Cleanout is on Saturday 12 September at the Bungendore Waste Transfer Station, and the Queanbeyan Household Chemical Cleanout is on Sunday 13 September at the Queanbeyan Waste Minimisation Centre. Both cleanouts will run from 8am to 11am. This is a free service run in support with the NSW Environment Protection Agency. For more details visit qprc.nsw.gov.au/Events

The Super Rugby Aus match is on this Sunday 13 September at the Bungendore Sports Hub. The ACT Brumbies take on the NSW Waratahs with kick off at 2pm. It is going to be fantastic to see the ACT vs NSW rivalry up close. We are expecting a strong turnout, so make sure you get your tickets at 123tix.com.au/events/55157/super-rugby-aus-round-1-brumbies-vs-waratahs

There is an Ordinary Council Meeting in Bungendore this evening. It will be at the Norah Starrs Community Centre (formerly known as Bungendore Community Centre) and will run from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Members of the public are free to attend in person or via the live stream. You can download the agenda and watch the live stream at qprc.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Business/Council-meetings

Cr Kenrick Winchester, Mayor



Target Time

Target: Average - 12, Good - 16, Excellent - 22+

adit, arid, darn, dart, dawn, dinar, dint, dirt, drain, draw, drawn, hand, hard, hind, inward, nadir, nard, raid, rand, rind, third, triad, wadi, wand, ward, width, wind, withdraw, WITHDRAWN.

Brain Training

COPYCATS: 1 Daisy 2 Physique 3 Resin

SPOT THE SUM: 26 (9+17)

WORD BUILDER:

Ulcer, Curse, Steer, Terse, Cruel, Lucre, Secret, Lustre, Rustle, Erects, Result, Recurs, Rescuer, Cluster, Curlers, Securer, Lecturers

Puzzle Solutions

Sudoku

4	8	9	3	5	2	6	1	7
1	3	2	4	7	6	8	9	5
5	6	7	1	8	9	4	3	2
6	4	1	2	9	3	7	5	8
8	9	5	6	1	7	3	2	4
7	2	3	8	4	5	1	6	9
3	1	8	5	2	4	9	7	6
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Quick Time Crossword

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Crossword

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Classifieds

Local Markets

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

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

CB BOBCATS

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



BUNGENDORE SENIORS

Next get together will be Friday 11 Sept, 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

WANTED: HOUSE

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

VINTAGE & RETRO

Vintage and retro shop open Friday, Saturday and Sunday - 10.00 am to 4.30 pm.
ART BY ANDERS 144 Uriarra Rd Crestwood Queanbeyan.

Personalised care for your dog

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

AUSSIE SKIP BAGS

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

Bungendore Open Mic

Sat Sept 12, 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

CLAIRVOYANT

CLAIRVOYANT: Intuitive Tarot readings at The Sage Hut in Bungendore. Over 30 years experience.
E:wizardwisdom22@use.startmail.com
https://www.facebook.com/sagehutwizard.com.au

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY WANTED

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



RURAL CONTRACTING

David Sillis - 0428 265 111

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



Business Classifieds

HAROLD BRADLEY TRANSPORT

Livestock transport available. Mobile loading ramp, 2 x 1 stock crates, competitive rates. Servicing all areas, located Bungendore. Contact Harold on: 0424 452 821



Gavin Pillidge Courier

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

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.



There are lots of new faces at DAS – as well as some long termers. ALL are ready & waiting to begin the next chapter of their lives.

(5 Sept 2026)



Jazz

Cattle Dog x Staffy (F)
Approx 9 yrs
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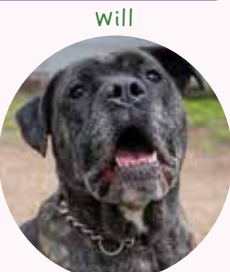
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Opie

Mastiff x (M)
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Will

Cane Corso x (M)
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Remi

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Stella

American Staffy x (F)
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Cruz

Kelpie x Staffy (M)
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Bonny

American Pitbull x (F)
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American Staffy (F)
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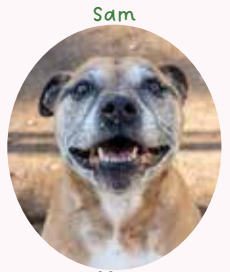
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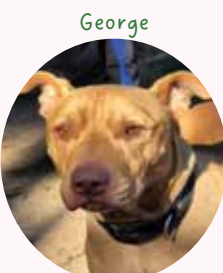
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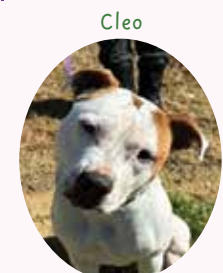
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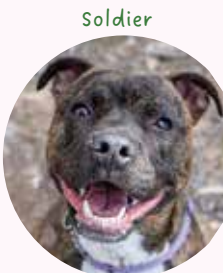
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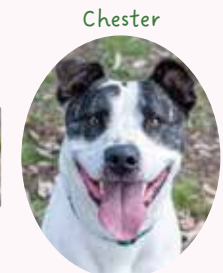
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Soldier

Staffy x (M)
Approx 8 mths
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Chester

Amer. Staffy x (M)
Approx 1 yr
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Gator

Crossbreed (M)
Approx 5 mths
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Gideon

Crossbreed (M)
Approx 5 mths
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Ace

Boxer x (M)
Approx 1 yr
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✓ 3 daysto decompress
✓ 3 weeks to learn routines, and
✓ 3 months to feel fully at home.



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Sport

Bungendore Netball facilities now open

Last week the netball courts in Bungendore were all a buzz as the new Netball facility was officially opened. The excitement was unmistakable as young players explored the new building, with calls of “We have lockers!” ringing out across the courts.

The Bungendore Netball Club (BNC) had 13 teams in the 2026 Winter comp, 8 teams in last season’s local social comp and now has over 200 members. These new facilities provide the club with a dedicated, modern space and will support growing club for many years to come.

BNC President and QNA Senior Delegate Tiffany Knight said, “I’m particularly excited about having quality courts and facilities that are accessible to everyone, regardless of age or level of competition. Having a facility that

can better accommodate training, games, development programs and community events will also make it much easier for the club to continue growing.”

“It has been really rewarding to see something that we discussed and designed on paper become a reality, and to know that it will benefit the club and broader community for years to come.” Tiffany added.

The new facility represents much more than an upgrade to Bungendore’s sporting facilities. It provides a foundation for netball to grow locally, with the potential for more players, teams and competitions, along with expanded training, clinics and development opportunities. For young players, having access to quality facilities close to home can help them remain involved in the sport,

develop their skills and aspire to higher levels without having to leave their community to find better opportunities. Regional communities have no shortage of sporting talent, but access to appropriate facilities can often be a barrier to developing that potential. The new facility will not only support players on the court, but provide a place for friendships, confidence and community connections to grow, while helping create pathways for Bungendore’s next generation of athletes.

Member for Eden-Monaro, Kristy McBain said, “It’s fantastic to see the opening of the upgraded sports hub, which will enable Bungendore to host sports carnivals and other community sporting events.

“As a long-time advocate of the project, I’m excited that community members of all ages will now have



access to high-quality sporting facilities and be able to train locally instead of having to travel to Queanbeyan or the ACT.”

QPRC Mayor, Cr Kenrick Winchester said “The new clubhouse will be a fantastic asset for the Bungendore Netball Club for many years to come and will help support the continued growth of netball in Bungendore.

“This stage of the project has delivered much more than the building. It has improved the wider sports hub with important infrastructure including drainage, services, fencing, solar, seating, footpaths, player facilities and car parking.

“The Bungendore Sports Hub is home to netball, rugby union, rugby league, soccer and Oz tag, giving local clubs and the broader community access to better facilities in one central location,” he added.

The sports hub has been funded by more than \$2.5 million from the Federal Government, \$3.5 million from the NSW Government and \$1.8 million from developer contributions and QPRC.

Tiffany said, “On behalf of the BNC Committee and all our members, I’d like to sincerely thank the Hon. Kristy McBain for her ongoing support and commitment to local sport in Bungendore. We would not have the privilege of enjoying such a fantastic sporting facility without her passion for grass roots sport and her commitment to supporting sporting communities across the region.

“I also extend our thanks to Mayor Kenrick Winchester, QPRC Councillors and staff for their continued commitment and investment in improving and developing sporting facilities in Bungendore.”

Sharon Baxter-Judge



BUFC Team Reports

U10 Falcons

What a fantastic season the U10 Falcons have had!

After adjusting to the larger fields, bigger goals and more structured positional play, the team has really found its footing. Since grading, the Falcons enjoyed an impressive unbeaten run, finishing the season in a very strong position.

What has been most pleasing, however, has been the way the team has played. The players have worked hard for one another, shown great support on and off the ball, and demonstrated excellent passing and teamwork in every game. Every player has improved throughout the season, which is a credit to their dedication at training and their commitment to giving their best

for their teammates each week.

The season has been full of firsts, with many more still to come. From our youngest players to our most experienced, every member of the squad has encouraged and supported one another at training and on game day, always putting the team first.

Most impressive of all has been the outstanding sportsmanship displayed by this group of players. They consistently represent the Falcons with respect, enthusiasm and a positive attitude, making their coaches, parents and Club proud.

A big thank you also goes to our parents and families for their ongoing support. Making sure players get to training and games each week is no easy feat, and the team's success would not be possible without your commitment

and encouragement.

Well done, Falcons – we look forward to seeing you all back next season!

U12 Black Squad

What an incredible season it has been for our Bungendore U12 Black Squad.

This group has come together brilliantly, not just as a team, but as a tight, supportive unit that genuinely looks out for one another. Their sportsmanship has been outstanding, their enthusiasm is infectious, and every single player shows up ready to give their best for the team.

The team dropped very few games all season, and that success comes from the way these kids play for each other.

They've shown dominant performances across the park, with goals shared widely among the team and players confidently stepping into multiple positions whenever needed. Whether defending with grit, linking up through the midfield, or finishing with style, they've proven how adaptable and reliable they are.

The excitement they bring each week – the desire to be part of the team, to improve, to support their mates – is something every parent should be proud of. They're representing Bungendore with fantastic attitude, effort, and genuine community spirit.

A huge thank you to our support coaches and the parents who have stepped up while I've been away for work. Your help keeps everything running smoothly, and the kids thrive because of it.



The U12 Black set a fantastic standard across the whole season, and we're ready to carry this momentum into next season. The community should be proud of what these players are achieving together.

U12 Red Squad

The first half of the season for the U12 Red Squad was frustrating, to say the least, with weather, absence, injury and forfeit all playing a part. These challenges gave us a great contrast to the second half of the season, where we played some fantastic football. We rounded out the season in good shape with our team coming together and playing really well.

There is a resilience amongst the playing group that keeps them returning each week, keeps them motivated and keeps them enthusiastic. They are supported by their club mates whom we've had to call upon throughout the season – thank you. They are encouraged and transported by their parents and families – thank you. Lastly, they find support amongst each other and the Capital Football coaching group – thank you.

We're happy with where we rounded out the season, overcoming our first half frustrations, enjoying ourselves and remaining always united.



Bungendore Senior Girls Mountain Biking Team win gold!

Bungendore High School

Our BHS MTB team lined up at Stromlo Forest Park for the 2026 ACT Schools Mountain Bike Championships – the 25th running of this event – and we couldn't be prouder of how every single rider fronted up.

Organised by Canberra Off-Road Cyclists (CORC) and affiliated

with AusCycling, this year's championships drew over 540 riders from schools right across the ACT and NSW, including Bathurst, Forbes, Orange, Newcastle and the South Coast – one of the biggest fields in the event's history.

Against that depth of competition, the stand-out result: our Senior Girls team took out gold in

their category – an outstanding effort. Congratulations to Comet, Aida and ex-student Bonnie on a brilliant ride!

But the medal tally only tells part of the story. Across every category, our riders pushed hard right to the end, fighting for those final laps of the six-kilometre relay course. That kind of grit and determination



– digging deep when the legs are burning and the clock is ticking – says everything about the character of this team.

Just as importantly, our students represented the Bungendore community impeccably all day – great sportsmanship, encouraging

teammates and competitors alike, and making the school proud, both on and off the bike.

Well done, team – this is what BHS spirit looks like!

Photos supplied



It's been a busy season for Bungendore United Football Club, with plenty happening both on and off the field for the Falcons.

This year the Club has a total of 17 teams, with 13 teams in Community Football and 4 teams in Capital Football competitions.

The season kicked off on the right foot in April with a Coerver Coaching clinic, giving our coaches hands-on training in drills, structures and skills to bring out the best in their players. Turnout was strong, with 15 coaches taking part from across our various age groups, which is a great sign of the depth of commitment across the Club.

The Club also got out into the community at the Bungendore Preschool Fair, running a games alley stall that introduced plenty of local kids to the game and signed up new juniors for the season. It's this kind of grassroots involvement that keeps the Club growing and connected to the town, and it was so good to be able to represent the Club at this important community event.

On-field, we started matches in May and were thoroughly spoiled with fantastic weather. Somehow, we made it through the season without having to cancel a single weekend's matches! With three Under 4/5 teams playing in Community Football, it's been great watching our newest Falcons learning the basics and

being afforded lots of opportunity for our youngest players to find their feet and fall in love with the game.

The junior ranks are in fine health right across the board, with three under 6 teams and three under 7s coming through, along with two under 8 and two under 9 sides. Our under 9s have taken on a "development squad" role this season, and it's been terrific to see several of their players step up to play in the under 10s from time to time – and do a great job of it. It's exactly the kind of pathway we want to build at the Club, giving kids the chance to stretch themselves against older opposition and grow their game.

To round things off, we ran some intra-club rounds at the tail end of the season, giving the kids a chance to play against new opponents and try out their skills. It's been wonderful to watch them put what they've learnt into practice – trying their tricks, having a crack at getting their throw-ins right, and building the confidence that comes from testing themselves against a fresh face across the park.

The season has also included a Sponsors Round and a Mother's Day Round, both great occasions to recognise the people who make Bungendore United possible, from the businesses who back us to the mums who coach, run the canteen and contribute week in, week out.

We're also grateful to Community Bank Bungendore, who have again backed the Club, this time funding a new playing strip for our older age groups. Combined with new goals from the Blind Creek solar farm's community fund, it's been a big season for Club facilities and gear. We were delighted to be able to bring this

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upgraded equipment to our older age groups in the second half of the season.

Photo day was another highlight of the calendar, with team photos, sponsor photos, and individual and family shots capturing the Club at its best. We were happy to be able to add our sponsors this year, so we'll have mementos of the contributions from these local businesses.

Our final round doubled as our Jolly Soles fundraiser, raising money for the primary school's Resilience Project. Jolly Soles helps clubs, schools and community groups raise funds through fun, high-quality socks that get everyone talking, while The Resilience Project gives young people practical strategies to build resilience, improve mental wellbeing and develop gratitude, empathy and mindfulness – skills that serve them both on and off the field.

None of this happens without the coaches, volunteers, and families who turn up week after week – thank you all for making Bungendore United what it is. Always United.



Presentation Day – Saturday 12 September

There's still one big date on the calendar, with Presentation Day to be held on Saturday 12 September. Every player will be celebrated with a participation medallion, individual awards will be presented in recognition of outstanding achievement, and special acknowledgement will be made of our 24 valued BUFC sponsors, whose ongoing support makes the Bungendore Falcons fly high.

Following the formal presentations, the festivities will continue with a sausage sizzle, jumping castles, a DJ with dancing and giveaways, face painting (celebration stripes a specialty), pop-up activities, sponsor stalls and fun challenges for the whole family. Gelato and coffee will be available for purchase, and there'll be much, much more besides. We'd love to see the whole community there to round out the season in style.



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