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Mark your calendars for Sunday 25th October when the Community Bank Bungendore Show returns to the Bungendore Showground, showcasing the very best of the region's agricultural roots, creative talents, and community spirit.

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"This is what makes us different from other shows in the area," explains Show President Nicole Krege. "Our goal is to provide an affordable, fun and family-friendly event. We are so fortunate to have support from many local businesses and organisations. Because of their generosity, we make as many activities as possible entirely free once you buy your entry tickets and walk through the gates."

True to that promise, this year's layout introduces a dedicated Kids Zone. Designed to keep younger attendees thoroughly entertained, the zone features a jumping castle, an obstacle course, classic garden games, a quiet storytime corner and creative face painting. All of these attractions are free.

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Community News

Wamboin Social Group celebrating 10 years with a special morning tea Thursday 22 October

The Wamboin Social Group will celebrate its 10th birthday this month. To mark this occasion the Group will have a special morning tea on Thursday 22 October 2026 at the Wamboin Hall. The group would like to extend an invitation to previous members of the group and anyone who is thinking about joining the group, to come along. A cake will be cut at 11.00am and we would love to see you celebrate the occasion with us.

A brief history of the establishment of the group.

- An application for funding was developed in 2015 and granted by Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council in 2016. The grant was used to purchase table tennis tables, scrabble, table games, puzzles and cards
- A small group of people were instrumental in getting the group started in 2016. The aim of setting up the group was to provide a meeting place for men and women in the community to get together during the day.
- The Thursday group was very fortunate to have a group of people who were committed and

enthusiastic to see such a social group commence. At various times the group had up to 24 participants with ages ranging from young mothers with babies through to 92 years.

The Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council Mobile Library commenced visiting Wamboin during this time, the visit coincided with the Thursday morning group and continues to operate each second Thursday of the month. Over the years the Library has also provided information sessions in conjunction with the Thursday social group on topics such as the use of ipads and smart phones.

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council has also assisted the Thursday social group with funding to cover venue hire, thus ensuring that the Thursday social group continues to grow.

Over the years the group has developed and now offers a variety of games including scrabble, rummikub, Mexican trains, sequence, mahjong and triominoes. Table tennis is now played at 6.00pm on a Thursday night.



At this time, the group continues to have up to 20 people attend each week with ages ranging from 63 - 90 years.

The Wamboin Social group is a wonderful opportunity for anyone to come along, have a chat, a cup of coffee/tea and a game of something if you would like.

Members of the group are very supportive of others and if we can help with transport, or other things, we will try our best to accommodate these needs. If you haven't been to the Wamboin Hall previously, parking is easy, a flat walk to the entrance and no steps. If you are not busy on a Thursday

morning between 10 - 12 noon, then come along and see what you think. If you want to have a chat about the group, please give me a call on 0438 917206 or email pumpbnjc@westnet.com.au
Narelle Pumphrey
Convenor
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RFS

The NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) is urging communities to prepare now for the threat of bush and grass fires, as the Bush Fire Danger Period (BFD) officially began across most of NSW from the 1st October.

RFS Commissioner Trent Curtin said the start of the BFD was an important reminder for people to understand their risk, prepare their property and know what they will do if threatened by fire.

"The AFAC Seasonal Bushfire Outlook for Spring identified an increased risk of fire across parts of northern and south-eastern NSW, and we know conditions can change quickly as we move towards summer," Commissioner Curtin said.

"Since 1 July 2026, firefighters have responded to more than

2,700 bush and grass fires, burning more than 64,000 hectares.

"We have done considerable work preparing for the season, but firefighters cannot do it alone. Everyone living in a bush fire-prone area has a role to play."

The RFS is continuing its One Ember Can End It campaign this season. Recent RFS research shows around 70 per cent of people living in bush fire prone areas say they have a Bush Fire Survival Plan, but fewer than half have taken practical steps to prepare their property and 62 per cent are unaware of the free resources available to help them prepare.

"Burning embers can travel well ahead of a fire front and find their way into gutters, gardens and

other vulnerable areas around a home," Commissioner Curtin said.

"One ember can end it. Clear leaves from your gutters, remove flammable material from around your home and make sure your Bush Fire Survival Plan is up to date and discussed.

"Don't wait until there is a fire in your area. Prepare your property now, talk through your plan and use the Hazards Near Me app and RFS website to stay informed."

Minister for Emergency Services Jihad Dib said preparedness was a shared responsibility.

"Our RFS volunteers are prepared and ready to respond, but communities also have an important role to play before a

fire even starts," Minister Dib said.

"A few simple jobs around your home now can reduce your risk, while having a plan means you and your family are better placed to act if fire threatens."

While the BFD begins across most of NSW today, 33 Local Government Areas commenced the BFD earlier due to local conditions, with the remaining nine LGAs to commence on 1 November.

During the BFD, landholders must obtain a Fire Permit before lighting a fire and provide at least 24 hours' notice to neighbours and the local fire authority. Information on preparing for bush fires, permits and notifications is available at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/BFD.

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Court finds in favour of club development

Debbie Evans

Approved by the NSW Land and Environment Court in September, the Poplars Club development in Jerrabomberra will strengthen the Vikings Group's presence in Queanbeyan.

The approved scaled-back version of the project has overcome strong opposition from the Jerrabomberra Residents Association (JRA) and local neighbours. Residents raising significant concerns over gambling harm, late-night alcohol sales, traffic, and noise when the project is complete.

In April 2023, the Vikings Group announced plans to expand across the ACT-NSW border into the Poplars precinct after they responded in 2021 to

an Expression of Interest by Poplars precinct developers and were selected as the preferred operators.

Vikings Group officially lodged a development application (DA) in early 2024 for a \$36-\$38 million, three-story registered club located around 50 meters from local residences on Esmond Avenue.

The design included 1,320 patron capacity, a gaming lounge equipped with 150 - 160 poker machines, and late-night trading to 3am.

Backlash to this proposal was immediate from the JRA and nearby residents.

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) also opposed the scale of the development,

and the proposal was sent to the NSW Regional Planning Panel for determination.

The panel unanimously rejected it based on social harms and incompatibility with the neighbourhood outweighing any community benefits.

The Vikings Group pushed forward appealing the decision in the NSW Land and Environment Court.

A confidential conciliation process with QPRC saw the heavily scaled back version of the club approved last month.

The amended development application is now for a two-storey registered club with capacity for 800 patrons, parking for 154 cars and closing times have been heavily modified.

The café and bistro will close at 10 pm; outdoor areas will close at 9 pm Sunday to Thursday and 10 pm Friday and Saturday; and function rooms will close at 12 am. The poker machine lounge and lounge/bar will open Monday to Sunday from 9 am to 2 am. Operations, including the service of alcohol, will cease at 1 am, and patrons may remain on the premises until 2 am.

Noise mitigation has also been strengthened with 3m acoustic barrier with 900mm landscaped berm.

The gaming lounge remains part of the approved plan, but

gaming machines approved has dropped from 160 to 100 and the total footprints and outdoor dining spaces next to the precinct pond have been heavily restricted to minimise neighbourhood disturbance.

When a definite date for construction is set the build timeline is expected to be 12 to 18 months.

Jerrabomberra Residents Association president Margot Sachse said publicly last week the process had been incredibly frustrating, and the lack of transparency appalling.

"We're disappointed, of course, because we believe that it was in the wrong location, but we accept that the court's made that decision," she said.

"We just need to make sure that the club's compliant with the conditions."

Ms Sachse also stated last week "once the matter moved into confidential Court conciliation between Vikings and QPRC, the community had very little visibility of the negotiations that ultimately resulted in the amended proposal.

"It was basically just the council, who were representing the Southern Regional Planning Panel, and the applicants, and everybody else was excluded," she said.

"We don't even know what the

discussions were on how they came about it because all of the conciliation process is confidential."

Vikings Group move into Queanbeyan is believed to be driven by tightening regulatory controls over gambling by the ACT Government.

In September the ACT Government announced it would be introducing what it described as "a nation-leading package of reforms to reduce harm in the ACT."

These reforms include a ban on EFTPOS and ATM cash withdrawals at poker machine venues, establish mandatory account-based cashless gaming, which includes a suite of harm reduction controls, make gambling exclusion simpler and easier to access, reduce poker machine operating hours, reduce poker machine authorisations to no more than 1,000 by 2045, support clubs to develop sustainable business models that rely less on gambling revenue.

The Vikings Groups already have a presence in Queanbeyan having partnered with the Queanbeyan Sports and Community Club to rescue the historic Queanbeyan Bowling Club from voluntary administration by investing \$8 million to revitalise and relaunch it as Campbell and George in 2019.

Left: Artisis impression of the Poplars Club Development





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Running the Gauntlet on Macs Reef Road

A recently completed subdivision on Newington Road in Bywong that created over twenty new blocks was approved with the inclusion of a bustop on the road. This was to remove the risk and danger associated with the current arrangement where - from around three thirty until after five in the afternoon - school children, some as young as five, must cross Macs Reef Road to get to Newington Road. Anyone using Macs Reef Road knows firsthand about the volume and driving manner on the road - which has seen a huge increase in traffic over the past ten years.

While parents accompany the smaller children, there is a high risk with the speed and volume of traffic coming from both sides. The line of sight is not clear, and one has to be prepared to run in the event of a speeding car appearing! To date apart from one little child losing a ball - and the ability to run - there have been no accidents as yet. But that's not reason to ignore the ongoing risk. Any older person picking up children certainly cannot run the gauntlet! Morning pickups require the bus to pull off to the Newington Road side of Macs Reef Rd. Parents leave their cars on the side of Newington Road while that

happens. Locals are frustrated by the lack of action on the proposed bus stop. In recognition of the unacceptable stop on Macs Reef Rd, as part of the Woodfield Hills subdivision, a planned bus stop was to be located just behind the outgoing corner of Newington Rd. However, this has not happened and the developer has had to forgo his bond of over \$200,000 to QPRC as the planned site did not eventuate. The Developer has stated that "Due to the site constraints at the Macs Reef Road site, such as the existing Newington Road gradient, our engineers couldn't get the design to meet AUSTROADS standards. There were also issues with the large amount of fill and retaining walls involved. We simply couldn't construct it the location chosen by Council and as per their requirements." It appeared that Council was adamant that it was made at the Macs Reef Road intersection as per the DA Condition of Consent. Locals recently contacted four local Councillors from QPRC about the matter. Both Cr Grundy and Cr Preston responded and replied that they would look at the site to better understand the issues. Cr Grundy



met around ten locals in early July - meeting with the developer and parents at the site to discuss next steps. Several options were discussed, looking at alternate locations for a bus stop as well as simply dropping children off down the road and returning to Macs Reef Rd. This would remove the cost of a fixed bus stop. Instead, a much needed improvement could be made to the intersection of Newington and Macs Reef turning to Bungendore. While the turn

towards the Federal Highway has been given a slip lane - with the increased traffic from Newington Rd from the subdivision, including the increase in trade associated vehicles and potentially a bus turning towards Bungendore - a dedicated turning lane from Newington Road onto Macs Reef towards Bungendore would be a valuable safety measure. To date, there has been no reply to a July email query from

a concerned parent to CDC Canberra who operate the buses -asking about possible options in Newington Road. And, while Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council is conducting a 1.2-kilometre virtual wildlife fencing trial on Macs Reef Road, one has to ask about the consideration given to the school children as well as locals in the area. Anne Goonan
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More than \$810,000 for upgrades at Queanbeyan Hospital

Queanbeyan-Palerang communities are set to benefit from upgraded health facilities, following more than \$810,000 funding boost from the NSW Government to deliver minor capital works at Queanbeyan Hospital. This funding for Southern NSW Local Health District is part of the NSW Government's \$12 million Regional Health Minor Works Program. Delivered over two years, the program will support essential infrastructure upgrades and enhance health facilities across regional, rural and remote NSW, ensuring they continue to meet the needs of local communities and deliver high-quality care. This investment will support the delivery of a roof-mounted solar installation at Queanbeyan

Hospital and Health Service to reduce grid electricity reliance and support emissions reduction targets. Member for Monaro Steve Whan said, "I'm pleased to be part of a government committed to ensuring our hospitals and healthcare services receive the upgrades to infrastructure they require. "This commitment of over \$800,000 to install solar on Queanbeyan District Hospital and Health Service is a welcome investment I've fought for and will help drive down the high energy costs associated with running a hospital. "I am committed to improving healthcare across Monaro, as I was the first time I was elected and was the driving force behind getting the Queanbeyan Hospital

rebuilt. It seems in the intervening years of Nationals Government, Queanbeyan Hospital was neglected of those core infrastructure upgrades. "I'm pleased to see this funding supporting practical upgrades to essential health infrastructure across Southern NSW, reflecting the priorities of our community. "These upgrades will help ensure Queanbeyan Hospital will reduce reliance on the electricity grid and support emissions reduction targets now and into the future." This funding builds on the NSW Government's \$11.9 billion investment to deliver 32 new or upgraded hospitals as part of the 2026-27 Budget. This includes nearly \$3 billion over four years for hospitals across regional NSW.





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Council to submit on Financial Assistance Grants redistribution

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"No council should be worse off," said Mayor Winchester.

"The real concern is that the overall funding pool for councils is just not enough. If a review of methodology will mean that many councils lose funding, then the total amount of funding from the Federal Government needs to increase first," the Mayor said.

"We know that the Government has proposed increasing the total Financial Assistance funding available and we believe that the redistribution should happen when the funding is increased."

"The broader problem is that local government requires a more sustainable funding model, and this redistribution simply moves financial pressure from one community to another."

"We will be making a submission to highlight our concerns and to press for fairness."



TOWARDS ZERO

Ageing Australia highlights the need for urgent action at Support at Home Inquiry

Ageing Australia CEO Tom Symondson highlighted the urgent need to improve access to care for older Australians, during the recent public hearing of the Senate Inquiry into Support at Home.

Speaking after his Senate appearance, Mr Symondson outlined the challenges older people still face in accessing critical supports.

“While we have seen some welcome improvement in waiting times, we’re still a long way off the Royal Commission’s recommendation that nobody should wait more than a month to receive care. Currently, the median wait time is around 10 months which is clearly far too long. What’s more, we still regularly hear cases of people waiting much longer than that,

even for very high levels of care,” Mr Symondson said. “With over 100,000 people waiting for a package, another 100,000 waiting just to be assessed and more than 53,000 receiving only 60% of the value of the approved package when they finally do get it, I do not think we can safely say yet, that people are getting access to care when, and where, they need it.”

“We do regularly hear of people having a lower level of package than their needs would dictate. Some of that is because they have waited a long time and their needs have increased in the interim. If they’ve waited 10 months since assessment to receive care, that package is likely no longer enough to support them. But too often it is because the assessment process has

overestimated their ability or the ability of their family to provide unpaid care to supplement a package.”

Mr Symondson also raised concerns about the lack of financial viability of providers since the reforms.

“For the first time in the history of homecare, providers now lose money on every package, which makes it incredibly difficult to expand services. We believe this is being caused by the combination of increased complexity of delivering Support at Home, the huge unfunded cost to providers of implementing the reforms, and the collapse in package utilisation rates from as high as 88% prior to 1 November to only 62% at the end of March this year.”

He also called for improvements in the

provision of assistive technologies, quoting examples of extended wait times as well as onerous compliance requirements blowing out the cost of seemingly simple purchases.

“An \$1,800 process to assess whether someone needs a \$100 mobility aid is clearly not what anybody intended. Providers want to be able to provide the aids that older people are crying out for, but we cannot currently do that as we would wish.”

Ageing Australia members Uniting NSW.ACT, Hall and Prior and Pearl Home Care also gave evidence at hearings, alongside Uniting Care Australia, Council on the Ageing (COTA) and The Older Persons Advocacy Network (OPAN).

Queanbeyan VIEW Club: next meeting ThursdayOctober 11

In September, Queanbeyan View Club members enjoyed each other’s company and left the meeting more informed. Our speaker from the Commonwealth Bank provided us with useful information about strategies for dealing with internet banking scams.

Pictured is long-time member, committee member and former president, Jeannette Rudd, who had just received her “Making a Difference” award, acknowledging the many ways her support and friendship has enhanced the life of the club and its members over the last 40 years.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday October 15th at the Tourist Hotel, Monaro St, Queanbeyan 12 for 12:30pm. The October guest speaker is Phill Hawke who will be speaking to us about various aspects of Queanbeyan history. 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 11th October, to Irene on 0438 231003 or queanbeyanview@gmail.com Photo supplied



Scholarship program to benefit Braidwood’s and Bungendore’s youth

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Braidwood and Bungendore students will again benefit from a scholarship program, which will supplement their study costs in their first and second year of higher education.

Braidwood and Bungendore Community Bank Branch Chairman Garry Cook said the Community Bank Branch Scholarship Program, which is open until 30 November 2026, was launched because the Branch believed local students deserved every opportunity to achieve their dreams.

“An investment in education yields great long-term dividends and

by helping young people gain access to tertiary education, the returns to the student, their families and the local community are significant.”

Applications will also be considered from students wishing to undertake study at TAFE or school-based apprenticeships.

“The Community Bank Branch Scholarship Program is a transformative undertaking that changes the lives of local students, strengthens communities for the long term and is a tangible example of the good that banking with us can achieve.”

“Our young people are our future, and we believe they deserve the best support possible to help forge their careers and achieve their

dreams.”

Successful Community Bank Scholarship applicants will initially receive funding for one year and depending on academic performance, the scholarship may be renewed to assist in the second year of their study.

Applications are invited from eligible students, starting their studies in 2027. Applications close on 30 November 2026 and will be assessed in December 2026.

Last year, the Community Bank Branch Scholarship supported local student Jacques with his Advanced Diploma of Screen and Media at Sydney Actors School.

“This scholarship has greatly helped me in

putting a strong foot forward in the renting world of Sydney allowing me to keep my head above water in this flowing river and put all my attention on making the absolute most of this studying period.”

I would 100% recommend others apply as it’s run by lovely people who really care about where your going in life and how you want to get there!” - Jacques

The Braidwood and Bungendore Community Bank Scholarship is part of the Bendigo Bank Scholarship Program, which partners with Community Bank branches, Rural Bank and The University of Melbourne.

The program has now supported over 1,984 students, with more than \$13.4 million in funding since its inception in 2007.

For further information please contact Director Jill Kuchel or Community Engagement Manager Nick Fry, Community Bank Braidwood and Bungendore on 0413 091 896 or visit www.bendigobank.com.au/scholarships OR <https://palerangfsl.smartygrants.com.au>

Photo supplied of Jacques, one of our last year’s recipients.



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Community News

Fire and Rescue NSW and Wildcare Queanbeyan to an unusual rescue

Wildcare Queanbeyan

Fire and Rescue NSW joined forces with the local wildlife group to save wombat trapped in a storm water pipe on Thursday morning. (23/9/26)

The local wildlife group Wildcare Queanbeyan was called last night to euthanase a badly injured wombat near the corner of Thompsitt Drive and Lanyon Drive in Jerrabomberra.

When the Wildcare euthanasia

volunteer / vice president, Christian MacDonald arrived, the injured wombat ran into a storm water pipe.

“The wombat had a bleeding back leg, and when I followed it to see where it was going, another wombat out grazing nearby, ran into the pipe ahead of the injured wombat,” MacDonald said.

“I could hear a lot of squealing. I don’t think the first wombat was happy about the second wombat

coming into his pipe!

MacDonald then realised that the injured wombat was not moving and had died in the pipe, which only had one exit, apart from a access entry above. The other wombat was trapped in the pipe, about 3 metres from the entrance.

Fire and Rescue NSW - Queanbeyan were called and quickly arrived on scene and removed the dead wombat with a special tool, that could reach the wombat. Called a ceiling hook.

Wildcare Queanbeyan wombat mange co-ordinator, Elena Guarracino said while the other wombat was now free to leave, the wombat had another problem. It had mange. This wombat was previously reported with mange, about a week ago, and needed to be treated.

“A Wildcare mange team member also attended the rescue with Christian MacDonald, and put up a mange treatment device, to treat the wombat when it was ready to leave the pipe.

“It was a wonderful team effort and we are very grateful to all involved and the quick response by the Queanbeyan Fire and Rescue”

Photo supplied of Fire and Rescue NSW - Queanbeyan removing the dead wombat with a ceiling hook



Disoriented moths pop into QPRC

Debbie Evans

Some Bungendore residents are battling plague numbers of Bogong moths, while Queanbeyan remains largely unaffected.

Smaller numbers of moths regularly appear across the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) area, but this year strong north-westerly winds and warm weather have blown migrating swarms off course into coastal New South Wales towns and cities, with a detour locally.

Bogong moths live across southern Australia, migrating seasonally from lowland breeding grounds to high-altitude caves and crevices in the Australian Alps for summer aestivation, to escape the heat of summer.

Mostly the moths spend the autumn and winter months in southern Queensland, western New South Wales, and western Victoria, as well as parts of Tasmania and South and Western Australia, where they lay eggs and their larvae feed on seedlings and pasture plants

The larvae, known as black cutworms, grow in these lowland areas before pupating

in the soil.

Bogong moths travel hundreds of kilometres from breeding grounds in southern Queensland, New South Wales, the Australian Capital Territory - and even small breeding grounds in western Victoria and into South Australia to specific alpine caves for the summer.

And this year is no different, except for the large numbers being reported from many centres.

The moths navigate long distances without prior experience by using celestial cues and Earth’s magnetic field, though sudden wind shifts can briefly disorient them.

Scientists welcome this season’s high numbers as a positive recovery following severe population crashes during the 2017-2018 droughts.



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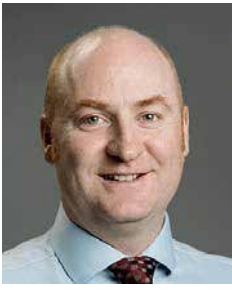
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Community Bank Bungendore Show: Sunday 25 October

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Four-legged family members are equally celebrated in this year's program. Pet lovers can actively participate on the day by entering their dogs into the high-energy "flat chat" dog race, the thrill of the dog high jump (split fairly by dog sizes) and the charming community Pet Parade. Entry into all of these pet competitions is free on the day, with fantastic prizes up for grabs.

For those who prefer to sit back and enjoy the spectacle, the show will feature lightning-fast Flyball dog displays and the incredible skill of working sheep dog demonstrations.

The entertainment extends throughout the show with crowd-pleasing novelty events. Thrill-seekers will want to head over to the mechanical bull for free rides and high-spirited competitions tailored for all ages, to see who can hold on the longest.

While the highly contested Tug of War competition will test local

strength and bragging rights, a brand-new addition is set to steal the spotlight. This year features wheelbarrow races, where champions across multiple categories will not only walk away with a cash prize but will also get to keep the wheelbarrow itself.

Adding to the laughter, the hilarious mascot race will see regional characters go head-to-head in a chaotic, crowd-favourite dash.

There will be live music throughout the day, trade stands and lots of delicious food, including a canteen run by the Bungendore CWA.

At its core, the show proudly maintains the full complement of traditional country show competitions. The rings will be alive with horse events, alongside highly competitive cattle and sheep judging. Meanwhile, the Pavilion will be packed to the rafters with stunning exhibits in the Flowers, Fruit and Vegetables, Cookery, Cake Decorating, Jams

and Pickles, Photography, Art, Handicraft, and Needlework sections.

Pavilion and livestock entries are currently open and the details are available on the show's web page, making this the perfect moment to "have a go" and see your own work displayed on show day. Entries for the Pavilion are only \$1 per class for open classes, and free for 16 years and under. There are fantastic prizes throughout.

Whether you are looking to take home a blue ribbon, challenge your friends in a wheelbarrow race, or simply enjoy a beautiful spring day out with family and friends, the Community Bank Bungendore Show is the place to be.

Mark Sunday 25th October in your calendar, purchase your entry tickets online at bungendoreshow.com.au, follow the show on Facebook and get ready to have a blast celebrating everything that makes a local country show great.



New activities for Bungendore Seniors

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

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

We meet at 10am at the Bungendore Sports Hub amenities building. Cost is \$5.00 per person, which includes morning tea.

See right for dates. Everyone over the age of 55 is welcome!

Seniors Chair Yoga -Chair Yoga: Tuesdays at the Bungendore Scout Hall - 2.30pm. Chair Yoga is held during school terms only. Cost: \$13 per session for members, \$18 for non-members.

All welcome to attend

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

Tai Chi & Qigong begins Monday October 12

Would you like to move more easily, feel steadier on your feet, and relax both body and mind?

This Tai Chi & Qigong session is designed especially for you – with gentle, guided movements that support balance, breathing, posture, and everyday comfort. The exercises are slow, safe, and adaptable, so you can move at your own pace.

You don't need any experience or special fitness level – just comfortable clothing and a willingness to try.

Feel more stable and confident
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Come along and experience a session that helps you feel more relaxed, more balanced, and more connected in your body.

Mondays- 8 sessions - see dates below

1.45pm to 2.45pm - Bungendore Scout Hall, Turallo Terrace, Bungendore

Monday 12th October
Monday 19th October

Break for two weeks then every Monday from 9th November until 14th December

Cost: \$10 per session for members, \$20 per session for non-members

To book please email bungendoreseniors@gmail.com, phone/text 0419 025 533

Boot Scooting finds a new dance floor - begins Friday Oct 16

Boot Scooting returns on 16 October, and this term we're excited to be moving to the Scout Hall. With a great wooden floor perfect for dancing, it's time to dust off those boots and get ready for some toe-tapping fun and plenty of Boot Scooting atmosphere!

Boot Scootin' is easy to learn, gentle on the body and a wonderful way to meet others. It is less about getting the steps right and more about having fun.

Our friends from Bom Funk dance studio will guide us through this relaxed, beginner-friendly session. It is all about moving at your own pace, having a laugh and enjoying good company.



You don't need to be a dancer or a country music fan – just comfortable shoes and a willingness to give it a go. Along the way, you'll improve balance, coordination and mobility, all while enjoying music and social connection.

Fridays - 10am to 11am
Bungendore Scout Hall, Turallo Terrace, Bungendore

NSW School Term 4, beginning Friday 16th October & running for 10 weeks

Cost: \$10 per session for members, \$18 per session for non-members

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Community News

Spring Open Day at the Queanbeyan Community Garden: this Saturday

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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New blood test could streamline Alzheimer's diagnosis and treatment access

Australian scientists have developed simpler, less invasive ways to detect Alzheimer's, potentially helping more patients access emerging treatments.

Scientists at CSIRO, Australia's national science agency, have identified simpler and less invasive methods to improve Alzheimer's disease diagnosis, potentially making it easier for patients to access emerging treatments.

New treatments like Donanemab, recently approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) for adults with early symptomatic Alzheimer's, require confirmation of amyloid plaque in the brain.

Currently, the gold standard for detecting amyloid plaque involves costly PET scans or and invasive lumbar punctures to analyse cerebrospinal fluid.

In a new study published in Alzheimer's and Dementia, scientists found that combining two blood tests - the Lumipulse plasma pTau217 test and the Aβ42/40 ratio test - could match the accuracy of the existing 'gold standard' methods.

Dr James Doecke, lead

author on the paper and Research Scientist at CSIRO's Australian e-Health Research Centre (AEHRC), said blood tests are vital to the triage process to develop appropriate treatment strategies and help understand where a person is on the disease trajectory.

"With treatments for Alzheimer's disease biology becoming available, it's critical we have accurate, scalable and less invasive tests to identify eligible patients," Dr. Doecke said.

"Our findings show this blood test combination performs at the level needed to confirm Alzheimer's pathology."

CSIRO's AEHRC, in partnership with Edith Cowan University, The Florey Institute, Labcorp and others, analysed blood samples from nearly 400 participants.

The samples were sourced from the Australian Imaging, Biomarker and Lifestyle (AIBL) Study of Ageing in two groups:

An Alzheimer's Disease Continuum cohort, spanning cognitively healthy individuals through to those with Alzheimer's disease

An Intention-to-Treat cohort,

representing patients who would be eligible for new disease-modifying therapies such as Donanemab.

Results showed that the combined pTau217/Aβ42 ratio achieved over 93 per cent accuracy, similar to the current gold-standard cerebrospinal fluid tests.

In the Intention-to-Treat cohort, sensitivity reached 99 per cent, meaning the tests correctly identified nearly all cases.

Using the tests combined provided clinicians with highly reliable results, reducing the number of uncertain cases by nearly half.

"This is an important advance towards widespread adoption of blood tests in both clinical trials and everyday practice," said co-author, Colin Masters, Professor of Dementia Research at The Florey Institute.

The study highlights the potential for blood-based biomarkers to reduce reliance on costly and invasive PET scans and lumbar punctures, making diagnosis more accessible to patients and healthcare systems worldwide.

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Council Meeting Summary - 23 September 2026

QPRC
Here is the summary of the resolutions made at the Ordinary Council meeting of 23 September 2026 held in Queanbeyan.

- In the Public Forum, Council heard from one member of the public and staff who made presentations about the future use of 172 Foxlow Street, Captains Flat, Financial Statements 2025-26 and Infill Housing Strategy
- Council endorsed the Ellerton Drive Pilot At Receiver Noise Treatment Program Report, approved the procurement of suitably qualified contractors to inspect, scope, cost and, subject to property owner consent and available budget, deliver treatments to the 15 highest priority properties identified in the program, excluding the place of worship and the Council-owned property at 249 Ellerton Drive. Council will continue to advocate to the NSW Government for funding to deliver noise mitigation works to all eligible properties and for potential upgrades to the noise walls along Ellerton Drive
- Council referred 2025-26 Financial Statements to audit, noted they were prepared in accordance with the Act, Australian Accounting Standards and pronouncements of Australian Accounting Standards Board, Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial

Reporting. Council noted the 2025-26 financial statements present fairly the operating result and financial position and accord with Council's accounting and other records and is not aware of any matter that would render these statements false or misleading in any way. Council delegated authority to Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer to sign the Statement by Councillors and Management for the General Purpose Financial Statements and Special Purpose Financial Statements. Council delegated authority to the General Manager to issue the financial statements upon receipt of the audit report

- Council will make a submission to the NSW Grants Commission on the proposed methodology for redistribution of the Financial Assistance Grant
- Council will make a submission to the Office of Local Government review of Local Government Performance Ratios
- Council received Investment Report for August 2026, noting return of \$1,443,803
- Council approved a Category A Community Grant of \$1,000 to assist with costs associated with the Head Coach of the Australian Emus Touch Football Team attending championships in Japan

- Council endorsed a renewed lease agreement with Marathon Health for the operation of Headspace at 98/2 Monaro Street at the discounted rental rate for a period of one year
- Council will prepare a scope of works and detailed costs for inclusion into the 2027-28 Operational Plan to lodge a new Development Application to subdivide the land, demolish the building and clear the site at 172 Foxlow Street, Captains Flat and liaise with the Captains Flat Community Association to explore the opportunity to implement a phytoremediation trial on the site
- Council adopted the Sportsground Allocation Policy as amended
- Council adopted the Place Naming Policy with amendments
- Council received information report about Infill Housing Strategy
- Council received information report with an update on 88 Wallace Street, Braidwood Carpark Project
- Council received information report with community summary engagement report about Riverside Cemetery
- Council received information report about the Queanbeyan to Bungendore Bulk Water Supply Transfer Pipeline Update
- Council received information

report about a response from the ACT Minister Tara Cheyne, MLA following a letter sent supporting koala warning signage along Monaro Highway corridor

- Council received the Quarterly Rates and Charges Outstanding report
- Council noted the minutes of the Queanbeyan Showground Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday 10 August 2026
- Council noted the minutes of the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting on 27 August 2026, and received submissions for three development applications
- Council noted the minutes and recommendations of Sustainability and Climate Change Committee meeting on 3 September 2026 and appoints new community members to the Sustainability and Climate Change Committee: Alex Bardell and Kylie Ruth
- Council will expand the current supports offered to Monaro Street businesses through the shopfront upgrade program to businesses within adjacent arcades and on Crawford Street and retrospectively consider applications of businesses deemed ineligible due to location
- Council received information report with councillor questions about Captains Flat Lead Containment Cell with answers to be provided at 14 October

meeting

- Council received information report with answers to councillor questions about Bungendore Land Rezoning Discussions
- Council received information report with answers to councillor questions about Solid Fuel Heater Installations in 2025-26
- Council received information report with answers to councillor questions about matters on tonight's agenda
- In closed session, Council approved the acquisition by agreement of sewer and drainage purposes, approximately 29m2 over Lot 2 DP 817205, Bungendore, to enable construction of the sewer connection for the Bungendore Car Park Amenity Improvements project
- In closed session, Council endorsed General Manager's Performance Review Panel Report for Annual Performance Review 2025-26, endorsed draft Performance Agreement for 2026-27, and Council agreed to renew contract for further 4 years and delegated Mayor to negotiate terms of new contract for Council endorsement

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

Maria's Community Corner

Maria Porreca
The QPRC Library puts on some great activities for the public. One I attended was on Saturday 19th and it was on Spring Gardening Tips & Tricks with Keith Colls from Canberra City Farm and the facilitator was Liz Landford. Discussion was on growing your own food, composting, the importance of bees and generally how to keep your garden thriving. We also discussed about community gardening. It was a very informative morning/day, as I then went to a Thermomix demonstration. Great kitchen appliance.

The following day was the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. A function was held at the Italian Cultural

Centre in Forest. It commenced with a Rosary/Mass and then a procession, accompanied by Canberra Brass Band followed by festivities till 5.00pm. There were a number of food stalls, including pasta, gnocchi, Italian meatballs, sausage & onion rolls, steak sandwiches as well as sweets such as cannoli and grispelle (Italian doughnuts). Italian drinks (spritizes) were also available. Entertainment was by the Dante Alighieri choir and there were raffles as well. A great way to spend a Sunday.

Another activity at the Queanbeyan Library was the Senior Moments on Tuesday 29th. This was on the Aussie Bird Count which will be happening this Spring. Ranger Mel spoke about different birds, we got to see different bird nests and tried to name the bird who



built them. One interesting thing I learnt was that the small birds, sparrow etc rebuild their nest every year, they do not return to their old nest. Ranger Mel also helped us to download the Bird Count and Merlin Bird ID apps. We got listen to different bird noises and were advised of the best spots in Queanbeyan to go and see many species of birds. One of these is Bicentennial Park as it has footpaths for easy walking, another was Jerrabomberra Hill Road, quite steep but has a flat road to follow around.

In between these events I was also able to have lunch with a couple of family members at Dockside, Coffee with a friend at Millhouse, lunch with some friends at the Royal and attended another meeting of the Senior Advisory Committee. The committee is very busy discussing next year's



Seniors Festival so watch this space for further information. The CWA Southern Tablelands Group is holding their AGM on Saturday 10th and the Queanbeyan Evening Branch is

holding theirs on Tuesday 13th October. Till next time take care everyone. Maria
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Queanbeyan-Palerang Arts Trail brings you Sculpture at the Cellar Door

The BUNGENDORE Arts Trail this weekend October 10 & 11, features one of this year's program highlights, the inaugural Sculpture at the Cellar Door. Visitors will enjoy sculptures in and around the grounds



of Lark Hill Winery and Aranya Acres. These local wineries are very excited to be hosting 17 local and regional sculptors at their venues, sculptures are for sale and range in price from \$40 to \$10,000. Visitors will also be able to enjoy open air music by the Gypsy Jazz Project from midday on Saturday 10 October at Lark Hill or book themselves in for a long table lunch with the Sculptors on Sunday 11 Oct, all the while trying to decide which artwork or premium wine to buy! Also not to be missed is an afternoon Sunset Soiree 3-6pm at Aranya Acres to meet the Sculptors who are exhibiting there, also enjoying food and premium local wine producer 'Sapling Yard Wines' who has moved to this same venue at 810 Norton Road, Wamboin. Some of these activations are ticketed events and require prepayment. Please jump onto the website for booking links, to secure your spot at these festivities. Other new venues on the Arts Trail in Bungendore this year are The Lake Room Gallery within the

eclectic Malbon creative retail space, also featured at this venue will be Sculptor Tim Hodgson, photographer Jerusha McDowell and other local craft-makers and artists. Also new to the trail is the Bungendore Bower a creative reuse centre aiming to keep creative supplies out of landfill and into the hands of local artists. Returning to the Bungendore trail this year is local favourites; X Gallery, Bungendore Fine Art, the Water Through Reeds Gallery, Artist shed Nostalgia, the Bungendore Quilters and the Artisan Market at the War Memorial Hall. If you are a seeker of craft markets, venture further afield to the Carwoola Community Hall Arts & Craft Exhibition, only on Sunday 11 October 10am to 4pm. The final weekend of the Annual Arts Trail over October 17 & 18 will mark 20 years of exploring the arts in Queanbeyan. This milestone program spans visual, literary and performing arts, with creative experiences ranging from ceramics,



collage workshops, artist talks, printmaking, photography, glass, textiles, jewellery, and live music performances. Something for everyone! Please go to our Arts Trail website for more information, venue addresses, operating times and interactive mapping to assist you in planning your Art Trail journey. www.queanbeyanpalerang.com.au/visit/arts-trail/ Photos supplied

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- 12:30pm to 1:15pm

WED:

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- 9:00am to 11:00pm

Fortnightly - Create & Caffeinate

- 10:00am to 12:00pm

THURS:

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Queanbeyan Rotary Ramble

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During September, the Rotary Club of Queanbeyan ran several BBQs, held our second Speaker Event, explored the Lids4Kids Hub, and assisted the Rotary Club of Murrumbidgee Canberra at Floriade.

To kick start the month we ran a double BBQ on Sunday 6 September. Raising funds at Bunnings Fyshwick (every first Sunday of the month) and also volunteering at the Monaro Police District's Queanbeyan Police Open Day.

It was great to learn all about the different careers available within the NSW Police Force and get up close to the snowmobiles. We also went on a tour inside the Queanbeyan Police Station. Thanks for inviting us Monaro District Police!

Our second Rotary Speaker event was held on Wednesday 9 September at the Queanbeyan RSL LifeCare Veteran and Family

Hub. Judy Mack, former President of Canberra Legacy and current President of the Probus Club of Woden/Weston Creek, spoke about the valuable work of the Legacy volunteers (Legatees). Legatees provide essential support to the families of deceased or seriously injured veterans. Judy also shared the success of the annual Canberra Legacy events, including the Luncheon and Concert helping people to stay connected. We thank Judy for sharing her time and knowledge with us.

The Club were back at the Queanbeyan Market on Sunday 20 September, with another fantastic event of mixed stall holders. We hope to see even more people come along to the October market on Sunday the 18th. The market is now on Spring/Summer hours from 8 am to 1 pm. Visit The Queanbeyan Market Facebook page for location details.

On Wednesday 23 September, the Club made a visit to Lids4Kids Australia - a charity and volunteer-

run not-for-profit organisation. At their Community Recycling and Education Centre (Hub) in Fyshwick, we got to see first-hand how they recycle and reuse household materials that might usually end up in landfill. They have redirected millions of plastic lids in just a matter of 7 years, creating garden tools benches and more. At the Hub, people can enjoy social inclusion and engage in meaningful volunteer work by recycling plastic bottle lids.

The Club rounded out the month to help the Rotary Club of Murrumbidgee Canberra at Floriade. Every year, Rotary Clubs across the region work together to run the Gnome Painting activity and sell Gnomes that need a home from being left behind in previous years. The Rotary Club of Queanbeyan assists on the last Sunday of September. While the day was overcast and cold, it didn't stop a steady crowd. We loved seeing people from across all areas (including visitors from overseas) and painting by all ages, leaving with smiles on their faces. Don't miss out, Floriade finishes on Sunday 11 October with the painting of the gnomes only on weekends and during school holidays 10 am to 3:30 pm. On the last day of Floriade only the gnomes will be on sale.

On Monday 28 September, we supported the Queanbeyan National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Community Day, organised by the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council. The day celebrated this year's NAIDOC theme '50 years of Deadly' for the 5 decades of Indigenous-led advocacy, cultural recognition, and community achievements.

Each month we invite a guest speaker to attend our Rotary



Speaker event. Our next event is on Wednesday 7 October at 7 pm at the Queanbeyan RSL LifeCare Veteran and Family Hub (on Crawford Street). Light refreshments will be served. Our speaker this month is Luke McCallum. Luke has overcome more challenges in his lifetime than most but through hard work, courage and inner strength, he has turned adversity into inspiration. His story is one of service, honour and community - and finding adaptive sports along the way. This has taken him to compete alongside wounded and injured Veteran athletes from Australia and the United States at the Warrior Games and being selected to compete for Australia in the Invictus Games. Luke is a Royal Australian Navy veteran, having served for nearly 20 years. Luke is also a bilateral amputee, having sustained major lower leg injuries whilst fast-roping from a helicopter to a ship's deck. The injuries resulted in him being medically discharged from the Navy, undergoing intensive rehabilitation, experiencing a period of severe anxiety, and eventually finding peace and meaning in emerging himself in the ADF Adaptive Sports Program. Luke's story

has also been embraced by the Australian War Memorial where he was featured as part of the documentary series - A New Anzac.

Come along to our November Rotary Speaker Event on Wednesday 4 November at 7 pm at the Queanbeyan RSL LifeCare Veteran and Family Hub. Our speaker will be Professor Peter Stanley (a noted Australian Military Historian). All are welcome.

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

Above: Rotary Club of Queanbeyan Members at the Queanbeyan Police Open Day

Left: Members of the Rotary Club of Queanbeyan at the Lids4Kids Australia - Community Recycling and Education Centre (Hub), left to right: Bill Hoare, Kristen Ballard and Mary Anne Whiting

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Proposed Changes to Waste Vouchers and Rural Recycling Stations

QPRC
We want your feedback on proposed changes to waste services across the QPRC region.

At its Ordinary Meeting on 9 September 2026, Council endorsed a proposal for public exhibition that would improve the current waste voucher system and discontinue the remaining Rural Recycling Stations (RRS) across the region.

The waste voucher system was introduced on a trial basis in 2025 to help rural residents access waste disposal services and encourage use of Council's Waste App. Feedback received during the trial has generally been positive, and Council is now considering changes to make the system more equitable and better aligned with community needs.

What is being proposed?

The proposal includes:

- Increasing waste voucher entitlements from 16 to 26 x 240L vouchers per year for residential rural properties that are outside

- the kerbside waste collection service area.
- Extending eligibility so that all residential properties that pay the General Waste Management charge, including vacant residential land, receive waste voucher entitlements.
- Closing the remaining 10 Rural Recycling Stations located across the former Palerang area.

Why are these changes being considered?

Council has found that Rural Recycling Stations have been heavily contaminated with general waste and illegal dumping. As a result, much of the material collected cannot be recycled and must instead be sent to landfill. The stations also require ongoing servicing, clean-up of illegally dumped waste and repairs resulting from vandalism.

Under the proposal, rural residents would continue to be able to dispose of recyclable materials free of charge at Council's supervised Waste Transfer Stations, while

the additional waste vouchers would provide greater support for disposing of general household waste at Waste Transfer Stations.

Financial sustainability

The estimated annual cost of operating the remaining Rural Recycling Stations is approximately \$148,000 per year. Council is proposing to redirect these resources into an enhanced waste voucher system, helping improve services while supporting the long-term sustainability of waste services across the region.

In Summary

This proposal seeks to discontinue the ineffective Rural Recycling Stations and instead enhance the waste voucher system, with the additional cost of the vouchers offset by removing the remaining Rural Recycling Stations.

The proposed changes to the waste voucher system will deliver a significant additional benefit by providing extra vouchers to properties that do not receive kerbside waste collection services.

This will provide remote/rural properties with general waste disposal capacity equivalent to the fortnightly kerbside collection service available in some areas, although on a self-haul basis. It will encourage greater use of waste transfer stations and reduce incentive to dispose of waste inappropriately.

Share Your Voice

A final decision has not been made on this proposal.

Council is seeking feedback from residents, particularly those living in rural communities, before considering the proposal again. Community input will help inform any future decision regarding waste vouchers and Rural Recycling Stations.

Residents can view the proposal and feedback can be provided by:

- Completing the online form, council Your Voice page
- Emailing feedback directly to council@qprc.nsw.gov.au with the subject title "Proposed Changes to Waste Vouchers and

- Rural Recycling Stations"
 - Handwriting your submission and delivering it to Council's Customer Service Centres
- Posting your submission to PO Box 90, Queanbeyan NSW 2620
- Submissions must be received by Council by Saturday 31 October 2026.



Monaro Street set to reopen in December

Debbie Evans

Work on the Monaro Street Refresh is on schedule, with the street expected to fully reopen in December.

The completion of the project is aiming for December to be fully open ahead of the holiday and coastal traffic period.

Council reports contractors are currently focussing on works at the Lowe and Monaro Street intersection, which commenced Sunday, September 27 and these works are progressing well.

These works are expected to take approximately two weeks, weather permitting with asphaltting contractors scheduled

for this Wednesday, October 7.

Council has stated the intersection will be reopening ready for when school returns for Term 4 on Monday, October 12.

The relining of the stormwater pipe, which was an unexpected find during work on the project, will occur in November, and soft landscaping (street furniture/ plants etc) are planned for late October and early November.

The pipe became apparent when the north side of Monaro Street was dug up, exposing the major stormwater main under the eastbound travel lane, much closer to the surface than Council anticipated.

It was also of a non-standard external shape and construction.

Council is still in discussion with TfNSW requesting the State Government cover the additional \$3.25 million for the project.

However, Council already agreed to borrow the additional \$3.25 million at its June 10, 2026 meeting.

The extra borrowing was approved for inclusion in the 2026-27 Operational Plan to address budget blowouts caused by the unexpected discovery of a century-old stormwater pipe beneath an eastbound lane.

Later, during the July 22, 2026 meeting, the council formally

agreed to submit the loan application to the NSW Treasury Corporation as part of a larger loan package for the project.

The additional funding lifted the total projected cost of the Monaro Street Refresh project from \$17.25million to over \$20 million.

Contractors have coordinated with business owners to complete the footpaths, scheduling some work at night to maintain access during business hours.

The Crawford Street intersection will be closed to traffic from October 17.

U-turns will be allowed on both ends of Crawford Street during this work and pedestrians will be able to cross Monaro Street from Westpac/St George Bank to the Aussie Home Loans building.

Council are currently finalising details for this section of work, including the expected duration of the works, and will provide an update to the community soon.

Planning for what an opening will entail is currently underway. Details will be provided once plans (including a date) are confirmed.

Council has confirmed the Monaro Street Refresh is still on budget.

Right: work continues



World Op Shop Day is Coming

Mark your calendars for Saturday 17 October 2026 - the annual World Op Shop Day. The term “Op Shop” (short for “opportunity shop”) originated in Melbourne in the 1920s. It was coined by Lady Millie Tallis, who established the first shop near St Vincent’s Hospital to fundraise for its x-ray department. She wanted to create a more dignified image for second-hand stores, highlighting the opportunities they provided for both donors and buyers. The concept quickly spread across Australia, with charitable organisations using op shops to fund community programs. Today, the term remains unique to Australia and New Zealand - a testament to our nation’s innovative approach to charitable reuse.

This is a national day to celebrate the power of second-hand and the vital role op shops play in our communities.

It’s an invitation for all Australians to engage with an op shop, either as a donor, a customer or a volunteer on World Op Shop Day.

So what’s it all about?

World Op Shop Day is all about recognising and amplifying the incredible impact of charitable reuse. Op shops support people doing it tough, reduce waste, create jobs, and fund essential community programs. This new annual event is here to shine a light on that impact and rally support around the cause.

Get ready to celebrate reuse, give back, and be part of something bigger.

PHIL'S EMPORIUM

WORLD OP SHOP DAY

Come celebrate with us!

SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER 2026

9am-1pm

Anglican Church Hall Butmaroo Street, Bungendore

Come dressed in your favourite op shop outfit!

Coffee & scones available

Shop sustainably • Support local community

BUNGENDORE CRAFTERS CO-OPERATIVE

Craft Evenings

- Thursday 15/10/26 Venue TBA (check Facebook group and community pages)
- Thursday 29/10/26: Bungendore School of Arts 6.30-8.30pm BYO craft project

Queanbeyan Town Park Masterplan: comments close Wed 28 October

QPRC
An in person workshop was held on Wednesday 23 September 2026 to begin the community consultation phase of the Town Park Masterplan.

Thank you to everyone who attended and provided their thoughts.

In wake of that workshop, an online survey is now available. You can access it at the bottom of this page.

Summary

We are developing a Queanbeyan Town Park Masterplan and we want your input.

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

With this masterplan, we want to ensure the town park continues to be suitable for all members of our community well into the future.

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.

The masterplan will help us plan and deliver improvements that meet the needs of stakeholders and the community.

You can review the current facilities at Queanbeyan Town Park here on the YourVoice webpage

Have your say

Feedback can be provided by:



- Completing the online form on the YourVoice webpage
 - Emailing feedback directly to council@qprc.nsw.gov.au with the subject title "Queanbeyan Town Park Masterplan"
 - Handwriting your submission and delivering it to Council's Customer Service Centres.
 - Posting your submission to PO Box 90, Queanbeyan NSW 2620
- Submissions must be received by Council by Wednesday 28 October 2026. Any submissions received may be included in the final report to Council.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month: Know your risk, know the signs, see your GP

This Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Royal Australian College of GPs (RACGP) is urging patients to talk to their GP about their breast cancer risk and screening options, and to book an appointment promptly if they notice any changes in their breasts.

RACGP President Dr Michael Wright also called on the Federal Government to better fund longer consultations, which are critical for cancer prevention, early detection, and ongoing care after a diagnosis.

"Breast cancer is the most-diagnosed cancer among Australian women and the fifth most-common cause of cancer deaths," he said.

"GPs are often the first point of contact for people concerned about their breast health, and we support our patients through screening, referral, and where they face a breast cancer diagnosis, treatment.

"Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a good reminder to talk to your GP about your

individual risk and what screening is right for you. Finding cancer early can make a big difference in treatment and survival.

"It also highlights why patients need access to longer GP consultations.

"Earlier this year, the RACGP and 20 patient representative bodies delivered an urgent open letter to Parliament to emphasise how essential being able to access long consults are for patients who need them, including those with a cancer diagnosis.

"When people can't get enough time with their GP, they can miss out on opportunities for preventive care. Health issues can then become more complex, more debilitating, and more expensive to treat.

"Patients facing health challenges like a breast cancer diagnosis shouldn't have to worry about the clock when they see their GP."

RACGP Specific Interests Breast Medicine Chair Dr

Katrina Tiller said patients should always update their GP about their family history and risk factors and undertake mammographic screening when eligible.

"Your GP is there for you every step of the way, from prevention and screening through to diagnosis, treatment, survivorship and ongoing support," Dr Tiller said.

"Breast awareness is the first step - become familiar with the normal look and feel of your breasts and promptly speak to your GP about any new or unusual changes.

"Changes to look out for include a new lump, changes in breast shape or size, skin dimpling, nipple changes, unusual discharge, or persistent pain that's out of the ordinary for you.

"If changes persist, book an appointment with your GP. Most breast symptoms won't turn out to be cancer, but thorough assessment including history, examination, and imaging is essential."

The RACGP's Red Book recommends women aged 50-74, at average risk of breast cancer, undergo screening with mammography every two years, and women aged 40 and older may choose to commence screening mammography through BreastScreen.

Dr Tiller said GPs also play a key role in helping patients understand how they can reduce their risk of breast cancer.

"Some risk factors can't be changed, but there are positive steps you can take to lower your risk," she said.

"Maintaining a healthy BMI, being physically active, consuming a diet high in fibre and unprocessed foods, and limiting your alcohol consumption help reduce your breast cancer risk.

"The most important message this Breast Cancer Awareness Month is simple: if something doesn't seem right, don't ignore it, make an appointment with your GP."



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Be a friend. Tell a friend.

Share why breast screening matters. Early detection saves lives.

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breastscreen.nsw.gov.au

Aged care failures fuelling hospital logjam, landmark AMA report warns

Australia's inability to provide older people with timely access to aged care is leaving patients stranded in hospitals and worsening pressure across the health system, according to a landmark new report from the Australian Medical Association.

The AMA's inaugural Aged Care Report Card 2026 reveals growing delays in aged care assessments, lengthy waits for home and residential aged care, and an alarming rise in the number of hospital days used by patients who are clinically ready to leave hospital but cannot access appropriate care.

The report found hospital patient days used by people eligible and waiting for residential aged care increased from 286,050 in 2020-21 to 460,122 in 2023-24, an increase of more than 60 per cent in just three years. Nationally, the median wait for an aged care assessment more than doubled between 2018-19 and 2024-25, while one in 10 people entering residential aged care after approval waited more than three and a half years to do so.

AMA President Danielle McMullen said the findings showed governments could not fix the

crisis in public hospitals without addressing failures in aged care.

"This report card makes clear that aged care is not separate from healthcare," Dr McMullen said. "It is a critical part of our health system, and when it does not work, the consequences are felt right across the country.

"Too many older Australians are spending days, weeks or longer in hospital after they have been medically cleared to leave, simply because the care they need is not available. This is not good care. It is not dignified for patients, it is not sustainable for hospitals, and

it is not an efficient use of scarce health resources."

Dr McMullen said delays throughout the aged care pathway were contributing to the hospital logjam, reducing the availability of acute beds and making it harder for patients to access timely treatment.

"We cannot clear the hospital logjam while ignoring what happens beyond the hospital doors," Dr McMullen said. "Fixing aged care is essential to fixing our hospitals.

"All governments need to come together and come up with a

concrete plan for transitioning patients out to community and into residential care when needed through the National Health Reform Agreement."

The AMA's report card will be published annually to track whether governments are delivering measurable improvements for older Australians and the broader health system.

"Older Australians deserve safe, appropriate and dignified care when and where they need it," Dr McMullen said. "This report card will help ensure governments are held accountable for delivering it."

Trust, safety and control shaping how Australians use energy at home, report finds

Trust, safety and control are becoming critical influences on how Australians use energy at home, as cybersecurity and AI concerns shape perceptions of emerging technologies such as home batteries, electric vehicles (EVs) and smart energy systems, a new Monash University report has found.

The findings come as cybersecurity risks face heightened scrutiny in Australia's energy sector following the recent Origin Energy data breach impacting around 900,000 customers, and increased concerns linked to the need for data centres and their impact on energy consumption.

The new Foresights for Future Australian Home Life report delivers six key 'foresighting values' of trust, control, safety, care, inclusivity and uncertainty.

The study was conducted by the Futures research team at the Emerging Technologies Research Lab - an initiative across Monash Art, Design and Architecture (MADA) and the Faculty of Information Technology at Monash University.

Futures anthropologist and Director of the Emerging Technologies Research Lab,

Distinguished Professor Sarah Pink, said that the 'foresighting values' provide a set of key frames which are recommended to plan for future household services and technologies across diverse utilities, and are particularly vital to Australia's household energy transition.

The researchers found these values underpin how Australian households are likely to engage with everything from smart and AI-driven appliances and energy management to EVs, heating and cooling, working from home and household preparedness.

The research involved ethnographic studies with 42 households across six Australian states and territories, capturing diverse housing, socio-economic and geographic circumstances.

Around half the participants were considered more susceptible to adverse changes because of factors including low income, renting, apartment living, disability, energy hardship or exposure to climate-related risks. The findings were complemented by a national survey of more than 5,000 Australians conducted in 2025.

Emerging Technologies Research Lab Research Fellow and report co-author, Dr Nedha

de Silva, said that attention to the values would be important as Australians make decisions about how they will generate, store, share and trade energy in a changing market.

"While the foresighting values are not direct predictors of energy demand, they shape the conditions under which energy technologies, services and infrastructure are taken up, adapted and resisted by households," Dr de Silva said.

"Cybersecurity and concerns about AI are part of a much bigger picture. Our research shows that trust, safety and control, alongside how people care for their families, respond to uncertainty and experience inequality, can influence the technologies they are prepared to use and ultimately how they use energy at home."

The research findings showed the foresighting values often intersected in everyday energy decisions of the participants.

For example, while households saw EVs as a way to care for their families and the environment, many were taking a 'wait and see' approach, looking for circumstances where they could trust the technology, safely charge at home, afford the

transition and retain control over how and when they charge.

Distinguished Professor Sarah Pink said the report provides a new way to understand the changing circumstances and priorities influencing Australian households and what these could mean for the future energy system.

"Since our previous research during the COVID-19 pandemic, Australian home life has continued to change. We are now living in a world of hybrid working and mobility, generative AI, growing electrification, cost-of-living pressures, increasingly extreme weather and greater uncertainty around climate and energy security," Distinguished Professor Pink said.

"This report gives us a way to understand how Australians are navigating these changes and how they are likely to make decisions about energy and technology in the future.

"By incorporating these insights into future energy scenarios, policy and the design of products and services, energy providers and policymakers can better anticipate how households might actually engage with Australia's changing energy system."

THE JOY OF MUSIC



The Joy of Music
Queanbeyan Community Choir Please join us for an afternoon of beautiful music and afternoon tea.

Saturday 17th October at 3pm

Queanbeyan Uniting Church Hall
Rutledge St

Entry Free, No Bookings Needed.

Gold Coin Donations to Rise Above, a local charity that provides assistance for local cancer patients.

Enquiries contact ayrows@bigpond.com or ph.David 0408 000 862



CarWoola COMMUNITY FAIR

Fun for the whole family!

SUNDAY, 11 OCTOBER 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
AT THE HALL

Fresh format:
With attendance dropping at the September Car Boot Sale over the last couple of years, we are launching a family-focused Carwoola Community Fair on Sunday, 11 October (10:00 am - 2:00 pm) instead.

What to expect:

- OUTDOOR STALLS
Browse local crafts, goods and services.
- FREE KIDS' ACTIVITIES
Games, crafts and fun for all ages.
- FOOD VANS
Tasty eats and drinks for the whole family.
- LOCAL & VETERANS ART EXHIBITION
Enjoy a Local & Veterans Art Exhibition in the hall.

Want to help with setup, stalls, or pack down?
Drop a line to our secretary at carwoola.secretary@gmail.com

Lend a hand

- RFS STAND AND GET READY DAY
- ST JOHNS AMBULANCE
- BUNGENDORE SES
- WILDCARE
- LOCAL LANDCARE SERVICES
- BENDIGO BANK
- BOOK LAUNCH ON CARWOOLA HISTORY BY DAVID HANZL
- BBQ AND COFFEE VAN
- CAKE STALL
- USUAL TRASH & TREASURE STALLS/ CAR BOOT - CONTACT Mick to have a stall
- KID'S CORNER - piñata, face painting, colouring-in, blowing bubbles

The MANGO FUNDRAISER

Fresh North Queensland Mangoes from the farm to you!

Support the Bungendore Scout Group Mango Fundraiser

Premium fresh, juicy Kensington Pride mangoes picked and packed during the prime harvest season.

Cost per Tray is: \$30.00.

Scan the QR code to place your online order:

Orders must be completed by C.O.B Tuesday 27th October 2026.

Orders can also be placed through our website:
1st-bungendore.group.scoutsnsw.com.au/shop

Mangoes will arrive in Bungendore in early December and must be collected from the Bungendore Scout Hall. You will be contacted when delivery day is known.

For further information contact Penny on 0401 819 277.

Money raised will be used to assist Venturer Scouts going to World Scout Jamboree in Poland in 2027.

New poetry competition set to put Queanbeyan’s young voices centre stage

Collins Booksellers Queanbeyan is inviting the region’s young writers to experiment with words, exercise their imaginations and show their community the world through their eyes with the launch of the inaugural Young Poets of the Palerang (Y-POP) Poetry Competition this October.

Submissions will be read by a panel of poets, writers and experts, led by Queanbeyan local, and 2026 Miles Franklin Literary Award winner, Omar Musa, recognised for his acclaimed novel *Fierceland*. Open to primary and secondary students, Y-POP features three categories: Little Voices (ages 8-11), Rising Voices (12-14) and Young Voices (15-17).

The theme - ‘My Town’ - encourages young people to write about their world, their family, their street, their community - about something that impacts them, makes them think or feel, good or bad.

But the competition isn’t only about finding accomplished young writers. It’s also an invitation to

kids who may never have thought of themselves as poets to step into an age-old creative tradition and simply have a go.

“This initiative has grown from our belief that young people need to know their voices are worth hearing,” said Collins Booksellers Queanbeyan Owner Carlie Lloyd. “Y-POP gives kids the freedom to share their perspectives on the world around them creatively. We’re genuinely excited to make that space for young people in our community.”

At a time when so much content is designed to be created, consumed and forgotten in a quick scroll, creative writing asks something different: to pay attention. To observe, imagine and reflect, and then communicate something uniquely your own.

Poetry also gives young writers permission to play with language, rhythm, humour, emotion, ideas and even the rules themselves. Y-POP will therefore value originality, imagination and creative impact alongside craft, rather

than simply rewarding technical perfection.

It’s also why entrants are being asked not to use generative AI tools such as ChatGPT, Claude or Gemini to create, edit or develop their poems.

“AI is increasingly part of the world young people inhabit, and learning to understand and use it appropriately is an important skill,” Mrs Lloyd said.

“But YPOP is deliberately creating a different kind of space - one that celebrates and nourishes genuine creativity and imagination.

“We aren’t looking for the poem a computer thinks is polished. Our young people are clever, diverse and have important perspectives of their own. Those are the voices we want to hear and the poems we want to read.”

YPOP also aims to strengthen connections between young people, schools and the broader Queanbeyan community, making poetry something living and shared rather than something found only



on a classroom page.

“Bookshops have always been places to discover other people’s stories,” Mrs Lloyd said. “We’d love this competition to become a place where young people discover the value of telling their own.”

So, young poets of the Palerang:

write something funny, or strange. Write about your street, your family, something you love. Or something adults keep missing. Show us your world. We’re ready - and we’re excited - to listen.

Photo of Omar Musa supplied

Bungendore Crafters Gonna Craft

Bungendore Crafters’ Co-Operative has been keeping the creative spirit alive with our regular fortnightly BYO Craft Project evenings. With our usual meeting place, the Bungendore School of Arts, currently receiving a fresh new paint job, we recently gathered at the home of one of our generous local crafters instead. It was a cosy and creative evening, with plenty of crafting, conversation and laughter. A heartfelt thank you to our member for volunteering her home and providing such a welcoming space for everyone to get together and craft.

We have also recently enjoyed a wonderful workshop presented by local textile artist Merle Horgosi on behalf of the Bungendore Crafters’ Co-Operative. The Fibres

and Fabric: Focus on Stretch Fabrics workshop explored the fibres we wear – how fabrics are constructed, how to identify different fibres, how to care for them and, importantly, how to sew with them. Stretch fabrics can present some unique challenges, so the workshop provided a valuable opportunity to learn from Merle’s expertise.

The day combined plenty of interesting information and theory with hands-on learning. Participants had the opportunity to sew a range of stretch fabric samples under expert instruction, putting the new knowledge into practice and gaining confidence working with these sometimes tricky materials. It was an informative and enjoyable day,

and a great example of the skills and knowledge that can be shared within our local crafting community.

Looking ahead, our next workshop in October will focus on upcycling, with participants learning how to transform shirts (funky retro garments, op shop finds or even the shirt of a loved one) into cushions. Keep an eye on the Bungendore Crafters’ Co-Operative Facebook page and local community Facebook pages for workshop details. Our next BYO Craft Project evening will be held on Thursday 17th October, with the venue to be confirmed. Bring along your current project, come for the company, and enjoy an evening of creativity with fellow local crafters!

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Know your rights when sellers come calling

National Seniors Australia

The consumer watchdog offers advice on what to say and do when you’re approached to buy products or services.

An unexpected sales pitch can catch anyone off guard. It may come from a salesperson knocking at your door, calling you without an invitation, or approaching you in a shopping centre or other public place.

In October 2026, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) is running a month-long campaign to help consumers understand the additional legal rights that apply to these “unsolicited sales”.

The campaign’s central message is simple: you have the right to say

no when a seller contacts you.

Unsolicited selling occurs when a salesperson approaches a consumer away from the business’s usual premises. It includes door-to-door selling, telemarketing, and sales approaches made in public places.

The ACCC says its research found that businesses frequently use high-pressure sales practices, breach existing consumer safeguards and mislead people during the sales process.

Around three-quarters of surveyed consumers had experienced unsolicited selling at least once during the previous two years. Older Australians are among the groups that may experience significant financial and emotional harm from these practices.

Your additional protections

When making an unsolicited purchase, consumers have important protections. The salesperson must identify themselves, explain which business they represent, and state why they are contacting you.

There are also rules governing when salespeople may call or visit. If you ask them to hang up or leave, they must do so.

If you buy a product or service through telemarketing or door-to-door selling, you must receive an easy-to-read sales agreement.

A termination, or cooling-off period of 10 business days applies if you change your mind after signing the agreement.

Most importantly, you do not have

to make an immediate decision. The ACCC recommends pausing, asking questions, comparing alternatives, and checking the details before agreeing to anything.

Saying “no thanks” once is enough. You do not need to explain or justify your decision.

Supporting NSA work

The ACCC campaign complements efforts by National Seniors Australia (NSA) to help older people make informed decisions and respond confidently to unexpected or high-pressure approaches.

While unsolicited selling is not necessarily a scam, the same habits promoted through our safety initiatives can help you with unsolicited sales approaches. The

message is: stop, take a breath, check the details through official channels, and reject an approach if you are uncertain.

NSA’s Keep Scam SAFE resources bring together practical information on digital confidence, safe banking, cyber safety, and suspicious investment offers.

Our Scams Awareness Hub provides guidance on recognising suspicious contact and explains what to do if personal or financial information may have been compromised.

You can learn more about unsolicited sales and your legal protections through the ACCC consumer website.

<https://nationalseniors.com.au>

Community Bank Throws Support to Our Sporting Clubs

Recently the Community Bank branches of Braidwood and Bungendore provided sports balls to our local junior sports clubs. Each of the clubs, Bungendore Netball, Braidwood Junior Soccer Club, Bungendore United Football Club and Bungendore Junior Rugby League Club were each given 30 Community Bank branded balls.

These balls can be used at the Club's discretion. It could be for training purposes, or as a match ball or even handed out as a prize. Teams may even sign a ball and gift it to their coach/manager.

Ongoing costs for all Clubs are always front of mind. This gesture from the Bank will assist to ease some of this burden.

Special thanks with this project must go to Alannah Magee from Intersport Fyshwick, Tamworth and Dubbo with her knowledge and expertise with assisting the Bank to source the balls.

For over 20 years the Community Bank branches of Braidwood and Bungendore have supported financially over 170 local groups including sports, arts, environment, schools, emergency services and assisted many of our local youth with our Scholarship Program. We have contributed over \$12m in our communities which also includes funds set aside for upcoming major projects.

The Community Bank can only continue to support our groups if our local people and

businesses support the Bank. It is a partnership and who doesn't want to see our districts prosper and grow? Profits are retained in our communities and for our communities.

Finally, it is not only the Community Bank that support our local clubs and events. Many of our businesses and not-for-profit organisations assist in various forms and it is vitally important that we all support them. This, in turn, will also strengthen our communities.

So, "step" into one of our local branches, you'll be sure to "kick a goal or 2" and "pass" it on to your friends, families and work colleagues.

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Pickleball in Bungendore

The Bungendore Park Tennis Club now has 3 Pickleball Courts laid out and portable nets to suit. If you would like to try this exciting game then we are holding a come-along-and-try-it session on Sunday 18th October. There will be paddles and balls provided and current players to give you some hints and tips.

The session will be free for first timers and run from 9am - noon. You don't need to register, just

turn up on the day wearing suitable footwear and a hat. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

The club currently runs 3 open social sessions, Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 9 - 11am which cater for players who have some experience of the game. Cost is \$6 per session, free for club members.

For more information email Lyn at bptc.pickleball@gmail.com



Mental Health and You

Saturday 10 Oct 2026, 10am to 11am Queanbeyan Library, 257 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan

Sharing personal stories of anxiety and depression can have a long-lasting impact on the community. It helps raise awareness, reduce stigma, and encourages people to seek help. Beyond Blue speakers are community members who volunteer their time to speak about their personal experience of a mental health condition. Susan Boden, a highly qualified volunteer Beyond Blue speaker will be in conversation with Professional Facilitator, Liz Landford. Susan will share authentic insights into her lived experience with mental

health challenges and inspiring stories of how she continues to navigate her mental health and wellbeing journey. Susan will discuss potential strategies and will provide resources that may assist and resonate with people experiencing mental health challenges or supporting someone who is. Whether you come along for yourself or to support your family, friends, colleagues, and community, this is a valuable investment in mental health awareness and the resources that are available.

For adults 18+

Cost: FREE

To register <https://library.qprc.nsw.gov.au> and search events

Victorian Inquiry warning for Tarago

In August, the Victorian Legislative Council Inquiry into waste-to-energy infrastructure reported after receiving 627 submissions and hearing from 59 witnesses. More than 90 per cent of submissions came from individual community members, with most opposing proposed facilities.

Importantly, many of its findings closely echo concerns raised during the NSW Parliament Select Committee Inquiry into Proposed Energy from Waste Facilities, which has been examining Tarago and Parkes.

The Victorian findings should be compulsory reading for anyone considering Veolia's proposed Tarago incinerator:

Cumulative impacts matter

The Victorian Committee found that incinerator emissions must be considered alongside existing pollution and recommended governments consider the equitable distribution and cumulative impacts of waste infrastructure when determining suitable locations.

The same issue has been raised before the NSW inquiry. NSW Farmers warned that proposed

incinerators must be considered against pressures already affecting regional communities and productive agricultural land.

Few places demonstrate this better than Tarago. Our community already hosts a 20 year old landfill accepting at least 40 per cent of Sydney's waste, carries the legacy of former mining activities and faces numerous other development proposals. How much more should one rural community be expected to carry?

A proponent's past performance matters

The Victorian Committee recognised that confidence in a company's assurances can be undermined by a history of regulatory non-compliance or licence breaches.

That is directly relevant to Tarago. CATTI has consistently argued that Veolia's operational and compliance history at the Woodlawn landfill cannot be separated from its claims about how safely it would operate an even more complex incinerator.

Veolia has received at least 15 NSW EPA prevention, clean-up and penalty notices relating to poor

management and licence breaches in Tarago over just the past four years. How can our community trust that things would be different with an incinerator?

Agriculture deserves protection

The Victorian Committee recommended stronger protection for productive agricultural land and examined concerns about pollutants accumulating in vegetation, soil, water and food.

NSW Farmers similarly warned the NSW Inquiry against turning productive food-producing landscapes into industrial waste precincts.

Tarago is not simply a convenient dot on a planning map. It is part of a productive rural landscape whose agriculture, water and reputation deserve protection.

Social licence cannot be manufactured

The Victorian Committee found that locating an incinerator beside existing waste infrastructure does not automatically create community acceptance. Genuine consultation requires more than simply providing information – communities expect their concerns to be heard and meaningfully



considered.

That message was equally clear during the NSW inquiry's hearings and public forum in Goulburn: there is no community support for Veolia's Tarago incinerator proposal.

Incineration risks locking us into the wrong solution

The Victorian report stresses that waste avoidance, reuse, recycling and resource recovery must come first, with only genuinely residual waste considered for thermal treatment.

CATTI believes governments should go further and reject waste incineration altogether. Australia should invest in reducing and recovering waste, not expensive facilities requiring millions of tonnes of rubbish to keep burning for decades.

The Victorian findings, echoing

evidence heard in NSW, reinforce an unavoidable conclusion: Tarago is the wrong place for this proposal.

Cumulative impacts matter. Agriculture matters. Past performance matters. Community acceptance matters.

It is time governments started acting as though they do and put a stop to Veolia's toxic Tarago 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

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Garage Sale Trail returns!

Australia's biggest second-hand treasure hunt is back and you can be part of it!

Across 7-8 and 14-15 November, thousands of garage sales will be happening right around the country. For sellers, it's a great way to declutter and make some extra cash, and for shoppers it's a fun way to score some bargains!

If you'd like to host your own garage sale, you can register for free and join a nationwide movement that saves over 3 million kilograms of good stuff from landfill every year.

- ▶ Register and find local garage sales at www.garagesaletrail.com.au



Become an educator with Family Day Care

Queanbeyan-Palerang Family Day Care are looking for educators to join their network. There are many benefits including setting hours that work for you, being your own boss, and working from home.

Available vacancies for children

We also have vacancies available for children, offering flexible care options in small mixed-age group settings with qualified educators across our LGA.

- ▶ Learn more at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/family-day-care
- ▶ Or contact info.fdc@qprc.nsw.gov.au 02 6285 6253

Have Your Say

Projects & initiatives open for community comment	Closing Date
Bungendore Economic Stimulus Trial	13 October
The Scar Dog Park Community Feedback	15 October
Queanbeyan Town Park Masterplan survey	28 October
Proposed changes to waste vouchers and Rural Recycling Stations	31 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:
- 14 October 2026 (Queanbeyan)
 - 21 October 2026 (Extraordinary Meeting)

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.

Queanbeyan-Palerang Arts Trail

Meet the makers and experience the wealth of talent and creativity in our region with the Queanbeyan-Palerang Arts Trail.

- Join us in:
- Bungendore: 10 and 11 October
 - Queanbeyan: 17 and 18 October
 - Captains Flat: 17 and 18 October
- ▶ Find out more at treasuretrail.com.au/arts-trail



Work with Council

- Current vacancies include:
- Civic Sanitation Officer
 - Casual Pool Attendant
 - Coordinator Asset Data & Insights
 - Coordinator Asset Engineering & Planning
 - Leading Hand - Intermittent Works (Bungendore and Braidwood)
 - 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

Follow us on social media

- @QbnPalrangRC
- @QbnPalrang
- @QbnPalrang

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.

Smart Sums

Try to avoid writing down anything but the final answers to these calculations...

1

Players in a quintet x different letters in VIOLONCELLO

2

Syllables in ASPIRATION + consonants in AMBITION

3

Hours in a day-and-a-half ÷ seasons in a year

4

Odd numbers between 2 and 20 + different letters in NUMERICAL

Initials

If ITHOTN (Oscar-winning film) is IN THE HEAT OF THE NIGHT, what do these initials represent?

1

DAD (Bond film)

2

TPP (Victorian novel)

3

YBS (TV programme)

4

ALCCIS (Proverb)

5

BNS (Oriental delicacy)

Pattern Maker

Can you spot the pattern in this sequence, and decide what comes next out of the five options?

1

2

3

4

5

Quick Time Crossword

	1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8
9			10					11	
12								13	
					14	15			
16	17								
					18			19	20
		21	22						
23					24	25			
26				27					
28					29				

Across

1 Not working (4)
5 Vehicles (4)
10 The back part (4)
11 Star sign (3)
12 Drug-yielding plants (5)
13 Girl's name (3)
14 That group (5)
16 One granted a lease (6)
18 Lifts (6)
21 Have numerical value (5)
23 Lacking discipline (3)
24 Restores to soundness (5)
26 Monkey (3)
27 Fasting period (4)
28 Inherited character unit (4)
29 Require (4)

Down

2 Descends (5)
3 The sheltered side (3)
4 Asian (7)
6 Woe! (4)
7 Go back on one's word (6)
8 Male child (3)
9 Social event (4)
15 Pagan (7)
17 Leak out (6)
19 Express clearly (5)
20 Tolerable (2-2)
22 Cattle (4)
23 Convict (3)
25 Compass point (init) (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.

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

Crossword

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51										52								
53								54						55				

Target Time

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

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

C	S	L
I	U	O
E	I	D

Across

1 Detonate (3,3)
4 Type of bomb
8 Burn with hot liquid
12 Constrictions
14 Highest points
15 Pot
17 Unworthy
18 Earlier
19 Climbing contraptions
23 Obliterate
25 Parachutists
28 Cornet
29 US state with capital Juneau
30 Former name of Mumbai
32 Disgrace
34 Tidily
35 Penalty
38 Immunise
40 Cabinetmaker
41 Cadavers

Down

44 Take away
46 Carryall (4,3)
48 Mechanical man
51 1996 Olympics host
52 Stoic
53 Because
54 Locomotive
55 Perceived

Down

1 Settling
2 Saturn satellite
3 Withdraw (4,4)
5 Bloodsucking mite
6 New wine
7 Comfortable
8 Academics' conference
9 Of bees
10 Anguish
11 Pay homage
13 Thoughtful; variety

Down

16 Resident of Ankara, say
20 Protester
21 Intensifies
22 Tokens
24 Extremist
26 Delight
27 Annual
31 Unkempt
33 Complaint
36 Road bridge
37 Teachings collectively
39 Disruption (coll) (2-2)
42 Day labourer
43 Rose
45 City in Italy
47 Fringe of hair
48 Passion
49 Plug
50 Sea-bird

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



The Snake display will be back at the Community Bank Bungendore Show

PET OF THE WEEK



Name: Reba Cluckintyre

Age: 8 months

Likes: food

Dislikes: not having scraps

Claim to fame: lays a double yolker every 3 days for 3 weeks

Burra Car Boot Sale: Sunday October 25

Looking for more stall holders

SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER 2026 from 9am to 1.00pm

All funds raised will go towards The Burra Community Shed for member projects, equipment and short courses, all in the name of Community Involvement.

Burra Park, 3 Lagoon Road Burra NSW 2620

Stalls are just \$10 each.

FREE entry to the general public.

If you have any questions and to book a stall or two, please feel free to contact John on 0417 676 664.

Food and drink on the day

Rhonda from Cameleon Icecreamery will be here again with Home Made Ice Creams, milkshakes, thickshakes, slushies and dairy Free ice cream.

The Burra Shed Cafe with volunteers will also be there with bacon and egg rolls, sausage sandwiches, soft drinks, juices and water.

Coffee will be available by Brewing4Change.

You will be able to enjoy these delights from 7.30am so come and join us for breakfast.

The Burra Rural Fire Service will be there with a fire engine and games for the kids to enjoy.

Come and enjoy the sunshine and country hospitality in Burra.

Thanks John Convine
Workshop Manager The Burra Community Shed.

Photo supplied



Captain Bungendore

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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2 Important October dates:

17th = INTERNATIONAL OP SHOP DAY = CHECK OUT THE CELEBRATION AT PHIL'S;

31st = HALLOWEEN = GET YOUR TREATS AND COSTUMES ORGANISED.

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, additional support, community resources are all available here!

OPEN WEDNESDAYS 10AM-12PM

Located behind Bungendore Anglican Church, Gibraltar Street, Bungendore.

0422 605 009 | foodhub@bungendoreanglican.org.au

A Ministry of Bungendore Anglican Church

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



Application for Appointment of Board Members

Nerriga Craft And Museum Centre Land Manager

Ever wondered who is responsible for keeping Crown reserves operating?

Countless facilities like showgrounds, local halls and parks are run by Statutory Land Manager Boards, made up of people just like you. People who understand the need and have a desire to manage public land and assets for the benefit of the entire community.

Your role as a Board Member is voluntary, but the rewards of giving something back to the community are priceless.

We are looking for a good mix of people with a variety of skills, however, sound business and financial management skills and objective decision-making expertise would be a distinct advantage.

Don't let this opportunity to do something for yourself and your community pass you by – contact us today.

The Nerriga Craft And Museum Centre Land Manager manages the Reserve No. 97138 at Nerriga notified on 20-Jan-1984 for Public Recreation. The term of appointment will be for a period not exceeding 5 years.

Application for membership can be made via portal.crownland.nsw.gov.au
All applications are required to be lodged by 4-Nov-2026.

For further information contact Tia Galvin on 02 4824 3731 or go to www.crownland.nsw.gov.au/reserve-manager

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Queanbeyan Evening Branch of CWA: next meeting Tues 13 October

The next monthly meeting of the Queanbeyan Evening Branch of Country Women's Association (CWA) of NSW is on Tuesday 13th October, 2026.

Please note tea, coffee and nibbles from 6.00pm. Regular Monthly Meeting will commence at 6.30pm.

Again we will be meeting at the Axis Youth Centre, right next to Queanbeyan Park and Lyons Bookshop, Cnr Campbell & Park Streets.

AGM Meeting will commence at 7.00pm at the Axis Centre.

Please note time and location change.

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

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



Dementia Morning Tea Monday 20 October

Dementia Morning Teas. Those with dementia and their carer are invited to come along for a friendly cuppa and chat on the 3rd Monday of the month.

Whilst sharing a cuppa and delicious eats, those attending can share their experiences, discuss difficulties and learn about supports and services that are available to help them deal with the challenges of dementia.

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

For more information on the Dementia Morning Teas or the Bungendore Dementia Alliance phone Kathleen on 0411 746 293.



Bungendore Branch of the CWA AGM

The Bungendore Branch of the CWA AGM will be held on Sunday 18 October. It will follow our usual monthly meeting, arrive at 9.30am for a 10.00am start. We will hold the October meeting first, followed by the Annual General Meeting.

Members and guests are very welcome, and we encourage everyone to bring a plate to share.

All office bearer positions will be open for nomination. The Branch President Donna Bush has encouraged members to consider getting involved as branch officers and contributing to the incredible work we do in the community.

You can find more details on our website at www.bungendorecwa.org.

Queanbeyan Seniors Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Queanbeyan Seniors Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on Tue Oct 20 commencing at 1pm.

This is an important occasion in our calendar and provides an opportunity to reflect on the year gone by and look ahead to the year to come.

The agenda will include the member endorsement of the updated "Code of Conduct", presentation of Treasurer's Report along with the election of "Office Bearers" i.e. Your Management Committee.

The Office Bearer positions up for re-election being -

- President,
- Vice President,
- Treasurer,
- Secretary,
- Secretary's assistant,
- Membership Secretary,
- Publicity Officer
- Public Officer,

Any members wishing to nominate for an Office Bearer position are required to fill in a Nomination Form and return them either -

- In person to the Seniors Centre, or,
- Via email to qbnseniors@gmail.com - Attn Nomination for "~~ position".

This is to occur not later than 7 days before the AGM. (i.e. 13 Oct).

Nomination forms are available from the Seniors Centre or by email request to qbnseniors@gmail.com.

Mayor's Column



Last week, works began on the Lowe Street intersection as part of the Monaro Street Refresh. The car park behind The Q can still be accessed from the Cooma Street end and the car park at Morisset Street can still be accessed from Morisset Street. Crawford Street and Collett Street are also still open as normal. A reminder that businesses are still open and pedestrians can still walk along Monaro Street. You can find more information on the Monaro Street Refresh at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Major-Works-in-progress/Monaro-Street-Refresh

The Queanbeyan-Palerang Arts Trail kicked off last weekend in Braidwood with plenty of events and exhibitions for the public to enjoy. This weekend, 10 and 11 October, the Arts Trail heads to Bungendore. Venues include the Bungendore Fine Art Gallery, The Bungendore Bower, Lark Hill Winery, Bungendore War Memorial Hall, The Malbon, Aaryna Acres and many more. You can find more details at queanbeyanpalerang.com.au/visit.arts-bungendore/

Council will make a submission to the NSW Grants Commission about their proposed methodology for redistribution of the Financial Assistance Grants to other Councils in NSW. Under the draft methodology, Council's Federal Government Financial Assistance Grant Income would be reduced by \$1.9 million in the next financial year, growing to an annual reduction of \$5.95 million within 10 years with indexation. Over a 10-year period, this represents a cumulative \$41.4 million reduction to Council's revenue. Local government requires a more sustainable funding model, but this redistribution simply moves financial pressure from one to community to another. No Council should be left worse off, so we will be making a submission to highlight our concerns and to press for fairness.

Council is developing a Queanbeyan Town Park Masterplan, and we want your input. Queanbeyan Town Park is much loved by our community and we want to make sure it remains so for years to come. You can have your say on what you love about the park and what you want to see in its future by completing a survey by 28 October at yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au/queanbeyan-town-park-masterplan

Council is considering a 12-month Economic Stimulus Trial in the Bungendore CBD to help accelerate commercial activity, attract new operators, and strengthen the town's long-term economic resilience. The proposed stimulus trial is aimed specifically at the Bungendore CBD and its surrounding areas. You can read the Council report and have your say on the proposed measures by 13 October at yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au/bungendore-economic-stimulus-trial

Cr Kenrick Winchester, Mayor

Target Time

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

cloud, clue, clued, could, cued, DELICIOUS, douse, duel, dulse, escudo, ileus, lieu, loud, louse, lucid, ludic, oculi, scud, scudo, slue, sluice, soul, sued, suicide, used.

Brain Training

SMART SUMS: 1 35 (5x7) 2 8 (4+4) 3 9 (36÷4) 4 18 (9+9)

INITIALS:c1 Die Another Day 2 The Pickwick Papers 3 Your Business Success 4 A leopard can't change its spots 5 Bird's nest soup

PATTERN MAKER: 3 (Blue and yellow move one space anticlockwise, red and green two spaces clockwise)

Puzzle Solutions

Sudoku

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

Quick Time Crossword

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	C	O	U	N	T		T		O	
L	A	X			H	E	A	L	S	
A	P	E			L	E	N	T		O
G	E	N	E			N	E	E	D	

Crossword

D	I	S	S	O	L	V	E	S		F	A	B	R	I	C	A	T	E	
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Classifieds

Local Markets

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY WANTED

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

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

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

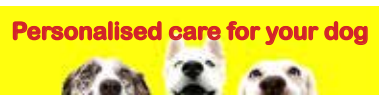
CB BOBCATS

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



WANTED: HOUSE

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



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

MAZDA 3 TOURING FOR SALE



2014 Mazda Sedan, Model 3 Touring. NSW rego until 18.12.26. 146,899kms. Full log book service records, new battery, excellent condition. Pink slip already received & submitted. \$13,800
Phone/text 0419 025 533



VINTAGE & RETRO

Vintage and retro shop open Friday, Saturday and Sunday - 10.00 am to 5pm
Hope you enjoy the Bungendore Arts Trail 10th + 11th and hope to see you on the Queanbeyans Art Trail 18th + 19th
ART BY ANDERS 144 Uriarra Rd Crestwood Queanbeyan.

Business Classifieds

HAROLD BRADLEY TRANSPORT

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



CHOOKS FOR SALE

Layer pullets, 22 weeks, Isa W, B, R, LS, BTR, SLW. Order today for delivery to Bungendore
Friday 16 October. Phone Jim on 0428 194 105



Gavin's Courier Service

Braidwood - Canberra - Goulburn - Braidwood

Monday - Friday

Mob: 0428 968 162

Goulburn Mulwaree Animal Shelter has 4 lovely pooches & 2 kitties looking for loving new homes (3 Oct)

Rehoming Organisation No.: R251000140



FRANKIE (M) Samoyed mix
Approx 3 yrs
www.petrescue.com.au/listings/1215842



SADIE (F) Kelpie mix
Approx 18 mths
www.petrescue.com.au/listings/1212567



LARRY (M) Australian Cattle Dog
Approx 16 wks
www.petrescue.com.au/listings/1208055



PIPPA (F) Siberian Husky
Approx 2½ yrs
www.petrescue.com.au/listings/1212563



TOMMY (M) DLH
Approx 12 mths
www.petrescue.com.au/listings/1213835



PABLO (M) DSH
Approx 6 yrs
www.petrescue.com.au/listings/1206283

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

Go to Pet Rescue: www.petrescue.com.au/groups/11042/Goulburn-Mulwaree-Council to see the up to date list of animals available for adoption.

You can also read info about these animals and how to adopt from the Shelter.

Every animal deserves a loving safe forever home.



Yass Valley Animal Shelter (3 Oct)

(Rehoming No. R251000221)

www.facebook.com/p/Yass-Valley-Animal-Shelter-100081285236320/



Still Available & Still Fabulous! (Found 18 August)



This gorgeous 6-year-old female Koolie x is more than ready to pack her bags and move in with you! With one striking blue eye, she is an absolute showstopper. She loves to play & has a beautiful, fun-loving energy that'll keep a smile on your face. She's fantastic with other dogs and thrives with canine company.



She hasn't been tested with cats or children.

Please contact Council on 6226 1477 to book a meet and greet!

IMPCA123 Microchip # 956000013060285



This dog (female?) was found wandering along Queen Street Binalong on Thursday 17 Sept. Unfortunately she is not microchipped so we've been unable to reunite with the owner.

If you are the owner, or if you have any information that could help us identify who the owner is, please contact Council on 6226 1477. IMPCA128

**** 3 young dogs & a cat ** are currently looking for new homes at the QPRC ANIMAL MANAGEMENT FACILITY (3 Oct).**



✚ Dolly Parton (Dalmatian x, #74)

✚ Princess Peach (Staffy x, #75)

✚ Lolly (Great Dane/Bull Terrier x #63)

✚ and #37 (DSH adult black cat)



<https://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Services/Animals/Find-Animals-For-Sale-Adoption-and-Lost-Pets>

More info: www.petrescue.com.au/groups/12313/queanbeyan-animal-management-facility

Ph: 6285 6269 animalinfo@qprc.nsw.gov.au Rehoming No. R251000189



FIRE PERMITS NOW REQUIRED

Before you light a fire visit:
[**www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify**](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify)

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