



Welcome rains soak the pastures and damage bridges



Monkittee Creek was among most rivers in the district to break its banks on the weekend. Photo Robert Aernout.

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You can't schedule accidents

Gosh, what a long road to nowhere.

After hearing of numerous people having to travel to Queanbeyan, Moruya or Goulburn to have simple x-rays I had several informal chats with medical staff at the Braidwood MPS about the process.

At the Braidwood Show 2018, I had a chance to chat to John Barilaro about the lack of trained staff for the x-ray machine at BMPS.

Back then, it was pot luck if you get an X-ray for a suspected simple fracture or break locally. Pot luck, as there is only one qualified staff member for x-rays. Those images are then sent online to a radiographer in Queanbeyan for a report.

If that staff member was not rostered on, then you have to travel. I learnt that if you present to emergency at BMPS, an ambulance can take you to Queanbeyan. This of course isn't encouraged, because of resources and cost.

After a bit of investigating and negotiating with the Certifiers of the University of Newcastle Limited Xray License for remote areas, they advised that they would travel to Braidwood at a discounted price and train 8 staff for under \$20k.

I passed the information on to Mr Barilaro and his staff who completely understood. Mr Barilaro said other country hospitals probably also have the same problem and agreed that this would be a solution and there's something wrong with the system.

Finally, last month I get a reply from Mr Barilaro (July 2020)

"I am writing to inform you that I have received a response from the Minister for Health and Medical Research, the Hon. Brad Hazzard MP, in relation to your concerns regarding x-ray services at the Braidwood Multipurpose Service (MPS).

I am advised by the Minister that Ms Margaret Bennett, Chief Executive, Southern NSW Local Health District, has acknowledged the availability of the training program for remote operators at the University of Newcastle, and understands that consideration could be given to running part of the program onsite at Braidwood. This new service will start once the redevelopment of Braidwood MPS is complete. I am advised that the x-ray service will initially be provided one to two half-days per week, with capacity to adjust the allocation of additional x-ray services depending on demand."

However, they didn't understand. A letter attached from Minister Hazzard said

"Mrs Margaret Bennett, Chief Executive, Southern NSW Local Health District, has acknowledged the availability of the training program for remote operators at the University of Newcastle and understands that consideration could be given to the running part of the program onsite at Braidwood. In considering what would be the best level of care for local community, the District has decided to invest in the establishment of a radiographer delivered outreach X-ray service at Braidwood, in collaboration with the Goulburn Medical Imaging Department. This new service will start once the redevelopment of the Braidwood MPS is complete in mid September 2020.

I understand that the X-ray Service will initially be provided one to two half days per week with capacity to adjust the allocation of additional x-ray services depending on demand. This arrangement is in line with a successful model that has been in place at Crookwell District Hospital for some years Ms Bennett has further advised that the District does not support the training of nurses as remote x-ray operators for Braidwood MPS. This is because it is difficult for staff to maintain the required skills and experience to safely perform the scans when only a small number of x-rays are occurring."

While the addition of the new service from Goulburn imaging department is a step forward for people non-urgent needs, it does not address the need for the service on site 24/7. Accidents can't be scheduled. With the expanding population, weekend sports and farm life around Braidwood, how many people have gone straight to a bigger centre bypassing the BMPS? I then discovered that the x-ray machine, donated with funds raised locally by the Hospital Auxiliary, had been given away to PNG some 18 months ago and BMPS is using a second-hand portable machine from Pambula Hospital. Bit of sarcasm here, I hope you all enjoy the new \$500k playground and new \$32 million hospital, but don't go arse up and fall in the street.

Good luck on your travels to wherever, on flooded, smokey remote or even closed roads to get a simple x-ray.

I officially give up.

Annie Clarke, Majors Creek



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Saturday 15th August at 2:30pm

Braidwood Redbacks v Broulee Dolphins
Braidwood Rec Grounds

Saturday 15 August

FILM CLUB

Screening "The Sense of an Ending", a 2017 adaption of a novel by English Author Julian Barnes which won him the 2011 Man Booker Prize. There won't be a shared meal until these CoVid-19 restrictions are relaxed. Starts at 7pm.

Tuesday 18 August

Care Inc. is offering financial counselling for those affected by the bushfires as part of the QPRC Bushfire Assistance HubDrop by the Old Braidwood Library, Park Lane, on Tuesday between 9am - 3pm to chat to our bushfire relief financial counsellor

Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre

Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre will be visiting Braidwood for legal outreach appointments on Tuesday 18 August 2020 at the Braidwood Bushfire Recovery Assistance Hub, Old Braidwood Library, Park Lane, Braidwood from 9am to 3pm. Drop in or make an appointment to discuss your legal issue. Please phone 1800 229 529 to make an appointment.

Saturday 22nd August

NEXT BRAIDWOOD RYRIE PARK MARKET

Braidwood Markets are usually on the fourth Saturday of the month at Ryrie Park. For stall bookings please contact Geraldine on 4847 5061 A/H

Flood water recede after wet weekend



Flooding - A member of the McGrath family traversing the Shoalhaven at Warri during floods in days gone by.

Over the weekend a slow moving low brought hundreds of millimetres of rain to the south east swelling the rivers to levels not seen for some decades.

The Shoalhaven River rose to 9 metres at Warri, and the levels at Bombay bridge, and Farrington were way over the banks.

At Mongarlowe the River almost reached the deck of the bridge. The new concrete bridge at Oallan went under along with lots of smaller crossings.

Damage to the roadway at Oallan and the damaged Neringla Bridge in Araluen were quickly repaired by Council

More rain is expected from Friday through the weekend. which will produce runoff from the already soaked paddocks.

Swift water rescue teams from the SES and local emergency services were called out to successfully rescue a man stranded and in danger on the Cooma Road.

Week ending **Braidwood Weather** With Roger Hosking
9 August 2020

The highest August daily rain here in 100 years, 218mm at Mongarlowe, the highest model runoff since 1988. Shoalhaven at Bombay as high as I can recall - and it's still raining.

Mon	3	Max	15	Min	-4	
Tues	4	Max	16	Min	7	
Wed	5	Max	12	Min	-0.5	
Thu	6	Max	10	Min	-4	
Fri	7	Max	12	Min	-1	
Sat	8	Max	8	Min	7	24.0mm
Sun	9	Max	10	Min	8	102.0mm

Grassland SDI (soil moisture deficit) 0mm
August mean maximum temp is 13.3deg.

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Braidwood MPS on display for Community Open Day

The new Braidwood Multipurpose Service shone brightly on a rainy Saturday as community members took the opportunity to walk through the new facility, prior to it commencing operations later this month. Comments from community members who attended on Saturday 8 August were overwhelmingly positive.

There was an air of excitement and a number of people discussing their availability to move into the beautifully appointed Residential Aged Care facility.

A COVID safe approach was taken for the community walkthrough, with small groups of participants touring the facility throughout the day. Each person was screened upon entry and social distancing was maintained.

Chief Executive Margaret Bennett commented "This facility is a great asset to the Braidwood Community. Today is a celebration of the years of planning and work undertaken by our staff, Health Infrastructure and all the contractors involved in making this facility a reality. We are now in the process of commissioning to be ready for care and services transitioning by the end of August."

While the community open day marked a major milestone in the redevelopment project, there is still a small amount of work to be completed.

Once the new Health Service is operational, attention will then move to demolishing the old hospital buildings, constructing new car parking areas, new staff accommodation units and landscaping the outdoor spaces.

A formal opening will be conducted on a date to be confirmed.

About the Braidwood MPS

The Braidwood MPS Redevelopment is a new purpose-built facility which includes in-patient rooms, an increase in residential aged care beds, activity spaces, lounge and dining facilities, a dedicated Emergency Department and staff accommodation. The Braidwood MPS Redevelopment is being delivered as part of the Governments \$304 million Multipurpose Service (MPS) program to deliver improved access to health and aged care services in rural and remote communities.



Open day at the new Braidwood MPS.



Dining room at the new MPS.

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BlazeAid Award 'Commonwealth Point of Light' beacon award for outstanding volunteerism

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth has awarded BlazeAid volunteers with the prestigious 'Commonwealth Point of Light' beacon award for outstanding volunteerism after the Australian 2020 Megafire.

The Award was announced in London today. Queen Elizabeth will personally sign the award which will be personally presented in Canberra ACT by the British High Commissioner Vicki Treadwell when it is safe to travel again.

Rhonda and Kevin Butler, representing Australia, are the founders of 'BlazeAid', which has brought together an army of volunteers to clear ground and rebuild fences following devastating bushfires in the country.

Helped by over 1,000 volunteers everyday, and with bases across the country, 'BlazeAid' can clear and rebuild over 40km of fencing, securing farmland and providing relief to members of Australia's rural communities.

Kevin and Rhonda said, "We started BlazeAid in Australia after the fatal Black Saturday fires in 2009, pledging to help – with local volunteers – a few dozen of our immediate neighbours to rebuild their burnt fencing over 14 days.

The idea caught on and in the ensuing 10 years, volunteers have poured in from all over Australia and the world to physically help others impacted by our country's yearly recurrence of fires, floods and cyclones."

"After almost 250 natural disasters, hundreds of thousands of volunteers, farmers, donors and local communities have teamed together to rebuild 14,000 kilometres of new fencing, 400,000 working days on 9000 devastated farms. The value of work done by 'BlazeAid' volunteers who make such a difference to the lives of others – who have lost almost everything they hold dear – is in the hundreds of millions of dollars."

"BlazeAid' is almost totally volunteerism with just one paid bookkeeper. Today, 'BlazeAid' has 26 base camps running over three states from Kangaroo Island in South Australia, throughout New South Wales and right up to the Queensland border following the 2019/20 Australian mega fires last Summer. Volunteers have been working shoulder to shoulder with hundreds of farming families daily, seven days a week non-stop, to rebuild what fires destroyed in just minutes.

We wake up every morning being so grateful to the thousands of 'BlazeAid' volunteers who selflessly make a massive difference to the physical, and mental health of hundreds of vulnerable country families in these devastated communities.

"We salute all 'BlazeAid' volunteers who enrich the lives of others everyday and it is them we humbly accept the award on behalf of – for these wonderful and dedicated volunteers have made 'BlazeAid' a most loved and respected Australian charity."

Vicki Treadell, British High Commissioner to Australia, said:

"I am delighted to virtually present Kevin and Rhonda Butler with this award for their dedication and commitment to both their own community and other communities in Australia who have been impacted by natural disasters – including the recent devastating bushfires. They both demonstrate incredible commitment to 'BlazeAid'; the volunteers they have recruited and the communities they support. They are making a significant impact on the lives of those that benefit from 'BlazeAid's work."

BlazeAid Update

Sunday 9 August, 2020.

TTotal meals to date 21,348

Completed new fencing 171.78K

Fencing completed last week 4.51K

Pickets Installed 19,789

Strainer posts installed: 1,436

Properties registered: 252

Properties completed: 160

Properties completed last week: 2

Properties % completed - 63%

Total volunteers to date - 405

Volunteer days this week - 203

Volunteer days to date - 6,879

Average age of volunteers this week - 49.33

Average age of volunteers to date - 51.14

Total blazeaiders in camps - 30

Teams in Braidwood, Araluen & Nerriga - 6

Money spent Locally - \$400,498.73

Overseas world trackers in camps - 13

Nations represented in camp - 8

Narbethong House and the new MPS

by Sue Murray

With the opening of the new MPS in late August, there has been some recent discussion about the future of Narbethong House. There has been a strong community desire to retain this facility as it has been a wonderful asset to the community.

In 2019 Braidwood Community Association members researched Narbethong and its standing, as part of and/or separation from the Braidwood Multi-purpose Health Service facility. Our research has shown that there are several factors that preclude retaining or repurposing Narbethong.

Narbethong was a one-off facility, whose funding was organized by a resident of Braidwood, Kevin Kleist, who worked in Federal Health in Canberra. The land on which it was built was donated. The building was funded by Federal funds. Local residents provided input into the planning and in-kind support from tradespeople.

Narbethong never had standing as a Federal Health facility alone and was developed together with the community, Tallaganda Council and NSW Health. In 1992, Narbethong was technically owned by and administered by the Tallaganda Shire Council on behalf of NSW Health. In 1994, the land and building were sold for \$1 to NSW Health, and officially incorporated into the hospital facility. The Braidwood Hospital and Narbethong were funded under the Multi-Purpose Health Facility funding model in 1994. Since then Narbethong has belonged to NSW Health and it is NSW Health that has been staffing, administering and maintaining the premises since that time.

Narbethong was designed as a 'Low Care' residential facility for aged care. Federal Health has a new criterion that funds Aged Care as one group, i.e. what was once divided into high- and low-level care is now one category. In small communities such as ours, aged care is provided in conjunction with acute care in Multi-Purpose Health Service facilities. These facilities operate on a preferred model that all services are contained under the one roof, for security, safety, staffing and other economies. Low level aged care funding is now allocated to agencies for clients who are maintained in their homes.



A happy celebration in the Narbethong courtyard, 2011..

According to the current Health and Safety standards of NSW Health, Narbethong has been lacking on several counts. To remedy those problems and bring the facility up to standard almost requires a rebuild, but the funding model no longer fits the concept. The new MPS will have 37 aged care beds, with the possibility of a further 10 rooms in a later extension, if required. The new MPS will open at the end of August, 2020 and the old buildings will be removed. A four bedroom facility for visiting staff and a carpark will be built on the site of Narbethong House.

While Narbethong has been a much-loved centre for aged care, the cost of running, staffing and maintaining such a facility is beyond any ongoing grants and funding that the Braidwood community could attract. It would be wonderful to think we could have some low-cost housing or temporary residential housing on that site, but we do not own the grounds or building.

The BCA has researched possible ways to provide low-cost housing for our Seniors. While this is a State Govt responsibility, we are talking with QPRC staff about ways to raise this as an issue with the State Government.

Summerfield Estate – Offering Quality, Opportunity and Value

For the people who live in and around Braidwood, Summerfield has been part of the scenery for years, but many have not yet had the opportunity to visit and see just what is on offer.

We invite you to attend our launch of 12 new Villas on the weekend of 15th & 16th August.

All people registering and viewing the homes over that weekend will go into the draw of a 7 Day Qld Holiday for 2.

Added to that, anyone who purchases a home at Summerfield in the month of August, will be given a \$10,000 CASH BONUS at settlement to spend on fitting out their new home.

The homes at Summerfield are freehold, with no exit fees, prices starting at \$585,000. They are built to the highest standards, and have been architecturally designed to take advantage of the stunning surrounds, and to ensure that 'country feel' in every abode – the north-facing estate is surrounded on three sides by heritage-listed greenery.

The homes also offer a 6.6kW Solar Systems and 5,000 litre rainwater tank to ensure we are doing our best for the environment.

Summerfield's community facilities, that have already been built, include an indoor heated pool, gym, clubhouse, community garden, arts and crafts centre and separate visitors' accommodation.



Then taking into consideration what Braidwood itself has to offer, which includes golf and bowls, a multitude of foodie hotspots historic buildings with a rich history and surrounding national parks, Summerfield as a retirement destination has a lot to offer.

Adjacent to Summerfield sits the brand new Braidwood Multipurpose Service (MPS), which, when open mid-August, will provide a range of healthcare services for the local community - including Emergency, Community Health, Acute beds and a 37 bed aged care facility. Summerfield Estate provides quality, community and opportunity in a stunning rural setting, and true value, too.



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Country Mama - Rosie Rick's new doula service

Majors Creek resident Rosie Ricketson has started a new business helping new and prospective mums.

Rosie says "The role of a doula is to support a woman's journey through the birth of her baby and into motherhood - mentally, spiritually and emotionally.

With such high statistics of birth trauma and post natal mood disorders in Australia, I feel it's incredibly important to advocate for the mental wellbeing of the mother as she goes through such a vulnerable time in her life.

The core of my work is to make sure the mother is fully informed of her care and birth options so she can chose how to give birth and mother in a way that suits her and her family. I provide friendship, resources and support as she navigates this path.

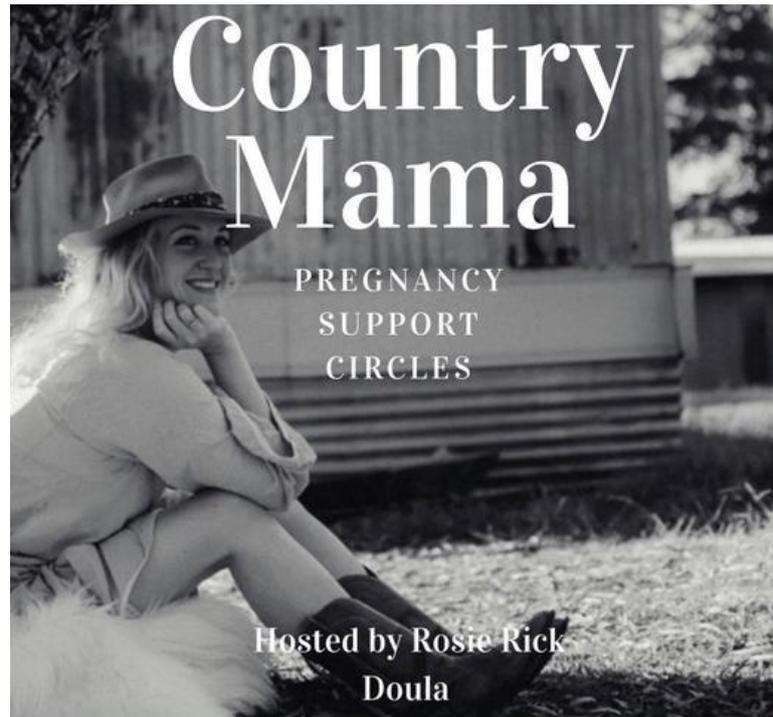
I have been mentored by local woman Catherine Bell, as well as undertaking ongoing training in birthwork and counselling.

I offer support both online and in person, and will soon be starting a mothers group in Braidwood.

As well as emotional support, I provide basic care options such as, child care, house work while the new mother rests, postpartum meal delivery, guided meditation, prenatal and birth education, breastfeeding and baby sleep support, reading lists, film and podcast recommendations, organising baby showers and ceremonies around the new baby such as a baby naming day.

I work with clients in person from the ACT to Batemans Bay and am happy to travel.

My background is in community advocacy, mentorship, and utilising the arts for individual and community wellbeing. In my studies I have learned that when we help new mothers return to optimal health after the birth of a baby by making sure she gets adequate rest and support, this helps her children, her family and the whole community thrive."



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Also fertilise your Roses 1 month after pruning.

Aphids won't be far away as plants start putting out their new soft growth. Monitor your citrus and roses weekly as the frosts start to become less frequent. Spray aphids with soapy water or squash them with your fingers. White oil works well too. As your citrus and roses start to burst into life be sure to give them a good feed with either 'Rose' food or 'Citrus' food and maintain moisture levels in the soil.

Also, some apple and crab apple trees will have Woolly Aphids. Methylated spirits or household bleach can be painted on to infestations with short term success. Colonies are likely to re-form again throughout the growing season.

Far and away the most effective chemical control available to the home or small farm orchardist is Imidacloprid sold as 'Confidor Guard' applied as a soil drench at petal fall. A common brand is Confidor, however, with the recent patent expiration of this chemical there are other brands available. It pays to shop around.

Correctly applied this can provide two seasons protection. It is important to wait until flowering is finished as Imidacloprid is highly toxic to bees.

Keep an eye out for 'silver leaves' on your Viburnums and Rhododendrons as they may be infested with Two Spotted Mite. Check the undersides of the leaves for small brown spots. If you have brown spots on the undersides of your leaves and the silver tops then spray with 'Natra soap', Yates 'Mavrick' or 'Rose Shield'. Viburnums can take a harsh prune if badly affected by the mite in spring if needed. Just be sure to give them a feed and maintain the soil moisture – don't let them dry out or become heat stressed.

We have a few beds ready and waiting for some of the summer vegetables and herbs. Coriander and parsley are growing well at the moment. I think we need to replace our sage this year too. Our tarragon, thyme and oregano are shooting now, ready for summer use. Just have to wait a wee bit longer to plant sweet basil. Love Pesto! We freeze portions to enjoy through the year.

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RFS Donation to the Life Centre

Following Majors Creek Bushfire Brigade's lead, Braidwood VRFB donated a \$500 Coles voucher to the Braidwood Life Centre. (and Happy Birthday Scott)



The Braidwood and Districts Education Foundation (BDEF) provided grants to 26 young people in 2020 and are again preparing to support a new group of grant recipients in 2021, amid the COVID19 pandemic. With employment prospects becoming more competitive for our young people, the Foundation is encouraging those aged 16-25 years who are entering into further education to apply for a grant for the upcoming year.

Online applications open 1st of September 2020 and close 30th of September 2020.

2020 has been a difficult year to say the least. However, for a host of locals from Braidwood and its districts, it has been a year of triumphs despite the many challenges. For Anjali Williams, entering into her post-school has been made a little easier with thanks to the BDEF. Anjali received her BDEF grant when leaving high school to begin in her role at Ray White Real Estate, in 2015. She used her grant to purchase textbooks, and to pay for travel, parking and course fees in order to complete a Certificate III in Business Administration at the Canberra Institute of Technology. Anjali continued in her role for several years, before moving on to The Braidwood Servicemen's Club. Anjali continues to use her business administration skills and encourages other young people in Braidwood to consider upskilling themselves, with the support of the BDEF.

Grant applicants, donors and new committee members can find additional information about the Foundation and its work by accessing the BDEF website at <https://cef.org.au/foundations/braidwood/>

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For all the info and to apply, please go to www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/recoverygrants

Bushfire Recovery Services

Care Inc., a not-for-profit financial counselling service that supports those in Canberra as well as the surrounding NSW region. They have received funding to begin a bushfire relief financial counselling outreach program, which we are operating with the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council. The bushfire relief recovery effort is currently operating from the Bushfire Assistance Hub in the Old Braidwood Library (Park Lane), Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm. The service that Care will provide there is free and confidential, and is funded by the Commonwealth Government – Department of Social Services.

Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre will be visiting your area for legal outreach appointments on Tuesday 18 August 2020 at the Braidwood Bushfire Recovery Assistance Hub, Old Braidwood Library, Park Lane, Braidwood from 9am to 3pm. Drop in or make an appointment to discuss your legal issue. Please phone 1800 229 529 to make an appointment.

Bushfire Recovery Clinician



Clinician Candice Jones

Southern NSW Local Health District Bushfire Recovery Clinician Candice Jones is a social worker who provides mental health and wellbeing support, assessment and referral out of the QPRC Bushfire Recovery Access Point in Braidwood each week.

Candice is located at the Braidwood Hub from 10am until 3pm on Tuesday 18th August and Thursday 20th August.

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Singing in the Rain - We quite often curse the rain for the inconvenience it may cause us, especially when we are on the road and running late for an appointment. Yet, without that rain we would surely die.

Many circumstances may arise in life that impede us from reaching our objectives. As frustrating as these situations may be, we must remember God is in control of all circumstances and His grace abounds. If He has allowed rain to fall on our parade, there is a divine reason. But often we can doubt God's good intentions even to the point where we curse Him. Do we trust in God? When we get frustrated that things aren't working as we planned, it is a sign we have lost focus on God and His plan. King David penned many of his songs of praise when he was being hunted in the wilderness. 'Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.' (Psalm 107:1) Job, under extreme adversity proclaimed: 'Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him.' (Job 13:15).

It's easy to praise God when things are going our way, but people really take note when we still praise God as things are falling apart around us.

We must remember in whatever circumstances we find ourselves, God's grace always rains down upon us. Maybe it's time that we put down our umbrellas and started singing in the rain. And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28

Services in St Andrew's Church during August:
Sunday 16th: 11am. Farewell & Thanksgiving service for David & Lynda Avery. Saturday 22nd: 1pm. Commissioning service of Rev Rick Lewis by Bishop Carol Wagner. COVID safe restrictions will apply. To help with social distance seating, please RSVP to angbraidwood@bigpond.com or phone 4842 2423 if you will be attending either service. Thank you. All other Sunday services will be on Zoom. Contact anglicanworshipbraidwood@gmail.com for login details.

Parish Scribbler

BRAIDWOOD UNITING CHURCH

There is great beauty as winter begins gentle forays into a coming spring. Gardens woven with the bright colours of daffodil, japonica, and camellia contrast brightly with grey cloudy skies. Seasonal changes in the garden remind us that life is ever changing, evolving, transforming. And yet, each burgeoning season comes with familiar colours and ways of living. Our creator God is in the change; ever inviting transformation to our growing spirit. And our creator God is a constant in the familiar; a rock, a safe haven, an abiding companion in every season of life. May your awareness of this sustaining presence bring peace, comfort and strength to you today. Blessings from Dr Julie Fletcher and the Congregation of Braidwood Uniting Church. Catch us on Braidwood Community Radio Sundays at 6pm.

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Mass each Saturday Vigil at 6.00pm. Social distancing, hygiene requirements and recording attendance procedures will be observed.

Tuesday Masses: July at 10am in Church

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Friday, any time between 9am-10 am as an

opportunity for private prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Lighting of candles for special intentions is available. Entry is up the side ramp entrance of the church.

Markets in Ryrie Park: 8am - 2pm resume on Saturday 22 August 2020 We have missed our markets so let us support them as well as we can.

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Reflection on the Gospel - What a Mother Will Do Necessity may be the mother of invention, but it is often mothers in need who are driven to be inventive for the sake of their children. Such was the story of Sephali Begum, a 26-year-old single mother from Bangladesh who, in concern for the future of her daughter, took the desperate step of offering to sell one of her own eyes. She intended to use the proceeds to buy land that would provide for her daughter after her own death. She was willing to sacrifice her very self to protect her daughter from a horrible future beset by the demons of shame, poverty, and abuse. Her courage in desperate straits attracted the world's attention, and individuals and groups responded to her and her daughter's plight, providing for the daughter's future with generosity.

The Canaanite woman in today's gospel was likewise in desperate straits because her daughter was beset by a demon. She took the inventive step of approaching someone, a man no less, of another ethnic group because she believed he could help her. And she showed fierce mother love when Jesus was about to dismiss her as unworthy of receiving the message he came to proclaim. The ferocity of her faith made Jesus reconsider not only his response to her, but also his entire role. She taught him that a mother's love knows no bounds - and neither should God's.

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Federal Government disaster assistance funding available

Nationals Senator for New South Wales Perin Davey has welcomed Federal Government disaster assistance funding for areas in the state affected by severe storms and floods.

Funding is now available in the areas of Bega, Yass, Eurobodalla, Kiama, Queanbeyan-Palerang, Shellharbour, Shoalhaven, Orange, Goulburn, Mulwaree, Snowy Monaro, Sutherland, Upper Lachlan and Wollongong.

Assistance is being provided through the jointly funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA). Senator Davey said the Nationals in Government are committed to ensuring the region's recovery is effective.

"Severe weather has caused significant damage to roads, businesses and residential properties, with many councils now undertaking clean-up work and repairs to infrastructure," Senator Davey said.

"We're prepared to do what it takes to further assist the NSW Government to support councils in their response to the devastating storms and floods impacting individuals and communities across the region."

New South Wales Minister for Police and Emergency Services David Elliott said the SES received more than 1,500 Requests for Assistance, including flood rescues. "Communities experienced significant losses and disruption due to damaging winds and flooding," Minister Elliott said.

"The assistance being announced today will help cover the costs associated with the operational response and repairing damaged essential public assets, such as roads." Assistance available under the DRFA may include:

- help for eligible people whose homes or belongings have been damaged
- support for affected local councils to help with the costs of cleaning up and restoring damaged essential public assets
- concessional interest rate loans for small businesses, primary producers and non-profit organisations



The Neringla Bridge damaged by flooding last weekend
Photo Carrie Reeves.

- freight subsidies for primary producers, and
 - grants to eligible non-profit organisations
- For information on personal hardship and distress assistance, contact the Disaster Welfare Assistance Line on 1800 018 444. To apply for a concessional loan or grant, contact the NSW Rural Assistance Authority on 1800 678 593 or visit www.raa.nsw.gov.au Further information on disaster assistance is available on the Australian Government's Disaster Assist website at www.disasterassist.gov.au and the NSW emergency information and response website at www.emergency.nsw.gov.au



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Doctors' Orders: PM must act on climate change

A letter to Prime Minister Scott Morrison, signed by groups representing more than 75 percent of the nation's doctors, is urging the Federal Government to better protect Australians' health, by acting on climate change as part of its COVID-19 economic recovery.

Coordinated by Doctors for the Environment Australia (DEA), the signatories, including the Australian Medical Association, represent 90,000 of the nation's GPs, emergency room doctors, physicians, obstetricians, psychiatrists and other disciplines - many of whom are on the COVID-19 frontline.

"Right now, we have an incredible opportunity to act on climate change and invest in a cleaner, healthier, and more prosperous future," said Climate Councillor and public health physician, Dr Kate Charlesworth.

"That future should not include gas. Gas is a fossil fuel causing climate change, and driving the kind of bushfires we saw decimate so much of Australia during the recent Black Summer," said Dr Charlesworth,

who is a DEA member. "Putting fossil fuels at the forefront of Australia's economic recovery is like including tobacco in an anti-smoking policy. It is unsafe and irresponsible," she said.

"The Federal Government is failing to protect us, which is why so many doctors from around the country, including myself, are coming together on behalf of the Australian public," she said. The letter argues that the world is in the middle of two global health emergencies:

the COVID-19 pandemic and climate change, and is calling for a whole-of-government approach towards addressing climate change, which like the coronavirus, has potentially catastrophic health impacts.

"Climate change is here, it is threatening our health, and as we saw last summer, our lives and the lives of our loved ones," said Climate Council head of research, Dr Martin Rice. "At least 450 people tragically lost their lives as a result of the climate changed fuelled bushfires and smoke over the Black Summer," he said.

"The Climate Council welcomes this letter to the Prime Minister, which comes after new economic modelling found that 76,000 jobs can be created across Australia, rapidly getting people back into the workforce while also tackling climate change," said Dr Rice.

"The Clean Jobs Plan identifies a dozen policy options which can create jobs fast, where they are needed and for people who need them most," he said.

"This is the healthy recovery the Federal Government should be focusing on: a plan to create clean jobs; build a resilient economy; and keep people safe," said Dr Rice.

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DA lodged for Bungendore Sports Hub for a growing population

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24 Bungendore Sports Hub Planning Application & Statement of Environmental Effects

“The development of the Sports Hub will provide the growing Bungendore community with a dedicated venue for sports such as soccer, football, rugby union, netball cricket and AFL which will become the premier sporting venue in Bungendore. Future stages of the sports hub will include additional fields, swimming pool and further community assets.”

While the development application is currently under assessment, it is unable to be approved until the acquisition of the land is complete. It is expected that this process will be complete by the end of August 2020. A tender for the final design and construction, along with bulk earthworks will be determined at the 26 August Council meeting, meaning that following development application approval construction will be able to commence swiftly. Council is aiming to have the two main sporting fields operational for the winter 2022 season. The hard courts will be available sooner. The project has been funded by grants received from the NSW State Government. \$1,500,000 was received from the Stronger Communities Fund and \$950,000 from the Stronger Country Communities Fund.

Closing Date for Submission 31/8/20

Last Wednesday Bungendore residents were blindsided by the removal of old elm trees adjacent to Cleanseeds and the end of Malbon Street. However it soon became apparent it was part of a much larger plan for the construction of the Bungendore SportsHub, which in turn would seem to be part of the much larger plan to sell off the Mick Sherd Oval and QPRC Bungendore Council Chambers to the Department of Education for the long awaited Bungendore High School. (see next page)

On Thursday QPRC lodged the development application for the Bungendore Sports Hub to be located off Bungendore Rd. Malbon Street is to be extended through to the site.

Stage 1 of the Sports Hub includes: Bulk earthworks, Construction of two flood-lit sports fields, Installation of irrigation infrastructure, Two flood-lit hard courts, Car parking, Amenities, including changerooms, toilets and canteen facilities.

“The Bungendore community has been heavily reliant on Mick Sherd Oval and in recent years it has become evident that the community has outgrown that space,” Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council's Service Manager, Urban Landscapes Tim Geyer said.



New High School to turn central Bungendore into education precinct



Bungendore will undergo a major transformation with the announcement of a new High School to be built within the town, incorporating the Mick Sherd Oval, Council Chambers, tennis courts and pool. Deputy Premier and Member for Monaro John Barilaro and Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning Sarah Mitchell visited Bungendore today (Friday) to confirm a site for the new high school.

"Following an extensive Expression of Interest process and investigations by the Department of Education, Mr Barilaro and Ms Mitchell announced that the new secondary school will be located at the Majara-Gibraltar Street precinct."

"This is a very important project, and I'm excited to be getting on and delivering a new high school for Bungendore and surrounding communities," Mr Barilaro.

This however come just weeks after the Bungendore High School Action Group posted that they did not know where the process of site selection was up to.

Mr Barilaro said, "I appreciate that the location of this new school will come as a surprise to many, however, I encourage everyone to look at the benefits of having a school located here, in the centre of town."

"There's also great potential for joint use of new facilities and to create a collocated educational campus. The new high school will be right next to the local primary school, which will benefit from an upgrade to facilities" he said.

"We have worked with Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council and local groups to ensure what we are delivering is in line with what the community wants, and that the new high school will be delivered on time."

"In addition to the community consultation already undertaken, we will be launching an online survey today to ensure that everyone's voices are heard as we move forward into the planning phase for this new high school."

"We have a unique opportunity to create a new high school specifically for this community and I encourage everyone to have their say."

The survey can be found here:

<https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/n/new-high-school-in-bungendore.html>

Education Minister Sarah Mitchell said The next steps are to continue with the planning of the project, finalise the master planning process and submit a business case to NSW Treasury.

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New High School to turn central Bungendore into education precinct

Continued - Mr Barilaro and Ms Mitchell also took the opportunity to share an exciting announcement for both the new Bungendore and Jerrabomberra high schools, confirming an innovative building method will be used to deliver the two projects. Mr Barilaro said the method, known as the Design for Manufacture and Assembly or DfMA, will ensure both schools will be open for students on day one, term one, 2023.

"This new design and construction process combines off-site manufacture and on-site assembly for the building of new schools. The new schools will be custom made, architecturally designed, and constructed in a controlled factory setting, before being delivered and assembled on site in record time."

"We're not using this off-site DfMA construction method for all schools, but in select locations. It means we can deliver new, high quality schools with minimal disruption to the community in a matter of months, rather than over years," Mr Barilaro said. The NSW Government is investing \$6.7 billion over four years to deliver 190 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. In addition, a record \$1.3 billion is being spent on school maintenance over five years, along with a record \$500 million for the sustainable Cooler Classrooms program to provide air conditioning to schools. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW.

Spokesperson for the Bungendore High School Action Group Fiona Doyle said "Today's announcement about the new educational precinct and upgrade to community facilities is fantastic news for Bungendore. A high school in Bungendore would not only support our local children's future in our community, but it would also bring economic benefits including creating jobs locally, investing money back into our community and adding to our shared infrastructure. I urge everyone to look at the plans and provide their feedback to the NSW Department of Education in via their current survey."

Garth Morrison from the hastily formed Save Mick Sherd Oval Group told the Bugle, "The Bungendore community desperately wants (and needs) a high school. But shoehorning a rushed solution into small site isn't the solution.

The council and Mick Sherd oval site never cope with the growth expected for Bungendore and will inevitably encroach on Mick Sherd oval and the surrounding facilities. Bungendore will lose far too much with a high school in that location.

The flood plain issues flagged by Mr Barilaro are a red herring at best. According to the recent flood strategy the entire town is a floodplain! The Bungendore community will not be taken for fools and suggests Mr Barilaro and Mayor Overall should go back to the Department of Education and say 'thanks, but try again.'

QPRC said on Friday "Today's announcement by the NSW Government of its intentions to build the new Bungendore High School on the eastern edge of Mick Sherd Oval has raised a number of questions from the community and Council staff about the impact to Council facilities and services."

"As a part of the early consultation with key stakeholders, Councillors received a presentation from NSW School Infrastructure in early July 2020. Council then resolved at its July meeting to support, "in principle and for the purposes of further consultation, the establishment of a Bungendore High School as proposed by the NSW Department of Education".

"Over the past few weeks Council has worked with School Infrastructure to progress the possibilities for an education precinct in Bungendore while endeavouring to minimise the impact on community and Council facilities. The interests of Council staff and the Bungendore community at large have been at the forefront of all planning and discussions."

Council said "The community engagement and consultation process is being run by the NSW Department of Education and the proposal remains subject to development approvals and to Council agreeing to sell its sites in Majara Street including the current Bungendore office. Council will consider a formal proposal from the NSW Department of Education at its August meeting."

"It is understood from discussions with School Infrastructure that the community retains use of Mick Sherd Oval, and gains use of an expanded library and new performance hall, when not used by students/out of school hours." **Continued Page 18**

QPRC clarifies plans for the new infrastructure in Bungendore

New Bungendore Sports Hub

Council expects to conclude the acquisition of the new Sports Hub later this month and commence construction upon award of tender next month. The Development Application was lodged on 8 July is on exhibition and will be determined following Council gaining title to the new 17ha sports hub site. The Hub will be accessed from the extension of Malbon Street west from the new roundabout, and will be a dedicated venue for sports for the football codes (rugby league, rugby union and soccer), netball, cricket and AFL. The Sports Hub will be the premier sporting venue in Bungendore. The concept plan includes provision for an aquatic centre.

It is expected that the courts will be available for use from the 2021 season and football ovals from early 2022.

Mick Sherd Oval

Mick Sherd Oval will remain in place, as will the recently expanded change rooms, car park, public toilets, playground, Bungendore War Memorial and nearby tennis courts. The oval is likely to be maintained in the future by the school through a shared-use arrangement with Council and the Bungendore community. It is understood the oval would be utilised during school hours for school curriculum (such as PDHPE), while school carnivals and competitions would be held at the new sports hub. The over-used Mick Sherd Oval will be complemented by Bungendore's new multi-million dollar Sports Hub and will continue to be available for sports that choose to train and play there out of school hours. The oval will continue to be available for current competitions during the 2020/21 season. There may be reduced access during construction, however the new ovals at the Sports Hub would be available from the 2022 season. New grass on the fields at the Sports Hub will need time to establish, and will be irrigated with recycled water.

Council depot and office space

During planning and discussions, School Infrastructure identified Council's Bungendore office as a site for possible future expansion of the new high school. For some time Council has been considering its depot and office space needs in Bungendore. If the school proposal is progressed by School Infrastructure, Council will commence plans to relocate the Depot and administration office elsewhere in Bungendore. The new expanded community library and customer centre would remain in the current office fronting Gibraltar Street.

Bungendore Pool

The positioning of the high school will lead to the relocation of the Bungendore Pool from Mick Sherd to the new Sports Hub. Even before the school proposal, this matter had already been considered by Council and had already been accommodated in the masterplan for the new Bungendore Sports Hub. The new Bungendore pool will be a heated, 8-lane 25m outdoor facility with shade cover.

Council will receive compensation from the NSW Department of Education toward the costs of the new pool. Subject to DA and construction schedules, it is anticipated the pool will be available from the 2022 summer season. The current pool would be available for the 2020 season, but unavailable for the 2021 season. Council will explore options to make swimming accessible to Bungendore residents at other venues for that season.

Bungendore Library and Hall

The public library and hall on the grounds of the Bungendore Public School has long presented Council, and the community, with access issues. Moving the library and hall from within the grounds of Bungendore Public School grounds has the added benefit of freeing up valuable space on the primary school grounds for expansion. A new joint use performance hall is proposed by School Infrastructure on the current pool site.

Bungendore Community Centre

The many and varied uses of the existing community centre at the corner of Majara Street and Turallo Terrace (2 Majara Street) will be able to be accommodated in a reconfiguration of the current Council office building. Several new facilities within the new school including gym/hall and bookable spaces would also become available for community use.

Abbeyfield

The community group facilitating the establishment of the proposed aged care facility in Majara Street have been made aware of the proposal, notably the swapping out of the current site at 4-6 Majara Street with the current community centre at 2 Majara Street. In so doing a larger north facing site becomes available for their redevelopment, accessed from Turallo Terrace. It is understood the Government would cover additional costs as a consequence of rework of plans and applications.

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QPRC clarifies plans for the new infrastructure in Bungendore

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QPRC staff in Bungendore

Council has a commitment to retaining staffing numbers in Bungendore that existed at the time of merger. There will be no reduction in staffing numbers nor a change in the ratio of QPRC staff based in Bungendore.

Should Council agree to sell the office building, options and plans would be worked up with staff and councillors to establish new accommodation for office and depot staff over the next two years, utilising the proceeds of sale to construct a new facility.

Community Engagement

Council looks forward to hearing the results of School Infrastructure's engagement with the Bungendore community.



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The super cute Cavoodle breed of dog is a cross between the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and the toy, or miniature, poodle. It is an increasingly popular breed and can sell for thousands of dollars. In recent weeks, Braidwood has unwittingly been targeted as part of a Cavoodle puppy scam that is targeting dog lovers.

The fraudulent website, cutestcavoodle.com, had a fake location of Bombay, just outside Braidwood, and Braidwood Vet Surgery has received several calls from people calling to check whether the breeder is legitimate. However, some people were not so lucky and did not research before laying down a hefty deposit.

Sandra from Sydney paid a deposit of \$700 on a puppy, but was feeling uneasy about it so she rang a friend who is familiar with Braidwood to check up on the name. She had spoken to a man on the telephone before depositing the money. The man gave an address of an untenanted house in Araluen Street as the pickup address. The same address had been used previously with another woman who had forked out a \$3200 deposit for a pair of puppies. Upon arriving at the residence, there were only cleaners in attendance. Sandra discovered that another couple who had driven from Orange to collect their puppies had paid \$1700 upfront.

The Braidwood Visitors Information Centre had also fielded calls about the scam website. They were also made aware of a similar Kelpie scam via Gumtree, with an address in Braidwood, last week. The information centre also received a call from a lady near Mudgee, who had requested one of the puppies advertised on the fake website and just wanted to check it was genuine as she had an inkling it might be a scam as there had been others.

The cutestcavoodle.com website was disabled on Tuesday morning after Region Media contacted the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC).

Parthenium weed



Parthenium weed invades pastures and crops. It can cause severe human health problems and may cause health problems in livestock. Parthenium weed has recently been found in NSW. Look for it along roadsides, regularly check areas where grain and hay have been fed to livestock, especially after rain and if it has come from Queensland. If you see this plant anywhere in NSW, please call the NSW DPI Biosecurity Helpline on 1800 680 244 or send an email to weeds@dpi.nsw.gov.au For more information, visit [NSWWeedWise](https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/PartheniumWeed)

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Braidwood Tennis Club springs into action

The days are getting warmer which means it is time to get your tennis racquet out of the cupboard and get ready for the Braidwood Tennis Club Spring Night Competitions. In recent years, the tennis club has seen artificial grass laid on all the courts which replaces the all-weather surface. The new surface means that the balls have a true bounce and of course softer for players joints. The Club has also replaced the fencing around the perimeter of the courts. In recent months, as part of the Braidwood Recreation Ground Upgrade Project, QPRC installed a terrific playground and picnic area adjacent to the Clubhouse to give the area a very family orientated feel. The recent upgrade could not be made possible without the support of organisations Braidwood community Bank, Veolia Mulwarree Trust, Braidwood APEX, Braidwood Lions, Braidwood Lodge of Truth, QPRC and of course the members of the Tennis Club.

The Club is also thankful to QPRC for offering to change out light system to LED's. President Michael Toirkens said "We are most grateful for Council's generality and expect a significant reduction in our electricity costs. Also, many thanks to local electrician Leland Blyton for the installation."

The 2039 Spring Competition took on a different format from previous seasons with the sets being reduced from 4 to 3. This proved successful and we will look to continue this. There is the opportunity if player wish to play a fourth set then they can do so. Grading night for the upcoming competition will be held on Monday 21st September at 7pm at the tennis courts in Araluen Street, New players as well as current player are more than welcome to attend. The competition will commence on Monday the 28th September and will be run on a Monday and Tuesday night. The grand final will be played in December. If you cannot commit to playing weekly, you can register as a reserve and play when required.

An important fixture in the Braidwood tennis club calendar is the Palerang Cup. The Palerang cup is an annual event with the Braidwood Tennis Club playing the Bungendore Tennis Club. Club Secretary Jenny Daniher said "The Cup brings together two own and two teams, renewing friendships and playing for the right to holding and keeping the Palerang up for 12 months. Braidwood has held the Cup for the past 4 years and will certainly look at continuing this again this year. The event will be played in November at Braidwood.

In June, the Club was offered the services of Rising Star Tennis Academy Coach, David Pajaczkowski. David has commenced coaching all levels of Juniors on a Thursday afternoon and Saturday mornings. Reports from parents are most encouraging. Should you wish to contact David his number is 0424 295 634.

If you have any questions relating to the Braidwood Tennis Club. Contact Michael Toirkens 0417 063 324 Jenny Daniher 0428 216 878 or Nick Fry 0413 091 896

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During COVID-19:

- All Council meetings are closed to the public
- All Council meetings will be live streamed at <http://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au/>
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- Members of the public can submit written presentations or register to present via video call on items on the agenda online at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/public-involvement-at-Council-meetings
- If you have made a submission on a development application or a plan/project that is being considered by Council, we will let you know when it is being presented to Council for consideration
- Questions on Notice can still be submitted on any Council-related matter by completing the form at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/public-involvement-at-Council-meetings

Next meeting dates are:

- 26 August - Ordinary Council Meeting
- 9 September - Planning and Strategy Committee 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.

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Closure of Farrington Rural Recycling Station

Over several years, Council has been working with the community to improve the use of the Farrington Rural Recycling Station located near the Farrington Rural Fire Station. Common issues at the site include:

- Disposal of household residual waste
- Contamination of the recycling bins
- Placement of materials around bins rather than in the bins
- Illegal dumping



Council has taken the following steps to improve the situation:

- Moved the rural recycling station to a less high profile location
- Placed additional waste education signage in the area
- Increased illegal dumping prevention activities in the area

Regrettably, our combined efforts have not been successful and the decision has been taken to remove the rural recycling station. The Farrington Rural Recycling Station will be removed in August 2020.

Recyclable materials can be taken to the Braidwood Waste Transfer Station. Household recyclable materials are accepted free of charge. Following the closure, the area will be monitored for illegal dumping. If you observe illegal dumping in the area, please report online via <https://ridonline.epa.nsw.gov.au>

If you wish to discuss this matter, please contact Council on 1300 735 025.

Bungendore Sports Hub DA lodged

We have lodged the development application for the Bungendore Sports Hub (off Bungendore Road). The first stage of the hub includes bulk earthworks, two flood-lit sports fields, installation of irrigation infrastructure, two flood-lit hard courts, car parking and amenities including changerooms, toilets and canteen facilities.

The development application is currently on notification until 31 August. Go to www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/development-and-planning-public-notice

We are aiming to have the two main sporting fields ready for the winter 2022 season and the hard courts available sooner.

More information is available on our project page at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Major-Works-Projects/Bungendore-Sports-Hub

The project has been funded by the NSW Government, \$1,500,000 under the Stronger Communities Fund and \$950,000 from the Stronger Country Communities Fund.



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 are now published online at Council's website. This includes the following notices and documents:

- Draft and approved development control plans and amendment or repeal of development control plans.
- Draft and approved contribution plans and the amendment and repeal of contribution plans.
- Development applications and applications for modifications of development consents for designated development, State significant development, nominated integrated development, threatened species development and Class 1 aquaculture development.
- Notice of the granting of a development consent or the issue of a complying development certificate.
- Environmental impact statements and related environmental assessment requirements.
- Draft and adopted development plans and the amendment of development plans (in relation to paper subdivisions).

Documents can be viewed by accessing:

www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/development-and-planning-public-notice

Documents on Public Exhibition - Your Voice

Amendment to QPRC Development Control Plans

Council is updating all current Development Control Plans (DCPs) to reflect the new QLEP 2020. The Palerang DCP 2015 has also been updated to be consistent with the introduction of the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016. In addition, controls including a clear character statement have been added for the area covered under the North Elmslea Planning Proposal to ensure the low density, predominantly single storey character of well separated buildings is achieved in any future development.

The amended DCPs will be on public display until 20 August 2020. Submissions and information lodged with Council during this process may be subject to public access under the Local Government Information (Public Access) Act 2010. For further information, please contact Beate Jansen on 6285 6276.

Long Term Financial Plan - 2020-2030

QPRC's Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) is open for comment. The LTFP informs decision-making and demonstrates how Council will achieve financial sustainability over the long term. Open for comment until 20 August 2020.

Proposed Lease - Riverside Tourist Park

In accordance with s47 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, notice is hereby given that Council proposes to grant a lease for the operation of a short stay caravan park for a maximum tenancy of 10 years (including any option period). The lease is proposed to commence from 1 September 2020, and is for Part lot 7322 DP 1165688 also known as the Riverside Tourist Park. The lease is open for comment until 24 August 2020.

Renewal and Establishment of Alcohol Restrictions in LGA

We are seeking feedback on the proposal to renew existing and create new alcohol restricted areas within our local government area. The new and existing Alcohol Free Zones are Monaro Street, Crawford Street, Collett Street, Uriarra Road, Tamarind Place, Southbar Road, Queenbar Road, Lowe Street Car Park, Morisset Street Car Park, Rutledge Street Car Park, Limestone Drive Car Park, Karabar Car Park, Footpath corner McQuoid St/Atkinson St, 3A Erin Street Car Park and Henderson Car Park. The new and existing Alcohol Prohibited Areas are Ray Morton Park, Waniassa Park, Axis Youth Centre Park, Queen Elizabeth II Park, Queanbeyan River bank/walk, Tamarind Place/Waterfall Reserve, Ernie Beaver Park, Rylie Park, Apex Park, Henderson Park. Open for comment until 14 September 2020.

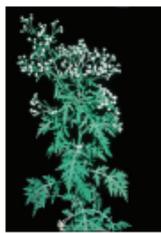
For all items

Find all the details on Council's engagement hub at

yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au. Submissions can be made in the following ways:

- 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 the Queanbeyan, Bungendore or Braidwood offices

Report Parthenium weed



Parthenium weed (*Parthenium hysterophorus*) invades pastures and crops. It can cause severe human health problems and may cause health problems in livestock. Parthenium weed has recently been found in NSW. Look for it along roadsides, regularly check areas where grain and hay have been fed to livestock, especially after rain and if it has come from Queensland.

If you see this plant anywhere in NSW, please

call the NSW DPI Biosecurity Helpline on 1800 680 244 or

send an email to weeds@dpi.nsw.gov.au

For more information, visit <https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/PartheniumWeed>

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Braidwood Golf Club News

Next weekend: Committee Meeting at 10.30am
Women's Competition - Register by 11.45 for a 12noon
Hit off Men's Competition - Register by 12 noon for a
12.15 pm Hit off
Unfortunately, extreme wet weather forced the closure of
the course this weekend.

Coming events: Saturday August 15: Women's
Single Stableford
– Di Freeman Trophy and Men's 2BBB Stableford
- Greg & Les Hart Trophy
Saturday August 22: Men's Single Stableford –
Steve Cansell Trophy Women's Single Stableford
– Amanda Hall Trophy
Saturday August 29: Medley 2BBB Stableford –
12.15 pm. Hit Off-All Players

Many thanks to Kathy Toirkens for braving the wet to take some snaps of the course.

For a while we've had a dead tree stump, covered in ivy, on the 9th near the 7th green. The ivy was into an adjoining pine tree and the weight, with previous rains, caused some large branches of the pine tree to break. Last Sunday, Michael Toirkens, with help from Keith Ferguson, cut down the broken branches and on Monday; David Jones, Mark Newman, Rodney Royds and Keith cleared it all away and were able to burn the stump.



On the Sunday a little friend was found (see above) and on Monday a little (un)friendly was found and rescued by David Jones; carried on a fork down to the creek and released. Thanks to all involved for their help and effort.

Yoga pose of the week with Christina Jagusiak

Universal Spinal twist – Shava Udarakarshanasana

A great yoga pose to stretch the back muscles and stimulate the spinal nerves. Twisting poses stimulate the digestive system and can help to relieve back pain.



To practice - Lie on your back with the legs extended along the floor. Take the arms out to the sides, shoulder level with the palms turned down. Bend the right leg and place the sole of the foot beside the left knee. Take the left hand to rest on top of the right knee. Gently bring the right knee to the left side of the body, keeping the leg bent and foot in contact with the knee. Turn the head to the right to gaze along the straight arm. Hold the position as long as comfortable then return back to the centre and practice to the other side.

Online Classes

Yoga

Monday 4pm
Wednesday 9.30am
Saturday 8am

Meditation

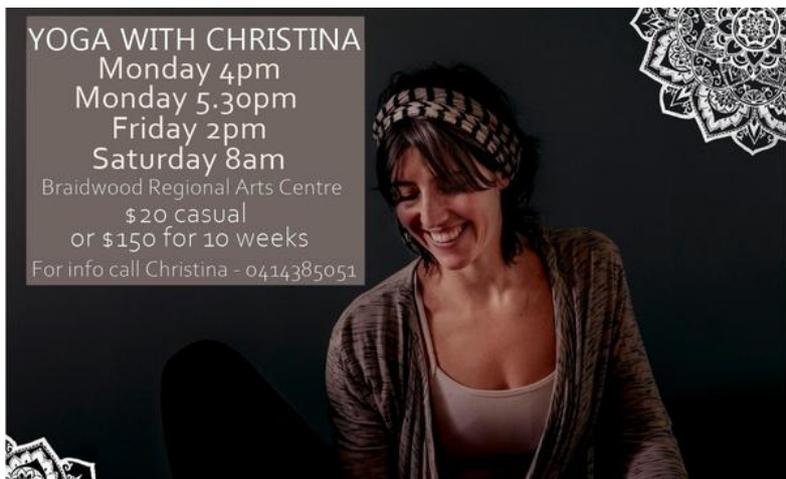
Monday 8pm
Wednesday 8pm



YOGA WITH CHRISTINA

Monday 4pm
Monday 5.30pm
Friday 2pm
Saturday 8am

Braidwood Regional Arts Centre
\$20 casual
or \$150 for 10 weeks
For info call Christina - 0414385051



Redbacks beat Boars in the mud



By Nick Pengelly

Photo Alex Rea

The Braidwood Redbacks shrugged off the disappointment of last weekend's loss to Bungendore in the annual Palarang Shield with a tough 24-22 win against the Boars at a very wet Batemans Bay. The loss to the Mudhooks came at a cost with injuries to key players Cade Graf, Joshua Southwell-Nobbs, Jacob Rose and star Five Eight Ben Howard suffering a sickening broken leg. To make matters worse prop Kris Anderson sustained a season ending neck injury at training which forced the Redbacks to declare non contested scrums against the Boars. The Redbacks are now on a recruiting mission in search of another prop to partner Buzz McGlone and the returning Cade Graf for the home game against Broulee this weekend.

The Boars scored first in what was to be a very scrappy affair in extremely wet conditions. However the Redbacks slowly took control of the game and spent long periods of time attacking the Boars line. The strong Boars defence eventually gave way with No. 8 Billy Halligan crashing over to even up the scores.

The Redbacks were soon over again on the back of a "Brumbies style" rolling maul with Fynn Walker picking up the spoils and putting the Redbacks up 14 – 5. Immediately from the kick off the Boars made a vital mistake that which was pounced on by captain Jake Holland who sprinted over in the corner and took the Redbacks into half time with a 19 – 5 lead. The second half saw a Boars resurgence where they posted three hard fought tries, with the final one coming late in the game and putting the Boars in front 22 – 19 with a minute remaining on the clock.

However, the Redbacks never die attitude paid off with Billy Halligan miraculously stealing the ball from Boars five eight at the back of a scrum, and crashing over for a "last Play" try giving the Redbacks a 24 -22 win.

This was a vital win for the Redbacks and puts them into finals contention. Three points went to Billy Halligan, two points Fergus James and one point to redbacks utility player Robbie Bell. Billy Halligan also picked up Players Player. This weekend sees the Redbacks return home to Braidwood with a vital game against the Broulee Dolphins. With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, spectators will be allowed at the Rec Ground. The Redbacks will have hand sanitisation stations set up and of course social distancing rules will still apply.

NEXT GAME SAT, 15 AUG AT 14:30
Braidwood Redbacks v Broulee Dolphins
Braidwood Rec Grounds



Sport Recreation Entertainment Bar

Braidwood Servicemen's Club

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Wednesday night **meat raffles** from 7pm

Friday night raffles & Lucky members draw.
Now at \$1200 must be won at \$5000.

Bridge Tuesdays at the club from 1.00pm.
Poker is back Sunday from 2pm

Social Bowls Thursday & Sunday from 1pm.

The Pine Garden Restaurant is open 6 days a week for Lunch & Dinner! Enjoy a range of Chinese & Australian Meals, plus \$12 Lunch Specials every day!

Need a lift? Courtesy bus available, phone the club 48422108. We'll make sure you are picked up and taken home safely. Gold coin donation is appreciated!

Is Gambling a Problem for you?
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