



A wet week in Braidwood saw the rivers and creeks overflowing, with many residents of the district cut off from town. Emergency services were on alert. The Queanbeyan SES Unit was brought in to rescue a vehicle swept into the river while attempting to cross at Jinden. On Monday a four car accident closed the Kings Highway near Tudor Valley Road at Northanger for some hours.

The Braidwood district fared well compared with other areas of the state where the flooding is ongoing. Rainfall totals reported varied from 492mm near Budawang Mountain to 318mm at Wyanbene, 160mm at Durran Durra, 200mm at Bombay, 237mm at Bendoura and 165mm at Manar. Photo: Bombay Rd at the Shoalhaven: Jarrah Knowles Photography

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Fast EV charger in Braidwood would connect Canberra and coast

I'm a member of the community group SHASA - the Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance, based in the Eurobodalla. The SHASA electric transport working group (ETWG) is promoting the adoption of EV's and have the use of one of our member's EVs, a new Nissan Leaf, for promotional purposes.

The ETWG has determined that a serious impediment to the adoption of passenger EVs in the Eurobodalla shire is not so much price, there are plenty of vehicles being sold in the \$50,000-\$80,000 price range, but a lack of fast chargers on the route between the coast and Canberra. Because the ACT Government has still to sort out its fast charging network, visitors to Canberra from the coast and beyond are frequently in need of a top up when they get over the Clyde Mountain so that they can travel about in Canberra without suffering the dreaded range anxiety. A cure for this range anxiety would be a fast charger in Braidwood. We believe that the lack of a fast charger at this location is also inhibiting Canberra visitors to the Eurobodalla from using their EVs.

At our meeting with the NSW Transport minister (and our local member) last December, Andrew Constance stated that Government funding was available for EV charging stations and that he understood the disadvantages faced by people on the south coast. This avenue is being pursued by SHASA but the wheels of bureaucracy turn slowly. We are also aware that the NRMA is partnering with the NSW government for the installation of another 20 charging stations along major routes but nobody that we have spoken to at the NRMA can tell us how Braidwood or the South Coast fits into this program. This avenue is also being pursued.

SHASA would throw its support behind any request to have an EV fast charger installed in Braidwood. At the moment the adoption of EVs is a mere trickle. SHASA would like to turn this into a flood and with the help of a few more strategically placed fast chargers we believe this can be achieved.

Thomas Schild

**SHASA Electric transport working group
Moruya**

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Braidwood resident impacted by Taree floods

My sister Tracia and partner Peter Bowie's rental cottage has been seen on all the national TV stations on Saturday 20 Mar 2021, floating down the Manning River, made more news worthy as it was also the wedding day of the young couple renting the property.

What people don't know is that as well as the cottage that provided a source of income to Tracia and Peter, they lost up to 192 head of cattle, 6km of fencing and numerous other assets and infrastructure on the property.

Just over a year ago their property in Braidwood was burned through by bushfires and some of these cattle are the survivors of that event. A GoFundMe has been created to help. <https://gofund.me/e2816c26>

**Nigel Milton
Canberra**

Applications are now open for the QPRC Annual Community Grants Program 2021/22

Council is offering up to \$2,000 per eligible organisation across two categories.

Applications close at 5pm on Friday 7 May 2021.

For more information on eligibility, and to apply, see www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Community/Grants-Donations#section-8



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Braidwood Community Association News

Community Priorities Survey: A final reminder that the Braidwood Community Association is conducting a survey of community needs and priorities. We want to know the issues that concern our residents, and the projects that are most important to you. We have received over 250 responses already, which is fantastic. Thanks to all those who have taken 5-10 mins to complete the survey.

This is your chance to have your say about the future development of our town and region. We all have our own ideas, and we want to hear from as many people as possible. The responses will be used in submissions to QPRC to inform their planning and budgeting for Braidwood's development.

The survey is online at

www.surveymonkey.com/r/BLCZYLK. Printed survey forms are available at the Bendigo Bank, the Braidwood library, the Servicemen's Club and the Visitors Information Centre. There are posters around town with a QR code and there is a link on the BCA website, www.braidwoodcommunity.org.au. The information you provide will be kept in confidence and only aggregated data released.

Responses to the survey need to be received by 5pm on 26th March. There's still time to have your say.

Neighbours Day Picnic: Come and help celebrate Neighbours Day with us on Sunday March 28th in North Ryrie Park, where a community picnic will be held from 12.00 to 2.00pm. BYO picnic, kids, a picnic blanket, and join us for a chat with friends and neighbours. New residents are very welcome to come and introduce yourselves. This is an informal gathering to celebrate what a great community we live in, and the social connections which help us in both good times and bad.

BCA AGM: Our Covid-delayed Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday April 20th at 5.30pm at the Servicemen's Club. You'll need to be a member to vote at the meeting. If any local resident has a real interest in being on our Committee, please contact info@braidwoodcommunity.org.au and request a nomination form.

Memberships are now due for renewal, and new members are very welcome. Bendigo Bank can provide you with a membership form, and it's available on our website as well. Membership is \$10 per year. Existing members can renew online using BSB 633 000, Acc # 163 734 015. Don't forget to add your name as the reference. We hope to see a great turnout on Sunday March 28th for the Community Picnic in North Ryrie Park, as long as the weather settles down!

Sue Murray, BCA President

Celebrations



Chris & Michael Gill from Reidsdale celebrated 50 years together on Saturday & caught up with Wendy McMahon Bell celebrating her 80th Birthday at Vanilla @ Altenburg. Photo: Cheryl Raper



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Majors Creek mine dams spill over after deluge



Sediment from the Dargues Gold Mine at Majors Creek has been forced to release sediment from the site as of yesterday afternoon, as one sediment basin was overtopping, and another was at full capacity.

The mine site has had over 250mm in the last 10 days and over 190mm in the last 7 days and the rain is still coming down.

The mine management alerted the community on Tuesday that “the team at Dargues has been working tirelessly to manage water during the extreme weather events of the last seven days.”

The mine advised that “All contaminated water systems are performing as designed and we are regularly inspecting them to ensure competency.”

“In accordance with the approved Water Management Plan, the ten-day design rainfall depth for sediment basins (110.4 mm) was exceeded several days ago. Therefore, these facilities are permitted to discharge via designated spillways, should the need arise. The sediment basins are operating as designed and the project is compliant with our approval and licence conditions.”

“With the forecast for more significant rain today, we expect similar events to occur within the next 24-48 hours. The appropriate regulatory authorities have been advised of the situation.”

“While any sediment basin is overflowing, we will continue to operate in accordance with the Water Management Plan and implement the following:

- Continue pumping at full capacity to MWSD01 (if there is sufficient capacity) and to the irrigation fields; and
- Continue to undertake surface water monitoring at SW-1 to SW-6 and the relevant sediment basin.”

The mine statement continued: “We will continue to manage surface water onsite and work to prevent any material downstream impacts during these challenging times.”

The mine rang downstream residents at 9pm on Monday night to say the sediment dam was about to overflow, but that the quality of water in it as better than already flowing down Spring Creek.

Araluen resident Jackie French said she agreed “that it wouldn't make much difference today, but pointed out that we are still recovering from the drought and fires and this amount of sediment is not normal.”

“The mine site is supposed to be safe for a 1:100 year flood. This isn't as high yet as January last year, nor anywhere near the floods of the 1970's and 1980's I measured here. If the design can't cope with this, it can't cope with normal variations, much less climate change” said Jackie.

“This isn't a record flood, or not in this area. It's a normal one, the kind that comes every few decades or more often. The only difference is the sediment level as there's still so much bare ground” she added.

“The flood equivalent of an arsonist is an engineer or planner or public servant who ignores history and geography and allows development that can't cope with the weather events an area has already often experienced” said Jackie.

According to weatherman Roger Hosking, Majors Creek recorded 511mm in March 1978 and 294mm in March 2012.

In nearby Braidwood (which is not as wet as Majors Creek), the highest March 7 day total rainfall in 100 years was 296mm in 1978.

Jackie added “The question for Council and the Department of Planning and the mine: What infrastructure changes are they going to put in place now they have seen the current inadequacies?”

From the Dargues Gold Mine site, Spring Creek runs into Majors Creek and makes it was through Araluen Creek to the Deua River and Moruya River.

An EPA spokesperson said “The EPA is aware the stormwater management system at Dargues Gold Mine has reached capacity and is likely to overflow towards Majors Creek. The current wet weather event exceeds the design capacity of the stormwater management system.”

The EPA confirmed that Dargues Gold Mine advised both the EPA and the community about the imminent discharge.

“Areas where chemicals are stored or used are fully contained and no runoff is permitted” said the Spokesperson.

The EPA continues to monitor the current weather situation and will determine any necessary action.

Week ending
21 March 2021

Braidwood Weather

With
Roger
Hosking

First frost. Total rain for the month so far is 175mm. 75mm of runoff put the Shoalhaven over the Bombay crossing. The highest March rain total was 340mm in 1978.

Mon 15	Max 12	Min 0.5	5.8mm
Tues 16	Max 20	Min 6	
Wed 17	Max 19	Min 10	3.2mm
Thu 18	Max 15	Min 13	7.2mm
Fri 19	Max 17	Min 13	3.4mm
Sat 20	Max 18	Min 13.5	20.6mm
Sun 21	Max 18	Min 14.5	34.8mm

Grassland SDI (soil moisture deficit) 0mm
Average date of first light frost is 24 March

- Another 23mm to 9am Monday

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ABC radio reception now available in Braidwood and the Flat

To say that residents in Braidwood, Captains Flat and various areas in between have struggled to get reliable coverage of the ABC666 signal for many years, is an understatement. This is of particular concern during emergencies such as bushfire and flood. Council has been working with a telecommunications contractor over the past few years to improve the signal via retransmission.

Residents in those areas should now be able to access a stronger signal through the following frequencies

Captains Flat and surrounds - FM 88.5

Braidwood and surrounds - FM 100.3

The Council reported: Following representations from residents, Council has been progressing discussions with various organisations to determine options for enhancing the ABC 666 radio signal to the eastern and southern parts of the QPRC local government area.

Council has now been provided with a service agreement with N-Com Pty Ltd to allow the installation of a transmitter on Mt Cronin. The land is owned by the NSW Forestry Corporation and a licence agreement has been developed between those two parties to allow the required infrastructure to be installed

Recommendation That Council:

1. Endorse the finalisation of the service agreement.
2. Fund the service agreement through provision of \$24,245pa in the Delivery Program.

Background: The quality of the ABC radio signal in the eastern and southern parts of the local government area (particularly Braidwood, Captains Flat and surrounding localities) is poor. As the ABC is the official emergency broadcaster, Council has been approached by residents to seek a solution to ensure residents are able to access emergency information when required. Following the 2013 Sandy Hills fire, the former Palerang Council was approached by residents to address this issue in sections of the local government area.

There are a number of areas with poor reception due to the hilly terrain. This is particularly noticeable around Captains Flat and Braidwood. There are also issues with mobile phone service, so streaming services cannot be utilised.

At the emergency debrief following the Sandy Hills fires, the former Palerang Council raised concerns to the ABC about emergency broadcasting. Legislative barriers to re-broadcasting across the state/territory line were identified. At the time, Palerang Council made representations to the former Federal Member for Eden Monaro, without success.

The matter was raised again with Council following the Currandooley and Carwoola fires during the 2016-17 summer. Staff contacted the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) to explore available options to enhance the ABC radio signal. ACMA provided contact details for suitable companies to undertake a survey of the area and propose potential solutions.

Council engaged N-Com to undertake a survey and coverage simulation of the ABC radio signal in the eastern parts of the LGA. The report provided by N-Com considered five potential sites for the installation of a transmitter, including Mt Lowden, Mt Cronin, Mt Cowangerong (BOM site), Captains Flat and Mt Gillamatong. Mt Gillamatong was selected.

Key features of the service agreement include:

- The service provider (N-Com) will provide for the ABC radio service to be transmitted from Mt Cronin to cover towns within the Council area (Braidwood, Captains Flat and areas in between).
- The client (QPRC) will hold the license for the FM radio service and will pay the application fee and annual license renewal fee
- Agreed service levels are a minimum service availability 95% of the time, 24 hours a day, seven days a week other than scheduled downtime (excluding factors beyond service provider control such as weather and faulty connection from ACT tower).
- Fee rebates are applicable if service does not meet minimum performance requirements.
- A requirement for the service provider to prepare quarterly output reports for QPRC to monitor performance
- The service provider must obtain all relevant insurance policies.
- Electricity fees will be charged in addition to the fees set out in the finance section of this report.
- An early termination clause is available if the service does not meet minimum performance requirements.

As it is not possible to retransmit an AM signal via AM radio, the ABC re-transmission will occur via an FM signal. The infrastructure already installed on Mt Cronin, provides capacity to re-transmit other radio signals, at a small increase in cost.

Advice provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority suggests that a transmitting arrangement is the best option to increase the ABC radio signal in the eastern and southern parts of the local government area. There is a cost associated with this retransmission, whether Council funds the costs or seeks assistance from NSW or Federal Government is a decision for Council.



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Local winner in Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Town Awards

QPRC's Citizen Science Platypus and Rakali Monitoring Program was announced the winner of the Habitat and Conservation Award at the 2020 Keep Australia Beautiful NSW Sustainable Communities - Tidy Towns Awards held last weekend. If you want to know more about the program, or to report a sighting, go to: <https://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/platypus>

Other local winners at the Tidy Town Awards were:

- Environmental Communication Award - Majors Creek Festival Waste Management and Sustainability Engagement Program
- Return and Earn Litter Prevention Award - Braidwood Scouts Group
- Response to Climate Change Awards The Mulloon Institute (Mulloon Rehydration Initiative) See below.

QPRC also got a notable mention in the Sustainable Projects category for the Riverside Tourist Park Energy Upgrades.

Mulloon wins Climate Change Award

An ambitious project by the Mulloon Institute to rehydrate the landscape, capture carbon in the process and cool the earth has won the 'Response to Climate Change' award at the 2020 Australian Sustainable Communities Awards.

The 'Mulloon Creek Rehydration Initiative – Stage 1' project is one element of the much larger catchment scale project, which is unique in Australia, not only because it has 20 farmers working together across 20,000 hectares committed to restoring

natural landscape function but because of the detailed level of scientific monitoring associated with it. Stage 1 involves 1,000 hectares and three properties.

CEO of the Mulloon Institute, Carolyn Hall said:

"At a time when the world is looking for solutions to reduce the impact of climate change, specifically global warming, this Award is a great recognition of the important role Agriculture can play, while working in unison with nature, to move the sector from a net emitter of carbon dioxide to a sequester of carbon."

"Soil can hold three times the amount of carbon than is currently in the atmosphere. Our work in rehydrating the land puts more water into the soil, which improves carbon levels and helps grow more vegetation."

"This in turn increases transpiration which reduces heat levels in the atmosphere. At a local catchment level, it helps farmers become more resilient to drought, fire and flood".

The Institute's work has also been acknowledged by the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network as one of five projects globally that demonstrate how bringing degraded landscapes back to life can benefit both agriculture and the environment.

To help repair the severely eroded Mulloon Creek, the waterway was fenced, leaky weirs were installed and 1000s of native plants were planted.



This slowed the water flow and rehydrated the floodplain, allowing the riparian area to return to a series of wetlands that are now full of life and biodiversity and able to provide habitat for native plants and animals.

The floodplain has been reconnected with the creek and can once again function like a sponge storing water, growing more pasture and crops and ensuring Mulloon Creek has water even during dry times.

Several threatened and vulnerable species are benefiting from the project, including the Scarlet Robin, Diamond Firetail, and Dusky Wood Swallow, with other species such as the locally extinct, Yellow-spotted Bell Frog being reintroduced to the area by Taronga Zoo.

The Response to Climate Change Award recognises actions taken to tackle climate change, through:

- Providing real and practical solutions to meet the challenges of climate change in their area;
- Planning long term for the management of climate change events, which includes partnerships, collaboration and community engagement;
- Educating communities and building capacity about the causes and effects of climate change and what individuals can do to take action;
- Acting to combat existing climate change events and improving infrastructure etc to improve an areas resilience.

The Mulloon Institute's ultimate goal is to rehydrate and rehabilitate 2.5 million hectares of agricultural land and to improve the resilience, productivity and profitability of over 5,000 farming families through its works, advice and support.

This Stage 1 project is jointly funded through The Mulloon Institute, the Australian Government's National Landcare Program, the Australian Government's 20 Million Trees program, the Australian Government's Green Army, the NSW Environmental Trust's Restoration and Rehabilitation Fund, the NSW Environmental Trust's Saving our Species – Scarlet Robin program, and South East Local Land Services' Rural Landscapes Program.

These awards are coordinated by Keep Australia Beautiful NSW.

[Pictured: Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC, Governor of NSW with The Mulloon Institute's CEO Carolyn Hall. Photo: Trevor Hicks]



Nura Gunyu visit to Preschool



Braidwood Preschool were very happy to have Uncle Noel and Aunt Trish Nura Gunyu visit this week, on a day of so much bana (rain).

Uncle Noel read a story Aunt Trish has written about the animal making a two day walk from gadhu (the sea) to Mongarlowe.

The children remembered the animal names in dhurga language, maringali, ngaran ngaran, mirigan, goombawa, and joined Aunt Trish in singing, and dancing to Uncle Noel playing the didj.

Thanks Uncle Noel and Aunt Trish for sharing your stories and songs with us.



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QPRC Ordinary Meeting

AGENDA 24 March 2021

Commencing at 5.30pm

Queanbeyan Council Chambers

BUSINESS PAPER AGENDA – 24 March 2021

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Live Tweets from the Queanbeyan Council Chambers for the 24 March 2021 Ordinary Meeting of Council. 5:31 PM · Mar 24, 2021

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Dave Turner, Ellanor Pavlovich, Ian Marsh and Sally Clear have been appointed as community representatives on Bungendore Floodplain Risk Management Committee

Kano Jujutsu Institute Limited, who own and run a martial arts training hall on the Atkinson Street, Queanbeyan East has been granted rate relief in the amount of \$1,924.06 following an application under the QPRC Donations policy.

Council has noted the investment return for February 2021 was \$82,722.

Donations have been made to community groups that assisted Council's Australia Day celebrations: Qbn Girl Guides \$400; City of Qbn Pipes and Drums \$200; Rotary Qbn West Branch \$400 (MC Brian Lenard); Captains Flat Community Group \$200; Lions Club Braidwood \$200.

Council has noted a report from the NSW Productivity Commission's Review of Infrastructure Contributions in NSW. The Government has accepted all 29 recommendations. Read more at: <https://planning.nsw.gov.au/infrastructure-contributions-reform...>

Council has received a report noting that the Queanbeyan Floodplain Risk Management Study & Plan has been finalised and uploaded to the NSW Flood Data Portal for public viewing. It can also be found at: <https://bit.ly/3rgsrld>

A report summarising maintenance grading and bitumen resealing activities for the third Quarter of 2020/21 has been received for information

A report about upcoming community meetings has been received. The meetings provide updates on general matters and major projects and offer opportunities for the community to ask questions. Bungendore – Tues 4 May; Braidwood – Tues 11 May; Queanbeyan – Thurs 20 May.

A report on the success of the Treasure Trail Shop and Win Promotion 2020 shows the total spend across Braidwood and Bungendore was 19.7% higher than the previous year's campaign.

The Australian Wind Symphony was endorsed by Council to use the Bicentennial Hall as its rehearsal base in 2020. COVID-19 interrupted these plans. A report now indicates the Australian Wind Symphony would like to transfer to dates in 2021 that are to be confirmed.

Council has authorised the CEO to negotiate the acquisition of three potential sites for a new Bungendore office. Under the Bungendore High School proposal which Council endorsed in late 2020, the Department of Education will acquire the current Council building.



Can you help Landcare?

Landcare is looking for a site located in Braidwood for a community run native plant nursery.

The Upper Shoalhaven Landcare Council (USLC) has been invited to apply for funding for an exciting opportunity with the Foundation of National Parks and Wildlife to set up a community run native plant nursery. Given recent droughts and bushfires, this is a really important time to bring the community together to help collect a local seed bank and propagate native plants for revegetation projects, farms and local backyards.

We are looking for a site to build our nursery on, if you own property in Braidwood and are interested in the project we would love the opportunity to speak with you about partnering with us on this project and providing us with a site in Braidwood for the community nursery.

The nursery size is dependent on the site and available funding however the design will constitute a low-key construction and relatively small footprint. Our nursery construction will consist of steel frame, shade cloth poly tunnels with a gravel base, shelving and watering system.

A shed and water tank will also be included in the design to store pots and materials and help manage water costs. The design will also include a security set up, with a combination lock given to registered volunteers and your members only. Depending on the site, we might also look at erecting a cyclone fence to protect the nursery from any potential vandalism.

We have approximately 20 volunteers ready to help with establishment and ongoing maintenance of the nursery, many of whom have recently attended a native seed collection and propagation workshop.

If successful in securing funds, USLC would be responsible for the project oversight including construction and maintenance, insurance cover for volunteers and visitors, volunteer training and creation and upkeep of a roster of local volunteers.

As the due date for the grant application is the end of April, we'd appreciate an early indication whether our proposal has potential for your site, and if so, to formalise an agreement by the third week in April. If you have any questions, or wish to discuss our proposal further please contact Jane Ambrose on mobile number 0406 378 296, or via email on jeambrose@iinet.net.au

Jane Ambrose, Chair, Upper Shoalhaven Landcare Council

Burnt out local environment receives funding support

By Kristy McBain, Member for Eden Monaro

Community organisations across Eden-Monaro have received much needed funding to support their ongoing work to repair and restore our shattered environment in the wake of the Black Summer Bushfires.

Over \$1 million has been allocated to groups from the Bega Valley, Snowy Valleys, Snowy Monaro, and Queanbeyan-Palerang regions from the Bushfire Recovery for Wildlife and Habitat Community Grants Program.

I am delighted to see this money flow to these committed organisations who have responded to the distress they see and feel in the landscape around us.

The environment is central to the identity of Eden-Monaro and I know many people have been carrying great sadness about the scar inflicted on our fauna and flora. Taking action and supporting the natural healing underway will lift spirits.

Eighty-eight projects from the \$10 million fund have been announced by the Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment. Locally they include:

- Snowy Valleys Bush Fire Recovery-Wildlife and Habitat Corridors & Reserves Project - \$150,000, to assess areas of native habitat and map bushfire affected corridors and adjacent public lands to manage and implement weed treatment regimens.

- Monaro Farmers Support Spotted-tail Quoll Project - \$118,000, for the integration of native tree corridors, stock exclusion fencing, targeted tree planting and weed control to supplement grassy woodland and stabilise the soil and provide habitat for the quoll.

- Wildlife Resilience Project, with a Little Help from our Friends - \$150,000, focusing on Barraboo Creek (between Cobargo and Quaama) habitat and erosion rehabilitation through community workshops, cultural burns and stock exclusion fencing.

- Reintroducing Pseudomys (native rodents) Project - \$150,000, for the successful release of captive-bred Smoky Mice and New Holland Mouse back into their home range state of Nullica, NSW and Googong NSW.

Recovery is a long road for the people and places of Eden-Monaro, this funding from the government needs to be seen as just the start. Our environment will need ongoing support for some time to come, and that work needs to be seen as an investment in the community and local economy.

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Community Heritage Grants 2021



The Community Heritage Grants (CHG) program offers cash grants of up to \$15,000 to community groups to help preserve and manage locally held and nationally significant cultural heritage collections.

A wide range of activities may qualify for grants, including significance assessments of collections, preservation needs, conservation activities, collection management and training workshops. Not-for-profit organisations, such as historical societies, regional museums, archives, galleries, libraries and Indigenous and migrant community groups, are encouraged to apply.

Director-General of the National Library of Australia Dr Marie-Louise Ayres said the annual program provides vital support in preserving Australia's rich cultural heritage for future generations.

"Our cultural heritage tells the story of who we are," she said. "It is essential that we maintain Australia's significant cultural heritage collections for the public today, while at the same time ensuring that they will remain part of our collective future."

Since its inception in 1994, the CHG program has allocated over \$7.6 million to more than 1500 collection preservation and management projects. Last year, funding of \$395,000 was awarded to 61 regional and community projects, with subjects ranging from the Maruku Arts Collection from central Australia to a memorabilia collection from Sydney's Luna Park.

Applications **open Tuesday, 9 March and close at midnight (AEST) on Monday 10 May 2021**. Applicants should carefully read the 2021 Community Heritage Grants program guidelines before submitting an application. To find out more information and how to submit an application visit nla.gov.au/chg.

CHG is funded by the Australian Government through the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications (Office for the Arts); National Library of Australia; the National Archives of Australia; the National Film and Sound Archive and the National Museum of Australia.

Women for Election NSW Local Government EQUIP workshops Goulburn



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Have you ever considered running for public office? Local Council is a great place to start! Read the Minister for Local Government, Shelley Hancock's, article on her journey into politics and why she wants to see more women Councillors across NSW.

Women represent less than a third of all NSW councillors & mayors. Let's try and change it.

Across the country, NSW is the state with the fewest number of female Councillors. We need more women at the table where decisions are being made.

That's why Women for Election Australia is launching seven workshops across NSW; to provide women with the key knowledge, tools, and techniques to enable them to run for office, be the best candidate they can be or assist another woman with her political campaign. We look forward to helping you get elected!

Goulburn Date: Friday 7 May

Venue: Workspace Goulburn, 56 Clinton Street, Goulburn

Time: 9 am – 3 pm

Secure your spot now.....each workshop is limited to 30 people.

Content includes:

- Introductions, understand your obligations as a candidate, the role of councillor & know why you want to run.
- Plan your campaign, Part 1: Understand the time & financial commitment, building your team & develop your Game Plan.
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Tree of Life - A testament to endurance S H Ervin Gallery, Sydney

Following on from the outstanding success and reach of the exhibition, *River on the Brink: Inside the Murray-Darling Basin*, curated by Gavin Wilson for the S H Ervin Gallery in 2019, a forthcoming exhibition at the S H Ervin Gallery, addressing equally significant environmental issues, includes a number of major works by **John R Walker**.

Tree of Life: a testament to endurance (also curated by Gavin Wilson) is an exhibition by indigenous and non-indigenous Australian artists who are concerned for the environment and natural world, and understand the deep spiritual and physical associations that connect all forms of life. 10 April to 30 May

And in the meantime, if you're in Sydney and have the chance, the current exhibition *Papuya Tula: 50 years 1971-2021* is an absolute cracker of a show at the S H Ervin Gallery. On until 4 April, so its open over Easter Saturday 3 and Easter Sunday 4 April.



Studio Still Life detail by Lesley Sykes At BRAG

Michelle Slezak @ V & M



Michelle Slezak's artworks are featured on V&M's Gallery Wall until mid May and her innovative application of recycled materials - including discarded blankets, clothing, kitchen utensils and textile remnants - are attracting enormous interest.

The main piece is set within a wine barrel hoop, made up of the remnants of approximately 35 t-shirts, 4 pairs of pants, 1 towel, a cushion cover and a pillow case. Michelle is strongly influenced by cultural and family relationships where self-expression through art practice is nurtured, encouraged and valued. V&M Wallace Street. Open 7 days 10-4

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26th March -11th April 2021

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Gold 2 Exhibition at Troopers Rest

Troopers Rest is open as usual on THURSDAY at 5pm for HAPPY HOUR, with dinner from 5.30pm
FRIDAY coffee, breakfast & lunch 8.30 -2pm then from 4 pm for drinks & dinner.

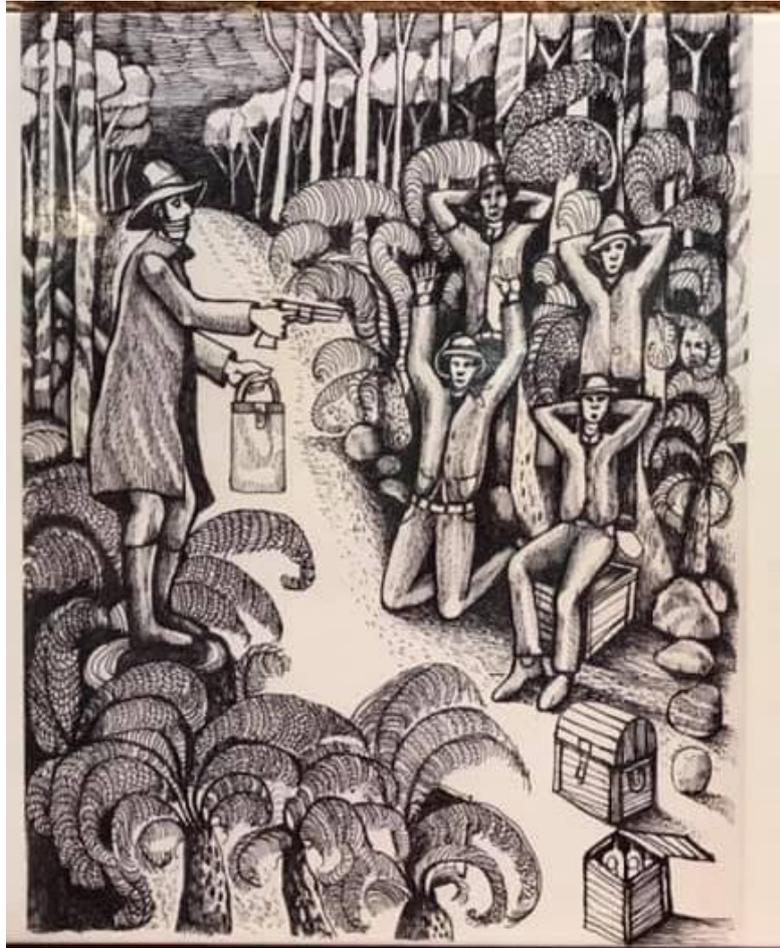
Dinner this Friday 26th

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Jillamatong Regen 101 Workshop

You can't let a bit of rain get in the way of a great time and that's exactly what the seven participants embraced on the first 'Regen 101' weekend at Jillamatong this weekend.

Jumping aboard the new Jillamatong trailer, participants toured the property learning how to read the landscape, the importance of nutrient cycling, timed controlled grazing and landscape hydration practices among many other topics. "It's always so fantastic to host groups of innovative thinkers" says Martin, and great to share in the energy of passionate people.

And by a "bit of rain", we mean 85mm just over the weekend. Hope everyone is staying safe out there. Watch this space for the next Regen 101 weekend.

Photo: The fantastic Regen 101 participants at Pelican Pond with Mt Gillamatong in the background.
Matthw Hulse



Domestic Defensive Architecture in Early Colonial NSW with Dr Stephen Gapps

(Online) A joint Historic Houses Association and History Council NSW online event | 15 April 2021 at 6:30 pm
In this conversational talk, Dr Stephen Gapps asks us to revisit some of our well-known historic houses and to rethink the way we look at the context of their construction.

The inclusion of defensive elements in early colonial buildings and structures in NSW has had little attention from historians and the heritage field. Often dismissed as decorative features, slit windows, stone walls and strong rooms are surprisingly common features in remote homesteads constructed at the time of Frontier Wars conflict or bushranging in the early 19th century.

Right across the British Empire during the 18th and early 19th centuries, it was a widespread practice to consider defence when building a domestic structure, particularly in areas where that homestead might become a rallying point in times of crisis. In this conversational talk, Dr Stephen Gapps asks us to revisit some of our well-known historic houses and to rethink the way we look at the context of their construction.

This event is online. Free for current HCNSW and HHA members. Non-members:
<https://historycouncilnsw.org.au/domestic-defensive-architecture-in-early-colonial-nsw/>

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A beer with Baz By John Longhurst

A BEER WITH BAZ #9

Mick neatly folded his yellow raincoat and placed it beside his umbrella and took a decent sip of his schooner of beer. He shook his head a number of times.

'Bloody protesters, Bazza. They're everywhere. Turn on the tele and it's full of all this March 4 Justice. It's weird though, Bazza, it's not your usual mob. Sure, all the usual suspects are there..... you know people with green hair and plenty of women with earrings in their nose but what gets me is the number of normal people.' Mick leaned in.

'Now keep this quiet, Bazza, even my niece was in the March and she has never protested in her life. Bloody hell, even ole Merle down the end of the street was bending my ear. I tell you bring back Alan Jones. He wouldn't cop this stuff.'

The room darkened as the storm started to move in. 'Well Mick, I think your mate Sco Mo is in a bit of strife with this one.'

Mick pursed his lips.

'Now Bazza, Sco Mo has talked to Jen and the girls. He said the protesters won't be shot. He's on top of things. Now this is what I reckon.....'

Baz looked beyond Mick to the window as the noise of the storm drowned out Mick. Lightning pierced the sky, rain pummelled the tin roof and soon the outside gutters were washing away collected garbage.

Mick finished up his speech, paused and stated 'Bloody big storm, Bazza.'

'I think it's set in, Mick.'

Local general practices start providing COVID-19 vaccines

Almost 40 general practices in South Eastern NSW have started providing COVID-19 vaccinations this week, after being approved by the Department of Health to participate in Phase 1b of the rollout.

According to Dianne Kitcher, CEO of COORDINARE – South Eastern NSW PHN these practices will play a critical role in protecting South Eastern NSW residents against the COVID-19 virus.

“Our local general practices are really excited about helping keep our communities safe. It is one of the largest public health campaigns to ever be undertaken in our country,” said Ms Kitcher.

“Initially, these practices will focus on vaccinating people who are over 70, or over 55 years old if Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, younger adults with underlying medical conditions.

“Over time all accredited general practices will have the opportunity to provide the vaccine. The majority of general practices in South Eastern NSW selected to support the vaccination rollout program will commence vaccination from mid-April,” she said.

Established GP-run respiratory clinics, which have played a critical role in providing local COVID-19 assessment and testing, and Aboriginal health services are also participating in the vaccination program, and have started offering vaccinations this week.

“While the Australian COVID-19 vaccination program is well underway, it will be a number of months before everyone in our region will access vaccines.

“Australia has sufficient vaccine supply to ensure that all those who would like to be vaccinated can, we all just need to wait our turn during the initial stages of the rollout. If you are uncertain, you can use the vaccine eligibility tracker on the Department of Health’s website,” she said.

Ms Kitcher emphasised the importance of maintaining hygiene practices, physical distancing and testing for COVID-19 throughout 2021.

“As the COVID-19 vaccination program ramps up, and despite the relatively low numbers of local cases we’ve experienced in our region, we can’t let our guard down,” she said.

“We need to remain vigilant about preventing the spread of the virus. If you’re experiencing even mild symptoms, make sure you get tested early at one of our local testing centres.”

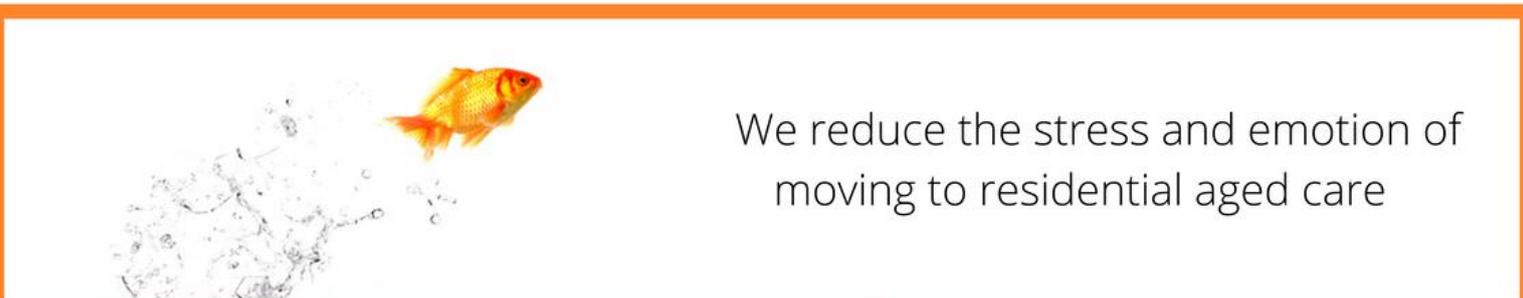
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Monash researchers call for change in antibacterial soap use amid superbug threat

Soaps that claim to be “antimicrobial” or “antibacterial” are no better than ordinary soaps and are feeding the growing superbug problem and should be banned, Monash University researchers say.

Demand for household soaps with antimicrobial additives has spiked during the pandemic, with consumers duped by the false premise that they provide superior protection against germs and disease. Professor Trevor Lithgow, director of Monash University’s Centre to Impact AMR, says ordinary soap and water is an effective hand hygiene solution and reduces unnecessary exposure to chemicals that are feeding antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and creating superbugs.

Superbugs – such as bacteria that are immune to antibiotics and other pharmaceuticals – are predicted to kill 10 million people a year by 2050, including tens of thousands of Australians. While overuse of antibiotics is also driving these superbug infections, antimicrobial soaps and detergents are a contributing factor and should be banned, Professor Lithgow says. Bans are in place elsewhere in the world. In 2016, the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) banned the use of triclosan and 18 other antimicrobial chemicals from household soap products.



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Covid-19 Vaccinations at Braidwood Medical Centre

Braidwood Medical Centre is an approved vaccination provider for the COVID-19 vaccines, helping to provide COVID-19 immunisation for our local area and wider community.

COVID-19 vaccines are being rolled out to people in phases, with those most at risk receiving their vaccinations first. To find out if you are eligible to receive the vaccine now, you can visit:

<https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility> and complete the COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Checker.

Our Medical Centre is participating in Phase 1B.

We are scheduled to receive our first 50 doses week commencing 5 April 2021 (Week 3).

We are expecting to receive 50 doses each week thereafter

PRIORITY PATIENTS

Our team is working diligently with our Doctors to identify our priority patients in accordance with Government guidelines.

In the first instance this will cover:

§ Elderly adults aged 80 years and over

§ Elderly adults aged 70-79 years

§ Other health care workers

§ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people 55 years and over

§ Adults with an underlying medical condition including those with a disability

§ Critical and high risk workers including defence, police, fire, emergency services and meat processing

Next steps

Our team will make contact with our current patients, eligible in the first category, to arrange appointments across the first weeks of our phase of the program. Other members of the community not currently covered by their own GP, are welcome to call our team to register their details for receiving the vaccine. However, prior to this - community members registering their interest must undertake the following steps:

Go to: <https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines/getting-vaccinated-for-covid-19/when-will-i-get-a-covid-19-vaccine>

If you are eligible to receive the vaccine within the Phase 1B roll-out and fall under the category of Adults with a specified medical condition – you will need to provide proof of these conditions to demonstrate your eligibility. You can obtain this information from your My health record, a health professional referral or a declaration form which can be found at:

<https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2021/03/covid-19-vaccination-eligibility-declaration-form.pdf> for collected from Braidwood Medical Centre at 73 Monkittee Street Braidwood.

Critical and high-risk workers including defence, police, fire, emergency services and meat processing will also need to provide proof of occupation to demonstrate their eligibility.

The Australian Government Department of Health website holds very useful information. If you have access to the internet, it is a great place to start understanding where you fit in the program.

Alternatively, you can call the helpline.

We will do our best to keep our patients and the Braidwood community across the COVID-19 vaccination roll-out as it progresses through the different phases.

Please call and speak with our team if you have confirmed your eligibility for receiving the vaccine and wish to place your name on our register.

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Finally, thank you for your patience and understanding while we work through the COVID vaccination program.

National coronavirus and COVID-19 vaccine helpline

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Braidwood Anglican Parish

On Palm Sunday we might reasonably expect that the message of the day would be about the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on the back of a borrowed donkey. The expectant crowd were chanting an exciting mantra; 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest'. Chapter 11 of Mark's Gospel tells of a time of celebration as the Feast of the Passover draws near which remembered a time of deliverance and liberation for God's people from slavery in Egypt through the Exodus. From chapter 11 on we see Jesus 'on the road' and preoccupied with teaching and education in the Jerusalem temple. Jesus spoke of his imminent and impending departure through obscure messages and parables but the Temple authorities didn't like the content and implications of those messages. As one might reasonably expect the storm clouds begin to emerge and come together over the head of Jesus himself. The transition or shift begins in chapter 14. Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple at the hands of pagan enemies but of more profound significance is the destruction of his own body. This equates to a parallel analogy but so many of his closest followers didn't either get it or failed to take notice of the hints he was imparting to them.

Enter a woman with a pot of precious ointment who comes with honourable and pure intentions to anoint Jesus' feet. A relative unknown is more savvy than the temple authorities who are intent on plotting the downfall of Jesus. Each scene in Mark's account contributes to a sense that the end is near. Effectively, Jesus is on death row. Jesus knows it; Judas and the priests plot it; the unnamed woman with the perfume intuitively does the right thing, and anoints Jesus for his impending death. With all the cynicism and sinister motives the authorities could muster they plotted to make off with Jesus by stealth but delayed because to act during the Feast of the Passover was deemed too risky and would expose their devious motives.

Enter another co-conspirator in the person of Judas who becomes the tragic character in this whole unfortunate saga. We may well ask Why? Why? Why? would such a close follower, seemingly hand-picked, commit such an outrageous and horrendous act of betrayal, blackmail and treachery. Was there an element of jealousy in Judas that Jesus would bother to take the time to speak to this humble woman with good intentions and yet marginalise his supposedly closest disciples?

As so often happens, when people decide to worship Jesus without inhibition – to pour out their valuables, their stories, their dancing, their music and songs, before Him just the way they feel like doing – it is then that those looking on find it all too embarrassing and distasteful. The amazing thing about the woman's actions is that she has acted intuitively and spontaneously from the heart, and that without prior explicit knowledge of the impending death.

The negro spiritual which begins; 'Were you there when they crucified my Lord?' personalises everything and additionally presents us with a unique challenge to re-examine our own faith. The kind of faith that comes from the heart like the woman with the fine perfume is more desirable than any other response.

As we approach Easter 2021 we need to be ready to give everything we have in body, mind and spirit in honour of this strange man, this unexpected Messiah, this paradoxical Passover-maker.

(If you have space the Easter services at St. Andrew's Braidwood are as follows: Maundy Thursday at 6pm – Holy Communion. Good Friday at 10am – A service of Litany, Readings and Reflections. Easter Day 9am – Holy Communion. NB. There are no services at out-centres this Easter)

God Bless, Rev. Rick Lewis
Braidwood Uniting Church

In the early 80's Supertramp sang, "It's raining again..." It sure is: the clouds have come, they have opened up and emptied themselves over our community. For some it's an inconvenience - the washing won't dry, changing a flat tyre becomes more complicated, floods make roadways impassable. For some the rains bring the fear of "what if's..." - what if the water rises, what if our home is inundated by water, what if I can't get away when I want to. For some it's a relief - filling empty water tanks, watering plants and veggies, flowing into dams and reservoirs, bringing growth before the soil gets cold. There's an old saying in the country: "You can't make money in the dust, but you've got a chance in the mud." While maybe not a definite fact, it does speak to the optimism of the farmer. One of the delightful things about our God is that no matter our response to the rain, be it joy, fear, or annoyance, He is with us, keeping us company: celebrating with those who celebrate, comforting those who mourn, bringing strength to those who are fearful. May you be mindful of His presence with you today. Blessings from Dr Julie Fletcher and the congregation of Braidwood Uniting Church. Worship on Sundays at 10am. Radio Church at 6pm at Braidwood Community Radio. Weekly Garage Sale on Wednesdays 9-3, cnr Duncan and Monkitee Streets.



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Quad bikes and button batteries among ACCC's 2021 product safety priorities

The ACCC will this year focus on implementation of important safety standards relating to quad bikes including preparing consumers and businesses for a mandatory requirement for operator protection devices as it is introduced in October, ACCC Chair Rod Sims said. Mr Sims, speaking at the National Consumer Congress, announced the ACCC's five product safety priorities for 2021, which include conducting education, surveillance and enforcement in relation to the quad bike safety standard. "There were a record 23 quad bike deaths last year, many from rollovers, and since 2011 there have been 162 deaths and an estimated six injuries per day associated with quad bikes. This is appalling and unacceptable," Mr Sims said

"The ACCC will be focused on ensuring compliance with a series of requirements which are already in effect and importantly, also delivering educational initiatives about the second phase requirements that come into effect in October 2021."

The ACCC will also be helping businesses prepare for the new button battery safety standards.

"The world-first standards for button batteries will improve safety in the design of products containing button batteries, the packaging of button batteries, as well as the warning requirements alerting consumers to the risks," Mr Sims said.



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Budawang Lane - So you would like to live in the country but don't want acres and acres to have to look after. This 1.2 hectare (just under 3 acres) parcel on the Mongarlowe hinterland with rich basalt soil and established trees will create the most idyllic site for a country homestead. With views across the surrounding paddocks to the Budawang Ranges you have the advantage of being in the country without having to own it all.



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26km from Braidwood, this property offers versatility. Live in the 2 bedroom split level home and rent the other 1 bedroom, or the other way around, or B and B, or just use both for the family, with an older teenager or grandparent. Both dwellings are full brick construction, the main dwelling split level and in pristine condition with veranda looking across the manicured grounds, just over 2 acres.

This is a property that offers all the best of country living, without the problems and maintenance that comes with larger acreage. 180m2 newly constructed shed with concrete slab and power.



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600 Neringla Road, Araluen - "Bettowynd Farm" is set in an idyllic location surrounded by the Benmanang Ranges and with Bettowynd Creek flowing through and on the boundary. The 160 hectare (395 acres) property is 75% clear and arable with good stands of eucalypts for shelter. The homestead dates back to the early 1900's and whilst comfortable now could benefit from a renovation. Several large sheds could also be given a new breath of life with one currently used as a studio. This is a property that presents so many opportunities with an approved 3 lot subdivision, currently used for cattle grazing this operation could be expanded, or a perfect lifestyle property.



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Securing the future of the Mongarlowe Mallee



Mongarlowe Mallee Photo. Andy Taylor



Mongarlowe Mallee. Photo: John Briggs

With just six known remaining individuals, the Mongarlowe Mallee (*Eucalyptus recurva*), is at serious risk of being lost forever. But there is hope.

South East Local Land Services is partnering with the Saving our Species (SoS) Program run by Department of Planning Industry and Environment (DPIE) NSW, on a project to try to save the Mongarlowe Mallee. The project is supported by South East Local Land Services, through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.

"The Mongarlowe Mallee is a Commonwealth listed critically endangered species. There are only six known individual plants in existence, and they are all located in isolated areas north of Braidwood," said South East Local Land Services Senior NRM Advisor, Andy Taylor.

The main distinguishing character of this species - from which its name is drawn - is its conspicuously recurved leaf tips.

"These are very rare in eucalypts and are much more developed in Mongarlowe Mallee than in any of its close relatives."

The leaves themselves are quite small, only 3cm long and 8mm wide. Their white flowers are arranged in clusters of three on a short (5.5mm) common stalk and flowering occurs in late December to early January.

Seed development on the remaining individuals is scarce, due mainly to the distance between plants preventing cross pollination, meaning that it is unlikely new individuals will be recruited

"So, these last known remaining individuals are very special plants, and are crucial for the survival of the species".

Thankfully, the project was able to protect the remaining Mongarlowe Mallee's from the 2019/20 summer bushfires.

Aerial surveys were conducted by helicopter in March 2021, and will be again in December 2021 to coincide with the flowering season in the hope of identifying previously unrecorded individuals.

The Australian National Botanic Gardens (ANBG) has been tasked with re-trialling propagation techniques to get new plants growing, a tricky process for one of the rarest eucalypts in Australia.

In May 2020, they had some success with germination of seedlings from seeds collected in March 2020 which is a major milestone for the project.

This collaborative project demonstrates the value of government agencies working together to address knowledge gaps and secure a very rare and distinct species.

For further information please contact Andy Taylor or Rebecca Bradley at the Braidwood office of Local Land Services on 02 4842 2594.



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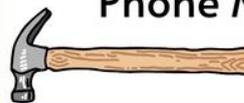
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Burns planned for State forests to reduce bushfire risks

Forestry Corporation of NSW is about to commence small scale strategic hazard reduction burns in up to 2,000 hectares of State forests near Narooma and Eden to protect against wildfires.

Autumn is one of the key times to reduce the forest's fuel load and help protect communities and the environment against bushfires, said Forestry Corporation Protection Supervisor, Julian Armstrong.

"In contrast to 2019-20, we were pleased to see a very mild fire season, which has recently wrapped up; it's now time to start preparing for next summer," Mr Armstrong said.

The coastal strip between Nowra and the Victorian border is one of the most fire-prone regions of Australia and managing fuel levels by completing hazard reduction burns is critical to Forestry Corporation's capacity to manage wildfires over summer.

"There's a narrow window of opportunity to safely complete hazard reduction burns" Mr Armstrong said.

Hazard reduction burns are planned strategically with local Rural Fire Service Bushfire Management Committees and focus on strategically important areas around assets and communities.

Forestry Corporation firefighters will carefully monitor all controlled burns to ensure the weather is suitable and the burns stay within containment lines.

The organisation is asking people to pay attention to any signs in the forest or instructions from staff, and stay away from any burning or recently burnt areas for their own safety.

"Forest firefighters play an important role in fighting fires in the region's forests, but fire prevention is a fundamental part of our role and is a vital way to mitigate the threat of a bad fire season in future years," Mr Armstrong said.

"Over the winter months we will also be investing in training firefighting staff, maintaining and upgrading equipment, improving key forest roads for rapid access and maintaining fire towers to aid rapid fire detection and quick response next fire season."

Forestry Corporation is responsible for more than 2.2 million hectares of native and planted forests and has been formally involved in firefighting in NSW for 100 years.

Do you have feral cats, foxes or pigs on your property?

South East Local Land Services (LLS) is calling on landholders in the Monga, Mongarlowe, Charley's Forest, Charleyong and Wog Wog areas to get involved in a targeted trapping program on feral cats, foxes and wild pigs.

If you live in any of these areas LLS will help you stop the damage these pests are doing to your property, the environment and our native wildlife. As part of our bushfire recovery efforts LLS has engaged a pest animal controller to work with you to undertake a trapping program from April to June 2021.

These pests cause significant environmental damage and harm to our native flora and fauna and hurt our farmers through agricultural production and economic losses.

Did you know that feral cats are one of the primary causes for the decline and extinction of native Australian wildlife? They prey on small mammals, birds, lizards and insects and can also spread and carry diseases that affect humans and other animals.

Foxes are a major predator of lambs, poultry and goat kids and play a significant role in the destruction of native wildlife, including rock wallabies and bird species.

Feral pigs spread weeds, damage crops, pastures, water holes, fences, and cause economic and agricultural production losses by predation of livestock, disease introduction, and environmental damage.

So, if you have property in any of the above areas, call now to take up this opportunity and support. To register or for more information call Nicky Clarke or Phil McGrath at the Braidwood Local Land Services office on 4842 3800 or email nicky.clarke@lls.nsw.gov.au or phil.mcgrath@lls.nsw.gov.au



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Rate relief for Local Land Services customers

Landholders across NSW will receive welcome news in their mailboxes over the coming weeks, with their Local Land Services (LLS) rates showing a zero balance for 2021.

LLS Chief Executive Officer, David Witherdin said the rate relief is part of the NSW Government's latest drought support package and will allow LLS to provide the crucial support landholders need as they work towards drought recovery.

"This rate relief means landholders will still have access to our technical experts, programs and training, while making valuable savings," Mr Witherdin said.

"Rates are a vital source of funding for LLS, and they go a long way to supporting the work of our dedicated biosecurity officers and district veterinarians across the state.

"This work is crucial after several years of drought, so I encourage landholders to reach out to their closest LLS office, and take advantage of their local expertise as we navigate the long-term recovery process, together.

"Whether it's helping landholders manage feral pests, or investigating a health issue in livestock, you can count on your LLS team to provide practical, hands-on advice."

The work supported by rates includes:

- Coordinating and supporting landholders to control pests and meet their legal obligations
- LLS vets' animal health programs
- Supporting agriculture and animals during emergencies
- Supporting stock identification systems

Mr Witherdin said while rates are expected to return to normal in 2022, it is hoped landholders can make the most of the improved seasonal conditions across large parts of the state.

"With a zero balance on this year's rates notice, landholders can make the most of the savings, keep more money on-farm, and plan for the future," Mr Witherdin said. Head to the LLS website at <https://www.lls.nsw.gov.au>, contact your closest office, or call 1300 795 299 if you would like more information about your rates notice or to find out more about the services offered by LLS.

NSW Farmers launches flood appeal

NSW Farmers has launched a Flood Appeal through its Natural Disaster Relief Fund (NDRF) to assist farmers with recovery efforts as a one-in-a-hundred year weather event continues to batter the east coast region.

NSW Farmers' members reported unprecedented flood events over the weekend, particularly in the mid north coast region, and are expecting significant damage to crops, pastures, infrastructure and oyster leases and livestock losses.

NSW Farmers' CEO Pete Arkle said heavy rainfall is also forecast for the North-West and Western NSW this week.

"The Bureau of Meteorology have contacted NSW Farmers warning of a forecast system moving through Central Australia and into NSW may cause localised flooding, particularly in where soil profiles are near full," Mr Arkle said.

"The extent of flood damage won't be known for some time but we want to make sure we're doing everything we can to assist farmers to recover from the extensive damage."

"Today we have launched our flood appeal through our natural disaster fund."

"The Fund provides financial assistance, goods or services, to primary producers adversely affected by flooding to ensure that they can continue to operate their farms whilst they are dealing with or recovering from the Natural Disaster."

For more information or to donate, please visit www.nswfarmers.org.au/donate.



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Braidwood Concert Series

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Roadworks

Kings Highway at Government Bend: Urgent repair works to be undertaken starting 24 March 2021. Speed restrictions will be in place and please follow directions given by traffic controllers. For updates on the highway network please go to <https://www.livetraffic.com/>

1st Braidwood Scout Group

1st Braidwood Scout Group meets on Thursday nights during school terms, at the Scout hall in Coghill Street.

MEETING TIMES :

Joeys (ages 5-7 years) from 5 to 6pm

Cubs (ages 8-11 years) from 6.15 to 7.30pm

Scouts (ages 12-14 years) from 6.30 to 8pm

Venturers (ages 15-17 years) from 6.30 to 8pm

All welcome to attend, feel free to come along to see what Scouting is all about. For more information contact Leader In Charge Malcolm Campbell, mbl: 0429 455 483 or email: malcolm.campbell@nsw.scouts.com.au

Braidwood Men's Shed

Open every Tuesday and Friday from 9:30 AM
New members always welcome
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- **Braidwood Farmers Market**
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- **Ryrie Park Markets**
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Astro Photography Workshop

Corang River Farmstay and B & B

Saturday, 10 April 2021 from 19:30 - 22:30

Corang River Farmstay have partnered with local photographer 'The photofarmer' and '50 Eight Photography' to bring you this special event. In this workshop you will be shown the skills and techniques to not only capture the Milky Way, but also incorporate light painting and include a foreground subject in the scene. Time permitting you will also be shown how to shoot star trails. Michael and Pete will teach you everything you need to know, from planning your shoots, to successfully capturing your images, and how to bring those images to life with post processing software. Accommodation is available Contact Corang River Farmstay and B & B to enquire. Attendees are invited to arrive 1 hour prior to the workshop start time, and join us for complimentary BBQ dinner. Snacks and tea / coffee will be provided for all attendees. \$220

Tickets events.humanitix.com/astro-photography-workshop

Braidwood Film Club is presenting a FREE treat for children and parents on Saturday 27th March @ 3 pm.

The feature film is the classic Babe and it is screening at the National Theatre, Braidwood.

There will be popcorn on arrival and choc tops to purchase at interval. BYO drinks.

Please call Jess on 0412 130 622 so we can keep track of numbers for Covid purposes.

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Expressions of Interest

HSC Presiding Officer 2021

Braidwood Central School is seeking Expressions of Interest for the position of Presiding Officer for the 2021 Higher School Certificate (HSC).

Position Criteria

The Presiding Officer is responsible for managing the preparation, conduct and supervision of the HSC exams. The Presiding Officer is supported by a number of supervision staff. The successful applicant is employed by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) to ensure the examinations are conducted in accordance with the NESA's rules. The rate of pay for this position is \$27.13 per hour.

Position Information

The Presiding Officer is responsible for:

- liaising with the school Principal or delegate for the exam rooms, set-up etc
- following all directions which have been given by NESA about security and administrative procedures
- maintaining security at all times of the examination papers and materials
- maintaining a high level of confidentiality at all times
- following and observing NESA's Policies and Procedures regarding disability provisions and illness/misadventure applications
- following and observing all Child Protection, Emergency Evacuation and Workplace Health and Safety procedures and policies.

The Presiding Officer must have:

- use a vehicle with comprehensive motor vehicle insurance policy
- have intermediate working knowledge of common computer programs and tasks, such as Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, emails, downloading documents etc
- be well-organised
- have good attention to detail
- be able to effectively manage students and a team of supervisors
- be available for the ENTIRE examination period

Please note: All exam supervisors are required to have an Employee Working with Children Check (WWC) at a cost of \$80. The Presiding Officer will need to be available for the HSC exam period which is scheduled to be 12th October through to 4th November 2021. The Presiding Officer will also need to be available for 1 days training during August, at a location TBA.

Special Notes

The following restrictions on eligibility for employment as a Test Supervisor exist:

- A person who has a child or near relative sitting the 2021 Higher School Certificate Examinations cannot be appointed as Presiding Officer
- they are/were recently employed by the school (paid or volunteer) and may be perceived as a conflict of interest. This may include, but not limited to, clerical staff, casual, relief, part-time or permanent teachers.

Applications should include a short covering letter outlining relevant experience and qualifications and applicants will need to provide two (2) references as requested.

Expressions of Interest close Friday 19th March

Please email all applications and enquiries to: braidwood-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au



Braidwood Golf Club News

·A General Reminder that members are still required to sign in to the Service NSW site and register your attendance at the club.

·The sign-up sheet is up for the MONA CUP 4 person Ambrose (shotgun start) on Easter Saturday, April 3. Get your teams organised!

·Men's Pennant

Our team returned to form with a fine 4 1/2 to 1 1/2 win over Queanbeyan at Federal. Our winners on the day were Brendan Booker, Keith Morgan, Rick Towers and Rodney Royds with Steve Cansell making a great comeback to square his match on the 18th.

· Women's Pennant

Our team had a bye today & were due to host the matches but due to the heavy rain event, the course was unplayable with play cancelled. Many pennant games on the east coast have been washed out also.

Results: Saturday March 20

All competition was cancelled due to the course closure.

Coming Events

Saturday March 27: 2BBB Medley Stableford – P.B.L. (Bruce) Hovey Trophy

Sunday March 28: 2 Person Ambrose- Gillies Trophy & Heritage Golf Day

Saturday April 3: Daylight Saving Ends. Easter Saturday

MONA CUP- 2/3/4 Person Ambrose

Saturday April 10: **New Hit Off Times Apply**

Men's & Women's Stroke & Monthly Medals - Final Day for Round 1 of Men's & Women's Singles Knockouts

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Saturday April 17: Committee Meeting 10.30am

Men's Single Stableford – Rod Coady Trophy

Final Day for Round 1 Men's Doubles Knockout

Women's Single Stableford – Isobel Mutton Trophy 2nd Round

Final Day for Round 1- Women's Doubles Knockout

Saturday April 24: ANZAC DAY WEEKEND Medley Par Bisque – Lamington Park Trophy



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YOGA Pose of the Week

with Christina Jagusiak

Leg Lock Pose – Supta Pawanmuktasana A great yoga pose to strengthen the lower back muscles and bring suppleness to the whole spinal column. It massages the abdominal and digestive organs helping to shift stagnation. Renown for stimulating the pelvic muscles to balance the reproductive organs.



To practice - Lie on your back. Engage the left leg muscles keeping the leg straight and in contact with the floor. Bend the right knee to bring the thigh towards the chest and interlock the fingers around the shin. Raise the head and shoulders off the ground and bring the nose towards the knee. Hold for a few seconds then slowly lower the head and shoulders. Practice up to 3 times with the right leg, then up to 3 times with the left. If comfortable practice with both knees drawn towards you. To add the compression in abdomen and pelvis, inhale as you lift, exhale as you lower.

Free holiday skateboarding workshops



Sydney-based Totem Collective will return to Eurobodalla in the Easter school holidays to run free skateboarding workshops at five different locations.

The workshops are an opportunity for kids aged six and over to enhance their skateboarding skills – whether they're confident skaters wanting to advance or just learning. Participants will be encouraged to go at their own pace, learning both the physical and creative elements of skateboarding, under the guidance of Totem coaches.

The workshops will be held from 10am to 1.30pm at Narooma Skate Park on Tuesday 6 April, Moruya Skate Park on Wednesday 7 April, Broulee skate bowl on Thursday 8 April, Batemans Bay Skate Park on Friday 9 April and South Durras Skate Park on Saturday 10 April.

Skateboards will be available to borrow on the day.

Limited places are available – registration is via [Eventbrite.com.au](https://www.eventbrite.com.au) – search 'Totem Collective'.

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South Coast Rugby Union set for season 2021

By Peter Ryan

Local Rugby Union is now well prepared for the coming season with the draw finalised and competition games to commence Saturday 17th April 2021.

The competition will again be known as South Coast Monaro Rugby with a number of new teams welcomed into the 10 team draw. Its great to welcome Bermagui Cobargo Sharks back after an absence of approx. 10 years. Bermagui Cobargo Rugby were dominant in the early 2000's winning 4 first grade premierships and there pre-season training and trial games suggest they will again be very competitive.

Crookwell "Dogs" return after sitting out 2020 due to concerns around COVID. The Dogs won the competition 2019 and everyone is eager to see if most players return. Other teams joining the competition are Cooma "Red Devils" & Hall "Bushrangers". Both these teams have been playing the Monaro Division 1 competition for a very long time but now only have the numbers for one team. Unfortunately Broulee "Dolphins" have withdrawn from the competition this season. Although they had been making steady progress over past couple years they couldn't muster the numbers required for a long season.

Round 1 of the competition is eagerly awaited with some interesting first up games. Batemans Bay "Boars" will host Hall "Bushrangers" at Hanging Rock Oval. It's the Boars 40th birthday this year and they would love to start the year of celebrations with a win. Braidwood "Redbacks" will travel to Bungendore to play their traditional rivals the "Mudchooks". The Mudchooks will still have a number of suspended players unavailable and this may give Braidwood an edge.

Other games include Taralga "Tigers" hosting Cooma "Red Devils" and Crookwell "Dogs" starting with a home game against last years Grand Finalists Jindabyne "Bushpigs". Both Bermagui Cobargo "Sharks" and Yass "Rams" have a first round bye. Bermagui "Sharks" first game will be following week against Batemans Bay @ Bermagui.

The season is scheduled to finish Grand Final day 21st August.

Brumbies South Coast Gala 7s



Some Braidwood girls played at the Brumbies South Coast Gala 7s rugby day on the weekend at Ulladulla. They joined with some girls from Goulburn to form an under 18s team They ended up losing the final but had a great day & fun start to the season. Players are from left Molly Chidgey, Emma Barclay, Louise Story, Krystal Bridgefird & Jade Bunn. Photo G Storey.

Scouting News

Congratulations to Tess Gurling earning her Queen's Scout Pursuit tag, Venturer Citizenship tag and Venturer Vocations Tag



2021 2nd Division South Coast Monaro Draw - Draft Version 5

DATE	ROUND	Taralga	Crookwell	Jindabyne	Yass	Cooma	Batemans Bay	Braidwood	Bermagui-Cobargo	Hall	Bungendore
17th April	1	Cooma	Jindabyne	Crookwell	BYE	Taralga	Hall	Bungendore	BYE	Batemans Bay	Braidwood
24th April	2	Jindabyne	Yass	Taralga	Crookwell	BYE	Bermagui-Cobargo	Hall	Batemans Bay	Braidwood	BYE
1st May	3	Crookwell	Taralga	BYE	Cooma	Yass	BYE	Bermagui-Cobargo	Braidwood	Bungendore	Hall
8th May	4	BYE	Cooma	Yass	Jindabyne	Crookwell	Braidwood	Batemans Bay	Bungendore	BYE	Bermagui-Cobargo
15th May	5	Yass	BYE	Cooma	Taralga	Jindabyne	Bungendore	BYE	Hall	Bermagui-Cobargo	Batemans Bay
22nd May	6	Hall	Bermagui-Cobargo	Braidwood	Bungendore	Batemans Bay	Cooma	Jindabyne	Crookwell	Taralga	Yass
29th May	7	Bermagui-Cobargo	Hall	Bungendore	Batemans Bay	Braidwood	Yass	Cooma	Taralga	Crookwell	Jindabyne
5th June	8	Jindabyne	Yass	Taralga	Crookwell	BYE	Bermagui-Cobargo	Hall	Batemans Bay	Braidwood	BYE
12th June	June Long Weekend/Representative Weekend										
19th June	9	Cooma	Jindabyne	Crookwell	BYE	Taralga	Braidwood	Batemans Bay	Bungendore	BYE	Bermagui-Cobargo
26th June	10	Bungendore	Braidwood	Batemans Bay	Hall	Bermagui-Cobargo	Jindabyne	Crookwell	Cooma	Yass	Taralga
3rd July	11	Batemans Bay	Bungendore	Bermagui-Cobargo	Braidwood	Hall	Taralga	Yass	Jindabyne	Cooma	Crookwell
10th July	12	Braidwood	Batemans Bay	Hall	Bermagui-Cobargo	Bungendore	Crookwell	Taralga	Yass	Jindabyne	Cooma
17th July	13	Crookwell	Taralga	BYE	Cooma	Yass	Bungendore	BYE	Hall	Bermagui-Cobargo	Batemans Bay
24th July	14	BYE	Cooma	Yass	Jindabyne	Crookwell	BYE	Bermagui-Cobargo	Braidwood	Bungendore	Hall
31st July	15	Yass	BYE	Cooma	Taralga	Jindabyne	Hall	Bungendore	BYE	Batemans Bay	Braidwood
7th August	16	Qualification Finals									
14th August	17	Preliminary Finals									
21st August	18	Grand Final									

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Top 3 from each pool to make finals and will be ranked 1 to 6
Week 1 QFA = 1v6, QFB = 2v5, QFC = 3v4

Council meetings and times

Council holds Ordinary Meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month and Planning and Strategy Committee Meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. Meetings start at 5.30pm. Agendas and business papers for the meetings are available on the Friday prior to the meeting from

www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Minutes-and-Agendas.

Both meetings are live streamed via webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au.

Our Queanbeyan Chambers have been set up to accommodate councillors, the community and digital participation via Zoom. We ask that In-person attendees check in with the Service NSW QR Code and follow current Health advice. There is limited space in the Queanbeyan Chamber, however, there is some overflow space available in Bicentennial Hall.

For those wanting to make a presentation on an Agenda item, you can make a:

- Written presentation - submit by midday on Wednesday
- Zoom presentation - register by midday on Wednesday
- Verbal presentation - register by 5.30pm on Wednesday at the meeting

Register to make a presentation at

www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Business/Public-involvement-at-Council-meetings#section-2

Next meeting dates are:

- 24 March - Ordinary Council Meeting
- 14 April - 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.

Have Your Say

Projects and initiatives open for community comment	Closing Date (2021)
Draft Asset Management Strategy	6 April
Monaro Street Upgrade	Ongoing
Renew 2620	Ongoing

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 Queanbeyan, Bungendore or Braidwood offices

Notification of Road Name Proposal

Notice is hereby given that Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, in pursuance of Section 163 of the *Roads Act 1993* and Part 2 of the *Roads Regulation 2008* proposes to use the following name as a road name within the Council area:

Proposed Road Name: Halfway Creek Road

Description: The new access road to the Bungendore Sports Hub originates from the new roundabout, to be constructed on the corner of Malbon and Molonglo Streets in Bungendore. The new road heads to the west of the roundabout.

Origin of Name: The name has a strong geographical connection to the area as Halfway Creek runs along the eastern edge of the Bungendore Sports Hub (currently under construction) before passing through a proposed culvert under the new access road.

Written comments are invited and will be received up to **5 April 2021** at PO Box 90, Queanbeyan NSW 2620.

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.

Documents can be viewed by accessing:

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

Dine & Discover NSW

Dine and Discover across Queanbeyan-Palerang

The Dine and Discover Program is now active with NSW residents over the age of 18 able to apply for 4x \$25 vouchers through their MyServiceNSW account. The vouchers are:

- 2 x \$25 Dine NSW Vouchers to be used for dining in. **These can be used from Monday to Thursday.**
- 2 x \$25 Discover NSW Vouchers to be used for entertainment and recreation. **These can be used 7 days a week.**

The vouchers can be used at participating NSW businesses that are registered as COVID Safe. They cannot be used on public holidays and are valid to 30 June 2021.

To find participating businesses across our region see:

visitqueanbeyanpalrang.com.au/dine-discover-on-the-treasure-trail/

or head to the Dine and Discover page where you can search by postcode or suburb:

mybusiness.service.nsw.gov.au/dine-and-discover/business-finder

For local business owners wanting to participate head to:

nsw.gov.au/covid-19/dine-and-discover-nsw/dine-discover-nsw-business-registration