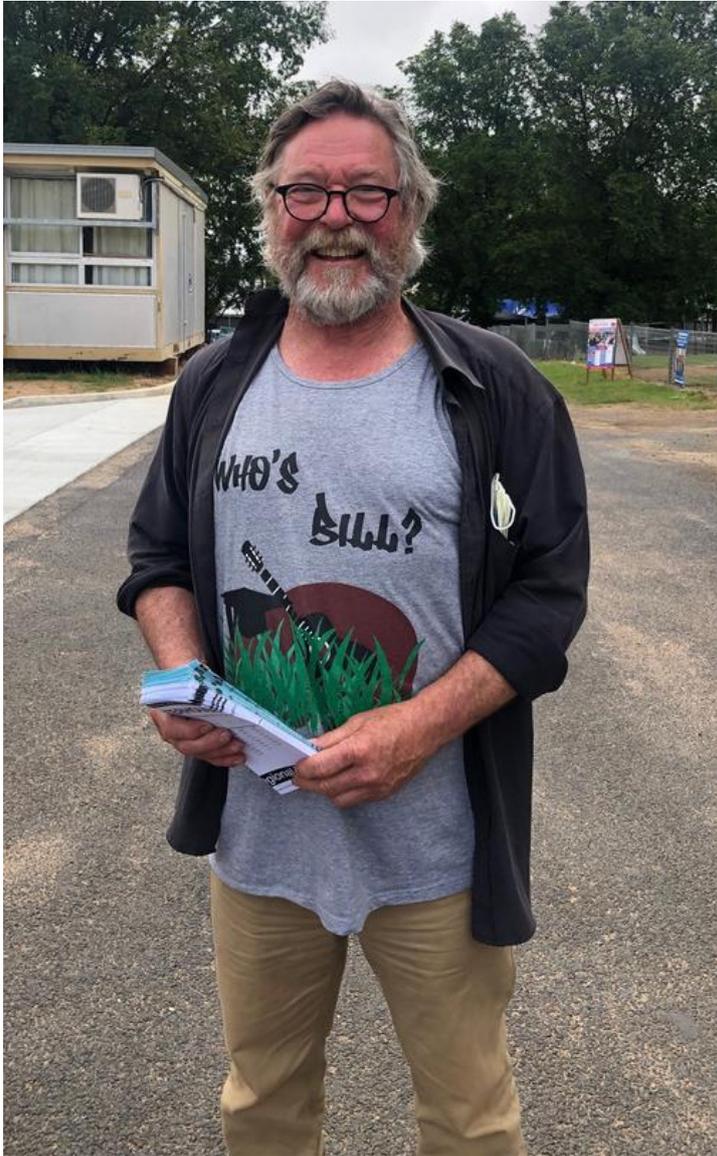


Cleanout sees fresh faces on new Council



Bill Waterhouse on Election Day.

While it will take some time for the final results of the Local Government Elections last Saturday to come through, the count is showing a lot of new faces in the Council Chambers of QPRC. The results so far indicate that new Council of 11 will be made up of Katrina Willis (Group A Greens), Mareeta Grundy (Group B Ind), Kenrick Winchester and Edwina Webster (Group F Ind), Louise Burton and Jacqueline Ternouth (Group I Liberal), Bryce Wilson and Esma Livermore (Group J Labor). The three last places will be fought out by Michele Biscotti, John Preston, Trevor Hicks and Bill Waterhouse. The stand out result for Braidwood is the extraordinarily high personal vote for Bill Waterhouse. Bill ran on a platform of putting the Regional back into QPRC. By tonight Bill's first preference vote was standing at 1122 (3.6% of the total). Bill picked up votes at every single polling station. However, as an Ungrouped candidate, it will be a tough ask for Bill to be elected. Bill said "It was always going to be tough "below the line" and remains a tight battle. All the pundits (the ones I know any way!) seem to think that I am in with a chance for the 11th quota but this form of preferential voting is stacked against me. We will see how the next few weeks pan out, but we are unlikely to hear any official result until about the 20th December. Another extraordinary result for QPRC is that new Council will have at least 6 women councillors which should change the tone of the meetings.

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Braidwood Weather With Roger Hosking

Week ending
5 December 2021

With the wettest November we also had the lowest November mean maximum temperature since 1999. By contrast, there were a few days this week which felt overly warm.

• Mon 29	Max 14	Min 6.5	0.2mm
• Tues 30	Max 22	Min 8	
• Wed 1	Max 25	Min 14	
• Thu 2	Max 27	Min 9	
• Fri 3	Max 28	Min 12.5	
• Sat 4	Max 23	Min 11	3.6mm
• Sun 5	Max 18	Min 9	1.2mm

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December average maximum temperature is 24.7 deg

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Cleanout sees fresh faces on new Council

The new Council also have its first elected female Indigenous artist Councillor in Labor's Esma Livermore. Esma is a proud Bigambul woman and a mum of four. She lives in Queanbeyan and has worked at Reconciliation Australia for several years. She has in the past coached the Boomanulla Raiders and is still involved with the committee. She is passionate about supporting schools and early learning services in the Queanbeyan-Palerang area to foster meaningful relationships with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.



Esma Livermore

When she stood for election, her drive was to bring a voice for her community to Council.

With more than 20% of the vote, Group 1 Labor lead candidate Bryce Wilson said "The Queanbeyan-Palerang region has elected a more progressive, female majority council in a major upset to previous traditional norms.

Our local Labor team is pleased with their result in local government elections, winning almost every booth in the region following a strong swing to the party and our team."

"While many pre-poll votes are still being counted, it is clear that the people of Queanbeyan-Palerang enthusiastically agreed that we need a fresh, positive and progressive council to represent our region" he said.

"It is also clear that the regional communities surrounding Queanbeyan voted for a new approach, and we want to bring that to the table. We will represent their interests as well as those of our traditional Labor voters at the table" he said.

43,470 residential and non-residential electors were registered to vote for 11 Councillors from the large field of 75 candidates.

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BRAG Christmas Market



Aoife Steele with her Mum Christina's hand dyed yards and resin flower jewellery.

The Braidwood Region Artists Groups (BRAG) Christmas market was held at the Community Arts Centre on Saturday. Both galleries were full with table overflowing with locally made products including two ceramics studios, 2 x crocheters, hand dyed yarns and wildflower jewellery, button jewellery, metalwork, indigo dyed scarves and goods, and printed cards on offer. The event was well attended keeping stall holders busy most of the day.



Pippa Hall-Johnson with her crocheted items .

BCS Carols in the Park



BCS teacher Kerri Mason and Fiona Howell performed on the night. Photo: Bill Waterhouse.

Despite threatening front passing over Braidwood, Carols in the Park went ahead on Friday evening. The rain hit around 4pm, but stopped just as the evening was to commence and the families came from everywhere.

Organiser Eryn Wood said "it was a rather stressful hour that's for sure. Thankfully the Redbacks came to the rescue, and within about half an hour they had their big marquee for us as extra cover for our crowd!" "There were over 150 kids, (we knew this because of Santa's lolly bags) and at least 200 adults. Bill Waterhouse was the MC. Preschool and the Purple House performed. Much to the delight of all the very proud parents watching." There was a debut of a new group of older folk Kelly Sturgiss has been working with called Head, Heart and Hands. Miss Emma had a few groups of dancers, and around 12 other performers performed a couple of songs each - both instrumental and vocal only. "There was a great mix of local talent, young and old" said Eryn. "Santa was a huge hit! The line took an hour and a half to get through!" Stallholders did very well with Oscars Donuts making a debut and selling out in about 20 minutes. Deerhead had a constant line and also sold out in the end, and the Lions sold out and packed up only after an hour. "It was a really great evening" said Eryn. "I think families were just glad to get out and socialise again. What better way to do it with some Christmas festivities!"

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Strike over teacher shortages

The NSW Teachers Federation said Tuesday's strike action sent a powerful message to the state's premier about the need to act on salaries, workloads and growing teacher shortages.

Teachers and principals walked out for 24 hours as new figures show the number of vacant permanent teaching positions in NSW has increased to more than 3,000. NSWTF president Angelo Gavrielatos said tens of thousands of teachers across NSW had participated in the first 24 hour stoppage in a decade.

New Department of Education figures show that of the 44,500 permanent teaching positions in NSW public schools, 3,038 were vacant in mid November. Even excluding 1,037 new positions there were 2,001 vacant positions – more than double the 995 recorded in June. School by school figures for October shows more than 70% of public schools had vacant positions. 95% of schools in the Blacktown region had vacancies along with 87% of the schools in the city's south west and outer south west.

Mr Gavrielatos said the dispute was now in the hands of the Premier who had the power to prevent further industrial action.

"It is disappointing that the only action the government has chosen to take on unsustainable workloads and uncompetitive salaries is legal action to try and prevent today's strike," he said. "Mr Perrottet needs to consider carefully the anger and concern displayed today by teachers and principals in every corner of NSW."

"If Mr Perrottet wants to be known as the family premier, he needs to stop children missing out at school due to a lack of teachers."

"The Department of Education has repeatedly warned the government about growing teacher shortages and how unsustainable workloads and uncompetitive wages are making it harder to attract the teachers NSW needs."

"The idea that a 10 year wages cap is an appropriate response to teacher shortages, rising student enrolments and a 30% decline in the number of people studying teaching is beyond comprehension."

"Teacher shortages exist because other professions pay better and the workloads are lower."

Mr Gavrielatos said the government had no coherent strategy to fix the growing shortage of teachers, fill the 3,000 vacant permanent positions and recruit the additional 11,000 teachers needed, at a minimum, in the next decade.

More reasons to teach in the bush

Even more teachers will now have access to incentives and pay bonuses, with the NSW Government expanding its Rural and Remote Incentives Reform program.

Last Sunday Deputy Premier Paul Toole and Minister for Education Sarah Mitchell announced \$8 million of the initial \$15 million incentives package will be used to extend the existing program to include temporary teachers and double the bonuses for teachers taking up a job in regional NSW.

Mr Toole said the Liberals and Nationals Government is transforming the way teachers are incentivized in regional areas, ensuring all staff are provided with the flexibility and financial support they need.

"Making the decision to leave home and take up a teaching job in an unfamiliar town, often away from family and friends, isn't easy. That's why we're expanding the most generous incentive system in the country, giving temporary teachers support including an additional salary of up to \$30,000, as well travel, living and housing incentives," Mr Toole said.

"We want all teachers to feel comfortable to expand their horizons and consider relocating to the bush and we know once they get there, they won't look back."

Ms Mitchell said the additional access to incentives for temporary teachers are crucial to encouraging more teachers to work in regional NSW.

"Temporary staff are vital to our system - they provide flexibility to schools and staff and it's important we support them in the same way we support other staff in rural and remote areas," Ms Mitchell said.

"We will also double the teacher recruitment funding from \$10,000 to \$20,000, giving eligible teachers an additional \$20,000 on top of their teaching salaries to teach in the regions."

"We have the most generous incentive system in Australia, however over time it has grown in complexity. This is the first time we have inspected all aspects of the system to make it fair and flexible, allowing teachers to create a package that works best for them and their circumstances."

The Rural and Remote Incentives Review included recommendations that support the existing commitments to regional NSW under the Rural and Remote Education Strategy.

The NSW Government has funded a \$125 million Teacher Supply Strategy that is focused on ensuring the right teachers, with the right qualifications are working in places students need them. The full strategy can be seen here:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/strategies-and-reports/teacher-supply-strategy>

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Historic agreement secures \$840 million in preschool funding for NSW families

Families with young children in NSW will have better access to high quality pre-school and early childhood education due to an historic agreement between the Commonwealth and New South Wales Governments.

The new National Preschool Reform Agreement, with NSW as its first signatory, ensures every child will receive high quality education in the year before school, regardless of where they live or their background.

Acting Minister for Education and Youth, Stuart Robert said the agreement will ensure children in NSW have access to quality preschool options and are better prepared for their first year of school.

'This funding agreement provides certainty to parents, educators and the sector throughout New South Wales,' Minister Robert said. 'It will help every child in New South Wales—about 400,000 children over four years—have the opportunity to attend at least 15 hours of preschool a week in the year before they start school.'

The Commonwealth Government has committed \$560 million of new funding with more than \$280 million from the NSW Government to support the four year funding deal.

The NSW Government will also increase the quality of preschool and long day care education by delivering targeted programs for children who experience disadvantage.

Funding will be linked to reforms to increase preschool participation rates and improve outcomes, benefiting all children regardless of the type of preschool they attend.

In NSW increased funding to long day care will also allow a greater focus on quality and support for children's transition to school.

There will also be an increased focus on engagement of children and families, particularly from vulnerable and disadvantaged backgrounds, to help them have a happy, safe and supported preschool experience and a stronger start in life.

The historic signing means the Preschool Reform Agreement 2022-2025 is now a National Partnership and the Commonwealth welcomes other states signing on ahead of the 2022 preschool year. The Commonwealth has guaranteed ongoing funding for preschools and this four-year agreement provides long term certainty to around 300,000 Australian children and their families each year, along with the early childhood education sector.

The Commonwealth's historic investment in early childhood education also includes around \$10 billion a year through the child care system to reduce out-of-pocket expenses for families using child care and improve workforce participation.

Regional, rural and remote students to benefit from dedicated Education Commissioner

The National Farmers Federation congratulates Fiona Nash on her appointment as Australia's first Regional Education Commissioner.

The role, which will oversee implementation of recommendations from the National Regional, Rural and Remote Tertiary Education Strategy (the Napthine Review) has the goal of reducing the disparity in educational outcomes between city and country students. President of the National Farmers Federation, Fiona Simson said the new position would ensure regional and remote education was championed.

"By having a Commissioner committed to regional Australia, we can be safe in the knowledge that students – both in the bush and in our regional and remote towns – are being advocated for," Ms Simson said.

"It is essential that students living and learning in the country are given every opportunity to succeed and be on a par with their city peers.

"That starts with having a dedicated voice advocating the educational needs of our students," Ms Simson said.

Ms Nash will initially serve a three-year term as Regional Education Commissioner and will report annually on the progress of the recommendations of the Napthine review. As part of her role, Ms Nash will also provide advice on regional education policy issues.

"Ms Nash comes with an impressive resume, currently including a four-year tenure as Strategic Advisor, Regional Engagement and Government Relations at Charles Sturt University. She was also a Director of the NSW Skills Board in 2021," Ms Simson said.

"Liaising with the communities experiencing these disparities, first-hand, is the best way to better understand what is leading to issues such as a reduced level of education participation and attainment.

"It is imperative that regional Australia is home to world class education. The NFF's 2030 Roadmap outlines the significance of attracting and retaining people to regional areas as a key pillar to helping agriculture achieve its goal of becoming a \$100 billion industry," Ms Simson said.

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Opinion RICHARD MARLES MP

DEPUTY LEADER OF THE AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY
SHADOW MINISTER FOR NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION, EMPLOYMENT, SKILLS AND SMALL BUSINESS

It's been a tough few years to be running a business, that's a fair understatement. COVID-19, fires, floods – Australian business owners have copped it all. But for the ones who have managed to survive it, along with the fragile green shoots, an urgent problem is emerging - where's all the staff?

Right now, more than half of businesses looking to recruit are struggling to find workers, and it's harder still in regional areas. Yet at the same time, over two million Australians are jobless or in need of more work. So why are we seeing such a big gap between the businesses who have jobs on offer, and the people who desperately want them?

The simple answer is skills. You can't grow a fully qualified chef overnight, or sparky, health care worker or I.T whizz. A few dodgy home haircuts during lockdown have served as a firm reminder to many of us that you don't become a great hairdresser just by picking up a pair of scissors.

It takes training, and that's what's been missing in Australia lately. We're now in a situation where there are 85,000 fewer apprentices and trainees today than there were eight years ago.

That means less qualified workers ready to take up good paying jobs. In some cases like the health and aged care sector, where there just aren't enough staff to go around, it can mean frightening outcomes for patients and their families.

Australia is a big island. COVID-19 has been a major wake-up call that we can't just keep relying on tourists and migrants to fill the gap – we need to be more self-reliant.

If you take a \$3 billion blowtorch to funding levels, which is what Scott Morrison's Government has done since it came to power, you're going to impact the number of people who are being trained.

Unfortunately the neglect inflicted will take years to overcome. That's why Labor is committed to growing Australia's skilled workforce for a better future.

A Labor Government will introduce free TAFE for students in industries with skills shortages, so there are no barriers for anyone who want to train, or re-train, in an area where workers are in high demand. That includes the tech and advanced manufacturing jobs Australia will need for the future, the care economy and sectors hardest hit by the pandemic, like hospitality.

By incentivizing people to take up opportunities in those areas, businesses will have the pipeline of workers they need and customers have reliable access to services. The sad alternative is we wait longer, pay more, and in some regions, can't access some services at all.

Training people now opens up decades of good, solid career opportunities and secure futures.

Labor has also committed funding to create state-of-the-art technology hubs like mining, tele-health and new energy simulators on TAFE campuses, along with guaranteeing funding levels for TAFE campuses so they can plan ahead for maintenance and big builds.

A new and independent agency called Jobs and Skills Australia, modelled off Infrastructure Australia, will research workforce trends and provide impartial advice about what skills are needed now and into the future.

Because identifying Australia's shortfalls and weaknesses is the first step in fixing them.

We can't keep trying our luck with piecemeal short-term measures, we need a government committed to fixing vocational education, delivering a pipeline with long-term planning. By unlocking this country's TAFE potential, we will unlock secure jobs for all Australians.



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Cost of rent in Eden-Monaro through the roof

Renters in Eden-Monaro are paying thousands of dollars more this year to keep a roof over their head, making it harder and harder to get ahead when wages have flatlined. Housing affordability in the region has gotten significantly worse in recent years, especially for families, students, pensioners, and young people, who rent.

Member for Eden-Monaro Kristy McBain said while rent has skyrocketed across most of the country, parts of Eden-Monaro have been hit the hardest.

TOWN/SUBURB	MEDIAN SEP 21	MEDIAN SEP 20	ANNUAL CHANGE	DOLLAR INCREASE
Yass	\$485	\$400	+ 21.3%	\$4,420
Cooma	\$395	\$330	+ 19.7%	\$3,380
Bega Valley	\$480	\$420	+14.3%	\$3,120
Queanbeyan West	\$515	\$465	+ 10.8%	\$2,600
Bungendore	\$593	\$550	+7.7%	\$2,236
Tumut	\$350	\$329	+6.1%	\$1,092

Source: Domain Rental Report, September 2021

“Everywhere I go across Eden-Monaro, I hear the same thing, we are in a housing crisis and people are at the point that they don’t know how they will keep paying their rent,” Kristy said.

“In places like Yass and Cooma rent has gone up around 20 per cent, and yet ABS data has shown once again that real wages across the country are going backwards. This means families are having to choose between paying rent and putting petrol in the car or food on the table.

“I have met with women’s services, family services, Mission Australia and housing providers across the region and they all tell the same story – they are supporting more and more people because we are at crisis point.

“My office has also had families come in to talk to us directly about the issues facing them - skyrocketing rent and the risk of homelessness. “

The problem is also affecting our local businesses who tell me that the lack of affordable rentals is making it near impossible for them to get the staff they need.

“This is an issue that has been getting steadily worse over a number of years and it is essential that all levels of government work to address it, this includes building more affordable housing.

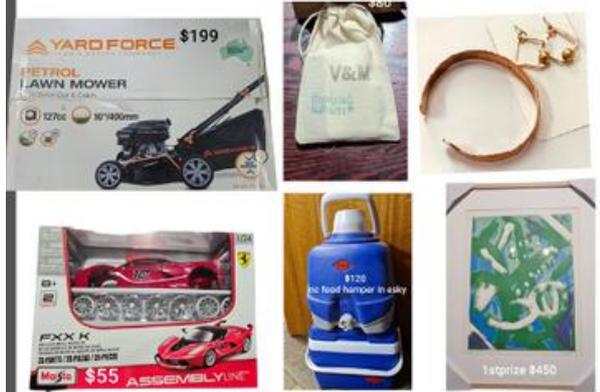
“I am proud to support Labor’s policies which look to start addressing these issues including establishing the Housing Australia Future Fund which will build 30,000 social and affordable homes across the country.”

Over the first five years, an Albanese Labor Government will build:

- 20,000 new social housing properties, including 4,000 homes for women and children fleeing domestic and family violence and older women on low incomes who are at risk of homelessness; and
- 10,000 affordable homes for the heroes of the pandemic – frontline workers like police, nurses and cleaners that kept us safe in the covid pandemic.

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Veolia-Mulwaree Trust Grants for Braidwood

Two Braidwood community groups have received welcome grants from the Veolia Mulwaree Trust. The Braidwood Community Association received \$18,229 for barbecue facilities at the Rec ground. These will be located near the new Skate Park and the existing children's playground, and will add to the family friendly recreational facilities at the Rec ground. Both the Skate Park and the barbecues are scheduled for installation in late 2022. Sue Murray, BCA President, received the cheque on behalf of the Community Association.

The Old Anglican Hall restoration project received \$13,462 towards the installation of a new kitchen. When completed, the restoration will return this much-loved historic building to a central place in the lives of Braidwood residents. Community events have been held there since the 1860's, and it holds many happy memories. Kirsty Altenburg and Gilly Burke received the cheque on behalf of the hard-working team who have driven this project over the last 4 years.

Sue Murray said "Our sincere thanks go to the Veolia Mulwaree Trust for its support for local community groups in the regions centred around Goulburn. The groups and projects receiving grants in this round came from many communities relying on the commitment of volunteers for the facilities they need, especially in smaller towns and villages like Braidwood."

The Veolia Mulwaree Trust has granted over \$373,000 to 66 local community groups and organisations, as part of its round two and three funding programs in 2021. Of the successful applicants, 19 projects have received significant grants and 47 small projects have received donations, all of which will go toward bettering local communities.

The recipients will use the money to improve facilities, upgrade existing spaces, deliver essential community equipment and enhance outdoor areas.

After being unable to hold an official grant presentation mid-year due to lockdown, representatives of successful community organisations were presented with their grants in Goulburn on 7 December 2021.

Justin Houghton, Chairman of the Veolia Mulwaree Trust, and Manager of Veolia's Woodlawn Eco Precinct said:

"The work we do at the Woodlawn Eco Precinct enables us to proudly support worthwhile community projects, which collectively benefit thousands of people. To date, the Trust has contributed over \$12M to more than 1400 local projects, and with every round of applications, locals show us how passionate they are about improving their communities. Empowering people to make their ideas happen is one of the best parts of the job.



Sue Murray, Kirsty Altenburg and Gilly Burke

The successful projects include:

- The Braidwood Old Sunday School Hall Association Inc with a \$13,462 grant to continue the restoration and refurbishment of the Old Anglican Hall Braidwood.
- Braidwood Community Association with an \$18,299 grant to contribute to the new Braidwood Skatepark's new barbecue facilities.
- Tarago Public School with a grant of \$91,844 for the cost of building a new playground to suit all ages and abilities.
- The Tarago Preschool Association with a grant of \$19,226 to upgrade its roof and install solar panels.
- The Tarago District Men's Shed with grant assistance of \$1,725 to construct new fencing, as well as an additional \$3,395 grant, to fund a dust extraction system.
- The Tarago and District Progress Association with a grant of \$5,386 to undertake the final stage of upgrading the electrical services at the Tarago Hall.
- Southern Tablelands Football Association with \$11,540 for grandstand seating at the Cookbundoon Sportsground in Goulburn.
- Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council with a grant of \$12,000 toward new picnic facilities for the new adventure playground to be constructed at Bungendore Park.

In addition, 47 successful small projects (of \$1,000 or less) have received contributions through the Trust's donation program. For more information on these recipients, visit www.mulwareetrust.org.au

The Veolia Mulwaree Trust was established in 2004 to support community initiatives, with a specific focus on Tarago, the town in which Veolia operates its Woodlawn Eco Precinct. To date, the Trust has contributed over \$12M to more than 1400 local projects.

The first funding round of 2022 will open on 24 January 2022 and application forms are available via Smartygrants.

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Bohie makes her mark in Queanbeyan



Local artist Bohie and the QPRC community team worked with local young people to create this fantastic mural on the shipping container at Moore Park in Queanbeyan earlier this week. Council's community team aim to run more workshops and engagement out of the newly renovated container in the new year.

\$6 million to support 60 NSW cultural infrastructure projects

\$6 million to support 60 NSW cultural infrastructure projects

Sixty museums, theatres, performance spaces, galleries and Aboriginal Keeping Places will share in over \$6 million as part of Round 1 of Minor Works and Equipment Projects through the NSW Government's Creative Capital program.

Minister for the Arts Don Harwin said the cultural infrastructure funding will pay dividends for communities across NSW by delivering much needed upgrades and specialised equipment.

"The first 60 projects through Round 1 of the Minor Works and Equipment Projects will pave the way for audiences and workers to enjoy improved arts and cultural facilities, and position NSW as the centre for arts and culture in Australia,"

"This investment will ensure that no matter where people live across NSW, they will be able to see, make and participate in exciting arts and cultural experiences in state-of-the-art, fit-for-purpose creative spaces." This funding is part of the NSW Government's \$60 million Creative Capital program to address the demand for cultural infrastructure, support the creative economy and improve access for local communities to quality arts venues.

Round 2 of Minor Works and Equipment Projects will open Monday 11 July 2022.

[Read the full list of projects funded through the Round 1 of Minor Works and Equipment Projects](#)

(There are none in QPRC)



Eurobodalla Council Arts Team Indi Carmichael, Sue Blackburn and Kim Bush celebrate the Creative Capital minor works and equipment grant of \$150, with Di Jay from the River of Art Festival, securing \$27,000 for a mobile art space.

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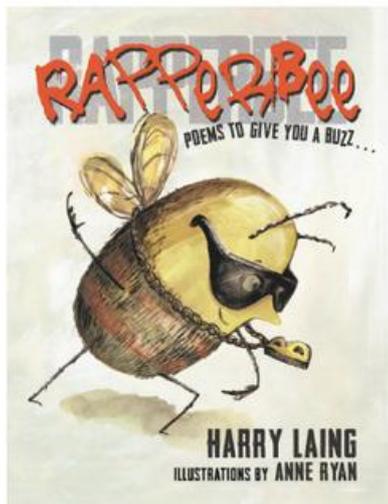
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A poem by Mary Murray

Norfolk Island Pine

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To such a spectacular height,
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Birds jump from branch to branch
Chasing each other for a chance
To find shelter and some bugs
Among the leaves and be snug.
Summer comes and leaves turn
brown

Dropping them to the ground
But my Norfolk continues to grow
Standing steadfast, as winds blow.

A boy climbs up with Christmas lights
Every December, lighting the night
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Australia Post welcomes first electric trucks to its delivery fleet

Australia Post has welcomed the first of 20 electric trucks to its national delivery fleet, with three Fuso eCanters now delivering parcels to customers in Melbourne ahead of Christmas.

The eCarter adds to Australia Post's existing electric delivery fleet of more than 2100 electric delivery vehicles and 1400 electric bicycles and follows the successful trial of the Daimler developed truck in late 2019.

Australia Post General Manager Networks, James Dixon said the addition of the Fuso eCarter to Australia Post's delivery fleet was an exciting step for the organisation.

"We're very proud to be Australia's largest electric fleet operator, but up until this point, our electric fleet has consisted solely of smaller delivery vehicles that are used for the last-mile.

"We've trialled a range of electric trucks previously, but the Fuso eCarter is the first we've found that suits both Australian conditions and our unique operational needs," Mr Dixon concluded.

Australia Post Chief Sustainability Officer Susan Mizrahi said expanding the current electric fleet was an important part of the Australia Post's 2020-22 Corporate Responsibility plan and its science-based target to reduce emission by 15 per cent by 2025.

"This is an important milestone for our business. We know that every delivery has a carbon footprint which is why we're committed to reducing our emissions through growing our electric fleet and increasing our renewable energy production to help power these new vehicles," Ms Mizrahi said.

The Fuso eCarter is the only Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) electric truck available in Australia and uses the latest technology from the Daimler Truck group.

Daniel Whitehead, the President and CEO of Daimler Truck and Bus Australia Pacific, which represents the Fuso, Freightliner and Mercedes-Benz brands, said Australia Post was the perfect first Australian customer for the eCarter.

The remaining 17 eCanters will hit the streets delivering in major capital cities from early 2022, with the rollout of the new vehicles supported by Australia Post Fleet Management Provider SG Fleet.

Arts and Cultural Funding Program Round 2 open for applications

The NSW Government is calling for applications for Round 2 of Create NSW's 2021/2022 Arts and Cultural Funding Program for Annual Organisation, Project, and Creative Koori Project categories.

Minister for the Arts Don Harwin said Round 2 of the program will further accelerate the recovery and support of the arts and cultural landscape in NSW following a successful Round 1 of funding announced in November.

"I'm pleased to announce that Round 2 of the Arts and Cultural Funding Program is now open for applications. This follows hot on the heels of the successes of Round 1, which delivered \$9.37 million to 198 outstanding projects and programs," Mr Harwin said. "The NSW Government recognises that arts and culture have an integral role to play in rebuilding our economic and social recovery, and I encourage all artists and organisations across NSW to apply,"

Across December 2021 and January 2022, Create NSW will be running a series of webinars to assist with the application process, including firsthand advice and guidance from previous successful applicants and Artform Board members. Visit the Create NSW website for webinar details, dates and to register here.

Applications for Round 2 of the Arts and Cultural Funding Program are now open and close at 5pm on Monday, 31 January 2022. For more information, guidelines and to apply, visit the Create NSW website at www.create.nsw.gov.au

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Southern NSW accepts all recommendations from independent mental health review

Following a detailed, independent review of Southern NSW Local Health District's non-acute mental health services, the District can confirm all 18 recommendations have been accepted and an action plan developed to further improve mental health care.

The report noted the District's focus and commitment to providing high quality, safe, accessible and contemporary non-acute mental health services, while also making the following recommendations:

- Enhance the Lived Experience Workforce

- Improve drug and alcohol services and support
- Improve accessibility of information for mental health consumers, families and carers
- Raise the profile of inpatient non-acute mental health services

The independent, expert panel included a psychiatrist, a mental health director of nursing and a person with lived experience of mental illness.

The review process included inspections of the District's facilities; interviews with staff, consumers, families and carers; review of District documentation; submissions from community members and stakeholders; and a review of current literature and best practice models of care.

With the recommendations being accepted in full, the District has prepared its formal response, which includes a range of actions to be implemented within the next 12 months, notably:

- No change to bed numbers at Goulburn's Ron Hemmings Unit (non-acute inpatient unit);
- Employment of six additional Lived Experience positions across the District;
 - Employment of three new Aboriginal mental health clinicians in Goulburn, Eurobodalla and Bega;
- Development of a new and improved District-wide model of care for non-acute mental health services; and
- Expansion of virtual care infrastructure and teams across the District. District Director of Mental Health, Alcohol and other Drugs, Damien Eggleton, said that the review provided a detailed road map for service planning, improvement and prioritisation.

"We want to be a leader in rural mental health care. By following the review's recommendations, we will ensure that our models of care and services are in line with national and international best practice," Mr Eggleton said.

"Most importantly, the review has given us an opportunity to incorporate the knowledge and expertise of staff and independent clinicians and the diverse experiences of local consumers and community members in our service planning."

Goulburn Hospital upgrade

The Southern Tablelands community will benefit from a major upgrade of hospital services with the official opening of Goulburn Hospital's clinical services building.

Premier Dominic Perrottet, Deputy Premier Paul Toole, Health Minister Brad Hazzard and MP for Goulburn Wendy Tuckerman marked the milestone, which is part of the \$165 million Goulburn Hospital and Health Service redevelopment.

Mr Perrottet said "The Goulburn Hospital redevelopment will provide a major health boost for people in Southern NSW with this new clinical services building improving health outcomes and future-proofing health services for communities in the Southern Tablelands region."

Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW Paul Toole said the NSW Government was pushing ahead with a record \$900 million investment in regional and rural health in 2021-22 to deliver new and upgraded infrastructure, enhanced services and more jobs across regional communities.

Minister Hazzard said the four-storey building brings state-of-the-art healthcare services together under one roof, providing seamless care in a modern health facility.

Mrs Tuckerman said: "This is a long-awaited day for the entire Goulburn region. I am delighted to see the new facility – which brings world-class healthcare closer to home – open and ready to care for Goulburn and surrounding communities for many years to come."

The new four-storey clinical services building will feature:

- Main entry and hospital reception;
- Emergency department;
- Medical imaging department;
- Intensive care unit;
- Operating theatres, day surgery and recovery areas;
- Medical, surgical, paediatric, rehabilitation inpatient units with specific designated palliative care beds within the Medical IPU;
- Maternal and newborn unit, birthing suite and special care nursery, as well as paediatric and antenatal outpatient clinics.

The final works stage to complete the redevelopment of the hospital is expected to begin later this year.

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Mobile network investment continues but focus is on 5G in major cities

Australia's three mobile network operators, Telstra, Singtel Optus and TPG Telecom made significant investments in mobile infrastructure between January 2018 and January 2021, but the focus has moved to 5G deployment predominantly in the major cities. The ACCC's first Mobile Infrastructure Report, released today, looks at the mobile infrastructure and coverage maps of the three mobile network operators from 2018 to 2021. It accompanies a package of mobile infrastructure data that the ACCC has made available at data.gov.au. It follows a commitment by the ACCC to improve transparency in mobile infrastructure assets and coverage.

"This is a significant release of information that will provide transparency on Australia's mobile networks that was previously not available," ACCC Commissioner Anna Brakey said.

"The data can be used to assess where the mobile network operators have been deploying network infrastructure, which will provide more accountability over their investment claims in future years."

The data shows that between January 2018 and January 2021, the mobile network operators continued to invest in network deployment, although in recent years their focus has shifted to the roll out of 5G technology. The report shows that 3G and 4G network deployment has generally slowed.

While the report and underlying data analysis can accurately depict changes in mobile site infrastructure, assessment of coverage maps provided by the mobile network operators has been challenging.

"We know many consumers in regional areas find it difficult to check what coverage is available in their area. Our own analysis shows that assessing geographic coverage with the network operators' maps is difficult," Ms Brakey said.

"The mobile network operators use predicted coverage as the basis for their coverage maps, and their input assumptions and metrics are different. They can also change input assumptions from time to time, which makes it difficult to accurately assess coverage changes."

"Comparable and accurate coverage information is important for all consumers in making informed choices about their mobile providers, but it is particularly critical for the safety of regional and remote communities," Ms Brakey said.

The ACCC will continue to explore ways to improve the comparability and accuracy of coverage maps provided by the mobile network operators.

Further information on the underlying Infrastructure Record Keeping Rules data for the mobile network operators is available at ACCC Mobile Infrastructure Report – data release.

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Author, Journalist and Screenwriter Robert Macklin as a regular contributor to the Bugle. THE GADFLY PAPERS, are a delightful collection of columns he has been writing since 2012.

Gadfly

By Robert Macklin

It was gratifying to read the recent news that support is building for the development of an Indigenous Cultural Precinct in Canberra to fill the obvious 'hole in the heart' of the capital's cultural heritage. It would join the National Gallery, Archives, Library, Museum, AWM, and Old Parliament House's Museum of Australian Democracy.

The support, we're told, is coming from both sides of the political fence for, 'The National Resting Place' of Aboriginal relics returned from British museums and quasi-scientific institutions. Moreover, the new site would incorporate AIATSIS, the marvelous repository of Aboriginal scholarship currently in the National Museum complex.

All well and good. The great danger, however, is the temptation to see it as a memorial to the past when its real purpose should be the next big step towards the proud incorporation of the 60,000 years of Aboriginal cultural heritage into the unique Australian identity.

We've had the painful colonial era; followed by the successful multi-cultural era. The great opportunity now is to open our minds to reconciliation, the one concept that will complete our maturing – a spiritual homecoming that honours the values that sustained the country throughout those sixty millennia. And given the ravages of climate change we have visited upon the place in only 240 years since the invasion, it could hardly be more urgent.

Here I must declare an interest. I am currently researching and writing the biography of a rare white Australian who gave his life to the Aboriginal cause. His name is Donald Thomson, zoologist, anthropologist, war hero, world renown photographer and journalist. His fellow professors at Melbourne University dubbed him, 'Australia's Lawrence of Arabia'.

He was born in Melbourne in 1901, the year of Federation, and died in 1970, wracked with frustration from his dealings with the Australian establishment and physically exhausted from expeditions to some of the roughest country of Australia - Cape York, Arnhem Land and the Great Stoney Desert. But his great work with the First Nations revealed the extraordinarily complex and sophisticated culture and linguistic skills of a people that white Australia disparaged and demeaned.

Only last month, Justice Debra Mortimer in the Federal Court ruled that 2,188 square kilometres of land on Queensland's Cape York Peninsula would be handed back to the Aboriginal people. Central to land claim was Donald Thomson's anthropological work on Cape York in the 1920s and 30s.

It is his work, and the support of those who have drawn upon it, that has helped to fuel the great movement of the Uluru Statement of the Heart. Reconciliation can become the great national reform movement of the 21st century. And the indigenous devotion to 'country' – in our struggle with bushfires, cyclones, droughts and sea-rise - give it the kind of relevance that cannot be denied, even by politicians who 'don't hole the hose'.

Already the Aboriginal story is part of the nightly news and commentary in programs like The Drum; music from Paul Kelly, Archie Roach and many more; TV drama like the stunning Total Control. The universities are producing a cohort of young Aboriginal women and men in the professions and in the articulation of their cause. The momentum seems unstoppable.

So while the Aboriginal precinct might get its funding as a 'National Resting Place' I suspect there will be no rest among those who want our nation to embrace its past, and celebrate a genuine Australian identity as we set forth on the next 60,000 years of our story.

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St Andrew's Anglican Parish

John The Baptist - Celebrity, Cult Hero or Herald?

In the season of Advent we are most likely to see Jesus Christ as the dominant personality, that is perfectly reasonable and understandable. However, we cannot overlook the role played by John the Baptist who was front and centre of disclosing the Good News of the Coming Messiah. Modern Day celebrities can attract a kind of frenzied, passionate, cult-hero type of status that makes them the darlings of the media and press agencies. Celebrities are often regarded as achievers, generating a sense of novelty and appeal. They create expectation, some real and some imagined. They are usually able to captivate and hold an audience where there is generous applause and appreciation. However, celebrity status is a fleeting transient phenomena often elevated by youthful enthusiasm and diminished by age or bereavement.

Luke's gospel introduces us to John the Baptist who may well have qualified for celebrity status as the one divinely appointed to stand alongside Jesus as the celebrated herald and messenger of good tidings. In so many respects John personified celebrity status, he was bold and forthright, he attracted crowds but at the same time he was controversial and provocative. If anything he was a reluctant celebrity because he knew with full assurance that Jesus was the true Messiah and addressed crowds accordingly. He even told crowds that he was unworthy to stoop down and untie the thong on Jesus' sandals. Insights into John's persona are found in Luke 3:7-18.

Those people that were clamouring and hankering for Baptism he called a 'brood of vipers' for their hearts were in the wrong place. If John was trying to cultivate a celebrity following or cult-hero status then his words and actions were unlikely to deliver either. Messages of judgement were no hit parade chartbusters. At all times he was blunt, cutting, controversial, up-front and honest with his audience. He was not interested in political correctness, spin or compromise but rather with the truth of the gospel and salvation through repentance and faith alone in the real Messiah or person of Jesus Christ. John's hole demeanour was to act in accordance with God's will and purpose for him as a prophet and point to the coming Messiah and no other. Rev. Rick Lewis – Braidwood Anglican.

Upcoming Services: Sunday 12th December 10am – Holy Communion at St. Andrew's Braidwood. Sunday 19th December 10am – Morning Prayer at St. Andrew's Braidwood (Lay Led) 10am at the Union Church Araluen – Holy Communion (with an Advent/Christmas Message. 7pm - 9 Lessons and Carols for the Combined Churches of Braidwood at St. Andrew's Anglican Church.

St Bede's Parish

REFLECTION on the Gospel of Luke 3:10-18 by Greg Sunter (LiturgyHelp)

Have you thought? – A change of heart

The baptism that John preached and practised was a baptism of repentance. What he called on people to do was to recognise the areas of their lives that were unbalancing their relationship with God. There was a strong recognition that unless they were in right relationship with one another they could not be in right relationship with God. In recognising the need for change in their lives, John challenged them to also make a change of heart: to approach their lives differently. This is why they were questioning him about practical ways of living out their new commitment.

Living the Gospel – Generosity of spirit

John's words to the crowd, the tax collectors and the soldiers are about adopting a spirit of generosity and a generosity of spirit. A generosity of spirit can be expressed simply in the attitude with which we approach other people: a positive, hope-filled and generous attitude will often turn around a potentially negative situation. As we approach the Christmas season, there is a need for practical actions of generosity as well. Those in need can approach Christmas with dread rather than joyful expectation. It can be the hardest time of year for struggling families. Acts of generosity can make all the difference.

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The church is closed to the public for the duration of the roof repairs. Tuesday Mass is being held in the Presbytery courtyard at 10am and our Saturday evening Mass is in the St Bede's school hall at 6.00pm. Masks are mandatory but Mass is open to all, whether vaccinated or not. Meditation has recommenced on Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.

Our Christmas Mass will be held in the church. Friday 24 Dec at 5.30pm

The Feast of the Holy Family Mass on Sunday 26 Dec 10.30am and The Epiphany on Saturday 1 January 6.00pm, both in the church.

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John Lennon penned the words, “So this is Christmas, and what have you done? Another year over and a new one just begun.” It seems the lead up to Christmas is so filled with busyness that there is little time for reflection. Life is too hectic for contemplation. Yet another famous person said, “The unexamined life is not worth living,” (Socrates). To take a moment, to make space, and think of the good times, the things we are grateful for, is to add meaning to life. Jesus too asked the question, “What do you seek?” (John 1:38). To take a moment, to make space, and think of the dreams we hold, the things we are hoping for, is to add purpose to life. I encourage you, like the famous Beatle, to take a moment, to make space to reflect, and move through this season with a growing sense of meaning and purpose, of gratefulness and hope. Blessings from Dr Julie Fletcher and the congregation of Braidwood Uniting Church. Worship Sundays @ 10am. Radio Church @ 6pm on BCR. Weekly Garage Sale Wednesday 9-3.

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“That’s bullshit, Bazza. It’s not the way most people see it and there is no point trying to change my view.”

Bazza’s face reddened and he motioned to speak.

“Nah, cut the crap, Bazza. You’re a dinosaur. A bloody dinosaur regurgitating views that belong back in the 1960’s and seventies. No good then, and no bloody good now.”

“But I’m just saying, Mick.....”

“No bloody butts, Bazza. Sometimes, I reckon you should move back to the hills behind Byron Bay..... but.....you would have to negotiate a price on a piece of overpriced real estate from one of your commie, hippy mates. Bazza, the world has moved on.”

There was an audible “Good on you, Mick” from across the bar.

A decent slug from the schooners and a good pause eased the tension.

“Anyhow, Bazza, where have you been? I thought I would catch you for a midweek beer.”

“Araluen, Mick. I’ve been dropping down there for the odd night. Good pub and a good feed. It’s a bit like stepping onto the movie set from one of those classic Australian outback films. There is a timelessness about the Araluen Valley that seems to put the rest of the going ons in life in perspective. It is a bit of time to think, and I tell you, Mick, it’s worth the trip just for the sleep. I like to wake up early and catch the sun sketching the distant hills, stirring the morning fog and greening the valley floor. All you can hear is the bird life but a passing car every forty minutes does whack you back to the present. Good for the soul, Mick. I have a good read in the evenings and even write down a couple of thoughts in the mornings. I reckon everyone needs a time out place. You really should try it.”

Mick shook his head and drew in a breath.

“Now Bazza, don’t take any of this personally but I think these trips explain some of your recent behaviour and outlooks. I mean, you come back here with all these foreign views on life. I find it all a bit unsettling. You know, the government makes the odd stuff up, but things trot along alright as far as I can see. I mean you’ve got to accept how things are sometimes, and go with the flow. Now, I’m trying to be polite, but you really need to get a better grip on reality.”

Mick took a good sip and a murmur of agreement from across the bar spurred him on.

“Now..... as for me heading to Araluen, Bazza. Well, it all sounds like one of those re education camps in Communist China. I mean, sitting around and eating peaches all day and staring into the valley might scar me for life.”

Bazza sighed.

“Rest assure, Mick.....There are limits to the powers of the Araluen Valley.”

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Digging deep for soil management

The final round of the Australian Government's Smart Farms Small Grants program has now been finalised, with \$13.8 million funding 32 grants and over 200 individual activities to improve soil health and soil management.

Minister for Agriculture and Northern Australia, David Littleproud said the grants will help farmers and land managers change the way they look at their soil and improve how they manage it.

"This funding round focuses on soil extension activities, which give farmers and land managers practical tools and information they need, including increasing uptake of soil testing and better soil data, which will allow them to make evidence-based decisions for future growing seasons.

The successful grants include activities such as engaging soil extension officers; conducting soil management workshops, seminars, roadshows, or field days; creating communications products, webinars or online materials; and/or establishing trials, demonstrations and monitoring sites.

"Soil extension activities will improve and increase soil sampling and testing. They will help farmers get the most out of the National Soils Monitoring and Incentives Pilot Program which will be a win for the farmer and a win for soil science," Minister Littleproud said.

"This is part of the \$214.9 million National Soil Strategy, Australia's first national policy on soil which sets out how we will manage our soil for the next 20 years and will support Aussie farmers and the sector in reaching its Ag2030 goal to grow agriculture to \$100 billion by 2030."



Dargues Mine

Community Information Session



Session 1: Wednesday, 15 December 2021 @ 18:30

Session 2: Sunday, 19 December 2021 @ 11:00

Location: Majors Creek Hall (Recreation Ground)

These information sessions are being held to inform members of the community and stakeholders on the proposed Modification 5 (MOD 5) application of the Dargues Mine.

The MOD 5 application aims to:

- 1. Construct a water management dam. The proposed dam will have no natural catchment (other than its footprint) and will ensure the mine can store and manage excess water safely and effectively. It will provide a safeguard for the mine during extended dry and wet periods.**
- 2. Increase the approved processing rate, from 355 000tpa to 415 000tpa. No changes to the processing plant or its currently approved operating times are needed, and transportation of gold concentrate will be accommodated within existing transportation limits.**
- 3. Emergency transportation of water. Approval is sought for up to 10-laden truck movements per day to provide emergency water should the need ever arise again.**

Senior members of staff from Aurelia Metals will be on hand to answer any questions.

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming information session, please contact us by email dgm.community@aureliametals.com.au or by phone on 1800 732 002.



Farmers welcome climate clarity as election looms

National Farmers' Federation President, Fiona Simson has welcomed the release of Labor's Powering Australia plan, saying the policy and associated modelling provide a commendable level of transparency heading into the election.

"With so much at stake for our regions in the transition to net zero, we commend the Opposition for putting forward a considered and detailed policy, supported by transparent modelling.

"Whatever the model agriculture must be able to continue to grow towards \$100 billion by 2030. There can be no outcome that reduces herd numbers or hectares cropped," Ms Simson said.

"The Labor policy acknowledges the heavy lifting our farmers have already done towards meeting Australia's climate goals. It also looks to ensure farmers' future contributions are rewarded – rather than coerced through heavy-handed taxes or green tape.

"Family farmers unjustly carried the burden of the meeting of Australia's Kyoto targets. And, far from licking our wounds, farmers have continued to bat above our average in emissions reduction and carbon sequestration."

The Labor focus on delivery through a refocussed safeguard mechanism is a sensible lever and well targeted. Care must be taken to ensure that it does not perversely turbo charge offsets to the detriment of prime agricultural land or have deleterious impacts on socio economic vibrancy in regional communities.

"The NFF understands this will be included in a review of the fit-for-purpose nature of the Emissions Reduction Fund, which we welcome and will also seek to ensure that the pathway to create ACCUs is as efficient and user friendly as possible to allow farmers quality access to create their own offset mechanisms," Ms Simson said.

"We welcome Labor's commitment to the development and commercialisation of livestock feed supplements such as asparagopsis and to improving carbon farming opportunities.

"The NFF is a strong supporter of markets which reward farmers' positive contribution, and we acknowledge Labor's policies to deepen private sector investment in those markets," Ms Simson said.

Ms Simson said a positive vision for regional Australia and a plan to back it up were non-negotiables for any incoming Government.

"We acknowledge Labor's commitment to new industries and new jobs in the regions. We wholly expect these commitments to be followed up by real action. The NFF notes the important role the already-announced National Reconstruction Fund will play, not only in developing new low-emissions industries and technologies, but in supporting job creation more broadly. The NFF is calling on Labor to earmark at least 50% of these funds for rural, regional and remote Australia, noting the disproportionate impact these communities will carry as a result of this transition.

Ms Simson said a plan to establish 400 community-based batteries was ambitious and she expected the greatest proportion of those to be delivered in the regions given their likely scale.

"The transition to net-zero also means a transition to renewables. To this end, we would seek that Labor prioritise the Australian Local Power Agency proposal that will ensure that renewables and electricity infrastructure are developed in a way that is of benefit to regional and rural communities, not create negative impacts and conflict.

"The importance of Labor's 'Rewiring the Nation' initiative can't be overstated. Reducing the cost of energy production and transmission will allow agriculture and the bush to take advantage of low-cost power, unlocking opportunities for value-adding and manufacturing in our regions. There must be caution to ensure that this program does not have a negative effect on land access or erode farmers rights."

Ms Simson said Australian agriculture was in the box seat to realise the opportunities of the new paradigm, but warned this must be done in partnership.

"Our sector is well advanced in the transition to new farming practices and the adoption of new technologies to continue reducing emissions and to realise the opportunities of carbon abatement.

"Labor's Powering Australia plan includes a range of measures that will help deepen farmers' contribution to Australia's climate goals.

"It is critical that Labor work closely with farmers and rural industries to ensure these policies deliver the growth in regional areas that they promise," Ms Simson said.

Australian agriculture reaches historic heights

Australian farmers are again coming through for our country by propelling the agriculture sector towards anticipated new records in 2021-22.

Minister for Agriculture and Northern Australia David Littleproud says latest ABARES forecasting confirms that while the recent deluge has hurt eastern state producers, agriculture nationally is making the most of exceptional growing conditions and high world commodity prices.

"This latest forecast demonstrates the extraordinary role farmers are playing in the nation's economic recovery," Minister Littleproud said.

"Farmgate value is on track to top an incredible \$78 billion in 2021-22, a record for the industry.

"With great seasonal conditions and a surge in world commodity prices, the value of agricultural exports is forecast to hit a record \$61 billion.

"Production is expected to increase for every major livestock commodity and almost every major crop, our farmers are expected to produce the largest volume ever.

"Australia is enjoying favourable conditions, with world prices for our produce at their highest in 30 years; it is the first time in half a century that production will increase for so many products at the same time.

"If these forecasts are realised, 2021–22 will see the largest total volume of agricultural commodities Australia has ever produced.

"I know a number of farmers are experiencing difficult conditions with recent rain and flooding and are assessing damage to their farms and crops.

"Whether it's flooding, drought, bushfires or COVID, our farmers are quietly going about their work, producing premium food and fibre for Australia and the world.

"These are achievements to be truly proud of and show how strong the agriculture sector is despite the uncertainty of recent years.

"We're supporting farmers all the way as part of our Ag 2030 plan to help the agriculture sector work towards its \$100 billion goal by 2030."

The ABARES Agricultural Commodities: December Quarter report is available [here](#).



Roo-Dodging Smart Ute hits the road for testing



The world's first driverless ute is one step closer to reality, with the Ford Ranger now retrofitted with automated driving capabilities as it enters the next trial phase on Dubbo streets in the weeks ahead.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Paul Toole said regional NSW was leading the way in exploring how automated vehicle technology could deliver a more reliable and accessible public transport offering.

"The Smart Ute uses drive-by-wire technology fitted with radars and cameras to collect data to allow it to drive mapped distances on the road and recognise and respond to a variety of obstacles, including kangaroos," Mr Toole said.

"This next phase will see the Smart Ute driven by our expert operators to collect data that will be used to assess the vehicle's ability to carry out automated routes, laying the foundation for introducing the vehicle safely in automated mode by mid-2022.

"No other country has to deal with the unpredictability of roos hopping in front of cars, so once the automated features are safely tested in 2022, the project will investigate opportunities for introducing kangaroo detection to the vehicle."

Member for Dubbo Dugald Saunders said the trial would position the Central West as a leading location in future transport.

"Central West NSW is shaping up as a key hub in the development of driverless technology that will undoubtedly play a big role in shaping transport technology for the future," Mr Saunders said.

"The Smart Ute has spent the past few months at the Cudal Testing Facility just outside Orange, where the vehicle's automated systems are being developed. Most new cars on our roads have some level of automated technology and trials like this are crucial in preparing for the future of mobility in Australia."

The Smart Ute trial has come about thanks to a partnership between Transport for NSW, autonomous vehicle company Conigital, NRMA, Dubbo Bus Lines, Sydney Motorsport Park, mobile app developer Liftango, QBE and Dubbo Regional Council. The vehicle will collect data between Dubbo CBD, Dubbo Regional Airport and Taronga Western Plains Zoo.

A more efficient agvet chemical regulator

New laws passed in Parliament will improve the efficiency of the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) and speed up the process to access chemical products.

Minister for Agriculture and Northern Australia David Littleproud said "The APVMA has an important role to make sure agvet chemicals are safe and don't impact our market access.

"This means that the APVMA needs to be efficient and effective and we need to give them the legislative tools to achieve that.

"This Bill aims to streamline regulation for the APVMA, encourage the registration of more minor uses and strengthen protections to the community – all while improving governance.

"The APVMA needs to have flexibility in the way they operate.

Some simple, practical changes will mean the APVMA runs more efficiently, will reduce some costs, and will mean that farmers can access safe and effective chemicals quickly.

"The Bill also means a new APVMA Board, will be established to guarantee the performance and accountability of the APVMA.

"I couldn't be prouder to be part of a government that has delivered these important improvements and efficiencies for farmers."

Career training addresses renewable energy jobs boom

NSW is leading the way in Australia's renewable energy future, by providing training to meet the growing demand for workers in the sector.

From 2022, TAFE NSW will offer a Diploma of Renewable Energy Engineering along with a number of new micro-credentials to help students pave their career in renewable energy.

The new diploma was developed in close collaboration with industry and will be aligned to high-demand jobs, including in solar, energy storage systems, and wind technology.

The new courses will be offered at TAFE NSW's Ultimo and Newcastle campuses via a blend of virtual classroom learning and face-to-face practical workshops.

Skills and Tertiary Education Minister Geoff Lee said the NSW Government is positioning the state to be at the forefront of Australia's renewable energy employment boom.

"The NSW Government is committed to a cleaner, greener future and an important part of that is ensuring we don't just have the right renewable energy infrastructure, but we also have the right highly-trained workers to run it," Mr Lee said.

Minister for Energy and Environment Matt Kean said the TAFE NSW courses will help transform NSW into a clean energy superpower and support local job creation.

"Thousands of jobs will be created in the renewables sector in the coming years, particularly in our regions, and it's great to see TAFE supporting these low carbon jobs of the future," Mr Kean said.

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BLACKBERRY - RUBUS FRUTICOSIS

Also known as Bramble, Bummelkites, Black Bogs, Cat's Claws, and Doctor's Medicine

This week's Weed Wednesday has many people divided. How can a delicious fruit be so demonised and labelled 'Noxious'? Well here in Australia it is poisoned, slashed, ripped and burnt in an attempt to remove it. And yet it persists. But what does the humble Blackberry have to offer us?

The fruit is packed with vitamins and minerals and both the leaves and bark are used therapeutically. Medicinally it is astringent, mildly diuretic, and a tonic. It is used for upset stomachs, diarrhea, haemorrhoids, cystitis, mouth sores and ulcers, inflamed gums, rashes, and fungal infections. Blackberry syrup is used to treat sore throats and a tea made from the leaves will help with inflammation or may be used to bathe wounds.

Magickally it is considered Feminine. The branches are ruled by Aries and Fire, the leaves by Scorpio and Water, and the berries associated with Venus and Earth. It may be used in spells for healing, money, and protection and in Celtic folklore it is considered the fruit of the Faeries.

Blackberry makes a wonderful natural dye with various parts of the plant producing everything from bluish grey to orange/red. On the land is where things get tricky. Blackberry tends to favour creeks and gullies and will inhabit an area very quickly. The thorny brambles prevent animals from accessing grazing and they cover small tree seedlings. Conversely, this is why many land regeneration experts are now looking to blackberry to help in the rehydration of erosion gullies. They keep out grazers so allow grasses to flourish, their tangled frames protect young tree seedlings and of course the berries are an important natural food source. Whatever your feelings about blackberry, to me there is still nothing as delicious as Blackberry pie with lashings of cream.

*disclaimer: be sure of plant identification before consuming any wild plants and consult your medical practitioner before using any natural plant medicines. #embraceyourweeds
#wildforaging #herbalremedies #naturaltherapies #edibleweeds
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Right to repair a win for farmers

The state's peak agricultural body has welcomed a common sense decision to open up the market for repairs on expensive farm machinery.

NSW Farmers Business, Economics and Trade Committee member Andrew Martel said it was a win after an 18-month process with the ACCC and the Productivity Commission.

"Farm machinery in particular can be very expensive and getting an 'authorised repairer' out to a remote property to fix something can also be very expensive – farmers should be able to choose to use a qualified local or do repairs and maintenance work themselves if they're qualified," Mr Martel said.

"We saw the same sort of thing done for cars a number of years ago and that's worked really well – if you're a qualified mechanic you can fix any car, hopefully this will mean the same for big farm machinery too.

"It's great to have these issues highlighted and looked at, and now it's up to the Commonwealth to drive the change."

At the moment, farmers are locked in to getting services and repairs done only by authorised dealers and agents, adding extra costs to the farm business. Mr Martel said he understood why that system had come about, but it wasn't the best way forward for Australia.

"Every year you're seeing a significant reduction of dealer networks across regional areas, and there's a common view that we need qualified mechanics to make non-critical repairs without voiding warranties," Mr Martel said.

"Farmers know the value of their machinery and the business impacts when these are not operational – a more open and competitive after-sales market outcome is critical.

"The importance of access to machinery diagnostics, codes, schematics, and parts to enable increased access to local, third-party repairers to enable faster, more convenient and affordable repairs, particularly where they are minor, is essential."



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- **Braidwood Farmers Market**
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- **Weekly Garage Sale**
Braidwood Uniting Church
Wed's 9-3 Cnr Duncan & Monkitee St
- **Nerriga Produce Market**
1st Sunday of the month.

Kings Highway evening closures

Ongoing slope remediation work as part of the second stage of Natural Disaster Recovery on the Kings Highway at Clyde Mountain will be complete by Thursday 16 December, weather permitting. Work will be carried out at night from 7pm to 5am, Monday to Thursday. There will be changed traffic conditions on the Kings Highway including a single lane closure during work hours. There will be no further closures during the day for this work.

SAVE THE DATE

2/3 APRIL 2022

BRAIDWOOD OPENS GARDEN

Fundraiser for the Braidwood Hospital Auxiliary

Braidwood Men's Shed

Braidwood Men's Shed has kicked off again with member numbers very encouraging. We meet each Tuesday and Friday from 9:30 AM. New members always welcome. For more info contact Kevin on 0450961039. Enquiries phone or message 0450961039 or braidwoodmensshed@gmail.com

Passions in the Park at Majors Creek Rec Ground

Saturday 11th December Noon till 2.00 pm

Looking to gather some series Land Rovers together from around the District, plus your Passion, Ford, Holden, Chev, Ferguson, Harley, Valiant, Chrysler, Stationary, Vintage, Historic, Heritage, Kawasaki, RFS, Trucks, any thing with a story, may be even a Jeep!

Hopeful of encouraging in the order of 40 vehicles Bring it from Braidwood, Drive out from Canberra, Coast up from the Bay. Come for a chat and catch up with folk you haven't seen for a while Majors Creek Elrington Hotel will be open for Coffee and Lunch. No Cost.

Supported by the Land Rover Club of the ACT
Majors Creek Recreational Ground, Hill St NSW 2622
behind the RFS Fire Shed. Contact Peter Mercer 0403 468 503. See you there on the 11th December at NOON
Land Rover Club of the ACT are holding there Christmas Party at the MC Rec as they have done on a number of occasions we will enjoy catering by Vanilla Catering.

Braidwood Apex Club - Save the date.

Friday 10th December Apex at the Club from 530. Major Xmas hamper and as always the chocolate wheel will be spinning.

Join Deborah Thomson and David McClymont
around the baby grand as they perform music from the Great American Songbook with an elegant dash of Christmas cheer.

Sunday 12th December 5pm

The Royal Mail Hotel, Braidwood

Entry : Free **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL** as this final concert for the year is likely to sell out.

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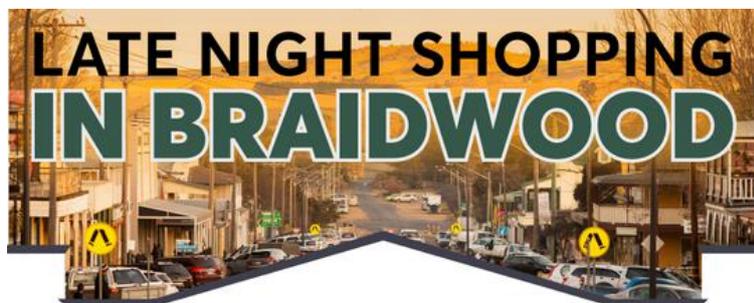
Annual General Meeting

Thursday 16 December 2021

at 5.00pm

Venue: Braidwood Life Centre room

Interested members of the Braidwood community are very welcome to attend the Braidwood Life Centre AGM



JOIN US FOR LATE NIGHT SHOPPING IN THE MAIN STREET

Wander between stores with roving acts including a band and magician.

There will be children's activities in the National Theatre including face painting, a magic show and Santa at 6.30pm.

There are also hampers to be won by shopping throughout this event!

THURSDAY 16 DECEMBER 5-9PM



Mega Car Boot Sale

1st Braidwood Scouts
Saturday

11th December from 9am

Braidwood Scout Hall, Coghill St, Braidwood

Come along with your boot full of goodies to sell, just in time for Christmas!!

If you are interested in having a car spot, please contact Louise at llcole76@gmail.com to book a spot. Bookings are essential, car spots are free. Free entry.



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Late Night Shopping in Braidwood

Late night shopping in the main street of Braidwood, Thursday 16 December. There will be roving entertainment as well as children's activities in the National Theatre including face painting, a magic show and Santa at 6.30pm.

Shops around town will be open between 5-9pm and there are hampers to be won by shopping during the event.

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Attention all Braidwood children!

Have you managed to make it onto Santa's nice list this year?

You still have a few days before he comes to town to check.

The Braidwood crew from Fire and Rescue NSW will be escorting Santa and his bag filled with sweets around the streets of Braidwood from 3pm on Saturday 18 December.

Look for the big red truck and listen out for Santa.... but only if you're nice.

RACING NEWS



WITH THE JEMBAICUMBENE PUNTER

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The Braidwood District has had a long association with the Racing Industry. It dates back to when Archer won his Melbourne Cups in 1861 and 1862. The owners were THOMAS John Roberts and Rowland Hassall. Archer was foaled at 'Exeter Farm', Jembaicumbene. The debate rages as how far did Archer actually walk. It is mostly likely that he walked to Nowra and then by Steamer to Melbourne. Some old local families have a long association with Racing, to name a few Hassall, Roberts, Royds, Bills, Jackson, Clarke, Backhouse. Real Estate tycoon Bill Bridges also trained horses in the district in the 1960's and 1970's.

Present day trainers include Greg Backhouse, training at Moruya, Gary Clarke, Queanbeyan, Luke Clarke Reidsdale and Aaron Clare Braidwood.

James McDonald, leading Sydney hoop, had a great day at Rosehill Gardens on Saturday. He rode three winners and six seconds from nine rides, not a bad day's tally.

Punter only had an experience with Racing once when her mother acquired a horse called New Coin. The late Barry Webb agreed to be the nominated trainer for a Braidwood Race Meeting. A jockey named Keith Parkinson was encouraged to ride him. The other jockeys had told Parkinson how bad this horse was. The poor guy was terrified, the field jumped and New Coin got his tongue over the bit and came stone motherless last.

Several 'Goat' Meetings were held in the district in the 1960's and 1970's on private properties at Major' Creek, Araluen, Oranmeir, Charley's Forest and Nerriga. Registered horses were brought in to run at these country meets. Some horses had half a bottle of scotch whisky poured down their necks before they raced. The antics of some of the jockeys were quite unorthodox.

Following on the Academy story from last week's Bugle. He raced at the Sunshine Coast on Sunday. He jumped well, but was quickly overtake. He ended up about sixth. I believe they are considering spelling him.

Until next week. Happy Punting.

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Braidwood Golf Club News

Thanks to all the members & their guests who came to a memorable presentation event on Saturday after golf, with a special thank you to The President Keith Ferguson, the Secretary Debby Ferguson, and the 2 captains, Michelle Henry & Mark Newman who worked hard to make it a successful night.

The following are the Trophy Winners for 2021:

Women's Club Champion-Virginia Groot Obbink

R/Up Club Champion - Deb Ferguson
Helen Goddard Memorial Nett Champion-
Michelle Henry
First 18 Nett Winner - Di Freeman
Second 18 Nett Winner - Robin Tennant Wood
Third 18 Nett Winner - Donna Kuhn
Isabelle Mutton Trophy - Di Freeman
Points Score Trophy - Margy Gardner
10 Best Nett Scores Braidwood Community Bank
Trophy - Debby Ferguson
Best Gross Score - Debby Ferguson
Daargun Aboriginal Corp Best Nett Score
- Di Freeman
Eclectic Gross - Debby Ferguson
Eclectic Nett A Grade - Michelle Henry
Eclectic Nett B Grade - Donna Kuhn

Men's Club Champion - Michael Toirkens

R/Up Club Champion - Brendan Sly
B Grade Club Champion - John Harb
Vic Young Memorial Nett Champion -
Mark Newman
First 18 Nett Winner - Michael Fitzgerald
Second 18 Nett Winner - Spiro Agnew
Third 18 Nett Winner - Simon Briggs
Points Score Trophy - Michael Toirkens
10 Best Nett Scores Braidwood Community Bank
Trophy - Michael Toirkens
Best Gross Score - Brendan Sly
Daargun Aboriginal Corp Best Nett Score
- Keith Morgan
Eclectic Gross - Michael Toirkens
Eclectic Nett A Grade-Mark Newman
Eclectic Nett B Grade - Andrew Clark
Medal Of Medals - Mark Newman

Mixed Foursomes Winners - Debby Ferguson & Michael Toirkens
Mixed Foursomes R/Up - Margy Gardner & Brendan Sly
Mixed Foursomes Nett Winners - Barb Stuart & Don Burke
Mixed Foursomes Nett R/Up - Michelle Henry & Mark Newman
Chook Run Trophy - Keith Ferguson
Chook Run Least Improved Golfer, Putter Donated by William
Verdon - John Stahel

Results: Saturday December 4-Medley 3 Ball Stabrose-

Bev Kain Memorial Day With many thanks to the Kain family for generously continuing to sponsor the Memorial Day for Bev & as always, a fun day with a good turn out for a good day's golf.

Thank you so much.

Ham Winners: Michelle Henry, Tom Duffy & Chris Witt – 58 pts

Bubbles Winners: Margy Gardner, Michael Fitzgerald & Mark Newman - 56 pts c/b

Ball Winners: Di Freeman, Allan Walcott & Rod Royds 56 pts,
Donna Kuhn, Keith Ferguson & Spiro Agnew 56 pts

NTP Women 8/17: Virginia Groot Obbink

NTP Men 6/15: Not Won

Jackpot 17th: Not Won

Coming Events:

December 11 Saturday: Men's & Women's Stroke/Monthly Medals -Christmas Hamper-Bring & Pick a Gift(chocolates, wine, golf stuff) from the Christmas Table.

December 18 Saturday: Committee Meeting 10.30am-3
Person Ambrose Cross Country (Shotgun), Mark & Sherilee Newman Trophy

December 26 Saturday: Medley Irish Stableford

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To practice - Lie on the stomach with the legs straight and the feet together. Place the palms of the hands on the floor underneath the shoulders with the fingers facing forward, elbows close into the body. Rest the forehead on the floor. Using the back muscles draw the shoulder blades towards one another, raise the head, neck, shoulders and chest from the floor. Keep the pubic bone grounded, lengthen and stretch the spine into a backwards curve and if comfortable with the neck, gaze up. Hold for as long as comfortable then slowly lower the body to the floor. Practice up to 5 rounds.



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Red, blue, orange, green, purple, and? What colours will you use to make the tree all
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