

Official opening of BCS upgrades



Braidwood Central School school leaders with NSW Minsiter for Education Sarah Mitchell, Deputy Premier Paul Toole and Principal Nerida Mosely at the official opening of the school upgrades this morning.

A \$16.4 million upgrade of Braidwood Central School was officially opened today by the NSW Deputy Premier Paul Toole and Minister for Education Sarah Mitchell, building on the record investment in regional public education infrastructure. Mr Toole said "This upgrade will completely change the learning experience for Braidwood's students, giving them access to eight new flexible learning spaces and specialist music and drama spaces. Not only will the upgrade allow teachers to deliver an integrated curriculum in a more engaging and supportive environment, it has also supported the local economy by providing local jobs/contractors while work was carried out."

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Thanks to Council

As President of the Braidwood Youth Performing Arts Association, I want to extend our thanks to the new QPRC Councillors for their unanimous support, at last week's Council Meeting, of our selection of Grind Projects to construct the new Braidwood Skate Park.

The approval of this tender by the Councillors gives us, the Project Team (including BYPAA, the BCA and QPRC staff), the green light to move forward with signing contracts and commencing on-ground works.

This is very exciting and a great step forward. Assuming everything goes smoothly and the rain eventually eases up, Braidwood will have a Skate Park by the end of the year. On behalf of the kids and families of Braidwood and surrounds I congratulate Councillors on an excellent decision at their first "real" meeting on the job. We are so pleased to be able to get on with it. Thanks very much.

Annie Duke,
BYPAA President.

Kings Highway night time reseal



There have been a few sleepless nights for residents of Wallace and Lascelles St east, as re sealing of the kings Highway has been taking place through the night.

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In addition to new learning spaces, the upgrade includes outdoor and landscaped play areas, as well as improved administration and staff facilities, expanding the permanent accommodation at the school to support 395 students.

Minister for Education Sarah Mitchell said the NSW Government is strengthening the State's world-class education system.

"This project at Braidwood Central School has delivered the high-quality school resources students and teachers deserve."

The NSW Government is investing \$7.9 billion over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver 215 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW.

Cooler Classrooms Scheme

With the opening timed nicely for the Monaro By-election campaign Labor has pointed out that despite being announced nearly four years ago, there are still ten Monaro schools who have been rejected or still awaiting the delivery of the NSW Government's promise to deliver air conditioners to school classrooms.

The \$500 million Cooler Classrooms program, announced nearly four years ago, was supposed to provide air-conditioners for schools and prioritise schools with the highest mean maximum January temperatures for air-conditioning installation. The program was announced before the 2019 election and began shortly after.

The NSW Government failed to approve air-conditioning for five Monaro schools: Braidwood Central School, Bungendore Public School, Cooma North Public School, Delegate Public School, Nimmitabel Public School.

A further five Monaro schools have been approved for air conditions but are awaiting their delivery: Captains Flat Public School, Cooma Public School, Karabar High School, Queanbeyan South Public School and Queanbeyan West Public School.

Labor candidate for Monaro Bryce Wilson said "Children are returning to school this week and we know that ventilation for COVID safety is extremely important"

"Schools in Sydney with lower temperatures have already received their upgrades while students in Queanbeyan and across the Monaro will have endure another summer without air-conditioners" NSW Deputy Opposition Leader and Shadow Minister for Education Prue Car said "The Perrottet Government should've treated schools fairly but instead it has left thousands of school children waiting for promised air-conditioning that's never delivered."

"This government has clearly failed to deliver on its promises and it is school kids who will have to bear the cost"



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New faces in the St Bede's playground



St Bede's Primary School 2022 Kindergarten Class.



New staff at St Bede's for 2022

This year St Bede's are welcoming several new teachers:
Mark Chifley Assistant Principal: Mark is an experienced educator and has worked in previous schools as Assistant Principal at Young and in Canberra. Mark is teaching Year 6 this year.

Helen Mulholland Religious Education Coordinator: Helen is an experienced educator and has previously taught in the Tumut region in Catholic schools and Bathurst Diocese as Principal in several schools. This year Helen is teaching Year 4.

Jade Crispin: Jade is an experienced teacher and has previously worked in Canberra. This year Jade is teaching Year 3.

Rebecca McPake: Rebecca is an experienced teacher having previously worked at West Wyalong and at schools in Brisbane. This year Rebecca is teaching Year 1.

LEFT: New St Bede's School Staff: Mark Chifley, Jade Crispin, Rebecca McPake, Helen Mulholland (left to right).

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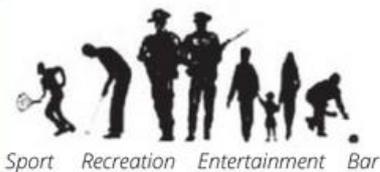
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Summary of last week's Ordinary Meeting of Council

- Council heard from seven members of the public who made presentations about various matters on the agenda
- Council noted the resignation of CEO Mr Tegart with regret
- Council approved the allocation of a donation of \$3,000 from the Cultural Grant Scheme to the Queanbeyan PCYC to assist with costs for a rhythmic gymnastics program
- Council deferred consideration of a development application for a two lot Torrens title subdivision and demolition of two sheds at 119 Wallace St, Braidwood until a workshop and on-site inspection has been held with Heritage NSW
- Council will make a formal submission on the Local Infrastructure Contribution reforms
- Council noted the allocation of the Main Street Upgrade Funds for 2021-22 and endorsed the updated guidelines for the 2022-23 funding program
- Council awarded the contract for the new skatepark at the Braidwood Recreation Ground to Grind Projects for \$678,414
- Council lifted the alcohol-free zoning at Queen Elizabeth II Park for the Music by the River event on Saturday 26 February 2022 and for the 2023 event
- Council supported renewal of the Licence Agreement for the community garden at Railway Park on Henderson Road, Queanbeyan. Licence Agreement will be publicly advertised
- Council adopted the General Purpose Financial Statements, Special Purpose Financial Statements and Special Schedules for the year ended 30 June 2021
- Council received the investment report for November 2021 and noted return was \$530,333
- Council received the investment report for December 2021 and noted return was \$426,496
- Council noted a report on the compulsory acquisition of land in Bungendore by Department of Education and revoked in-principle support for the proposal. The Mayor will write to the Minister for Education and Early Learning and Secretary of the Department opposing the development and the Minister for Planning, Industry and Environment asking to reject the state significant development application. Council will work with the Department of Education and other NSW Government departments to facilitate the selection of an alternative site and invite the Department of Education to attend a workshop to discuss these matters.
- Council noted a summary report of road renewal and maintenance activities for the second quarter of 2021-22
- Council noted the minutes of the Heritage Advisory Committee, the Local Traffic Committee and the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee
- Council will receive a report on the current state of Council's road building, maintenance and repair capability and all current road building and maintenance projects, including the prioritisation of unsealed roads that are bus routes.
- Council resolved to defer a matter proposed to be considered in closed session relating to the purchase of Council land to the open session of the next meeting of Council
- In closed session Council determined to write off a total of \$2,363.29 in water charges for an undetected water leak at a property in Bungendore.

WHAT'S ON AT THE BRAIDWOOD SERVICEMEN'S CLUB



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

Friday Night (4th Feb) is the Braidwood Jockey Club Calcutta at the Club. Tickets are on Sale from 6pm on the night or are available at the bar now!

Saturday Night after the Braidwood Races we will have BREW playing outside on the back deck from 7.30pm. On race day there is a bus picking up from the Club & dropping off at the Race Track from 12.00pm and then dropping back to the Club after the races. We will also have Deer Head Food Van & Catering here on Race Night making sure everyone is fed!

Our Friday Raffles & Members Draw is having a short break and will be back on Friday the 11th of February. Our first Friday back the Members Draw is at \$4,800.



Council defers decision on Albion DA

At the Ordinary Meeting of the QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG REGIONAL COUNCIL held 27 January 2022.

Item 9.1 A Development Application DA.2021.1240 - Two Lot Torrens Title Subdivision and Demolition of Two Existing Sheds and Garages (Albion Hotel Site) - 119 Wallace Street, Braidwood was deferred. Council RESOLVED (Willis/Preston)

That:

1. Consideration of development application DA.2021.1240 for a two lot Torrens title subdivision and demolition of two existing sheds and garages on Lot 1 DP 598830, No. 119 Wallace St Braidwood be deferred until after a workshop has been held with representatives from Heritage NSW to ascertain:
a. The Heritage Council's view as to the necessity for the proposed subdivision boundary to pass through the T-shaped sheds given that this results in the need to demolish those sheds.
b. The Heritage Council's view as to whether relocating the subdivision boundary clear of the T-shaped sheds would impact on the section 60 approvals already provided in relation to the proposed subdivision and demolition.

2. Prior to reconsidering this matter, Councillors conduct an onsite inspection in conjunction with the owner of the premises and that representatives from Heritage NSW be invited to attend.

For: Crs Burton, Livermore, Preston, Ternouth, Webster, Willis, Wilson and Winchester

Against: Crs Biscotti and Grundy

Braidwood skatepark

At last week's council meeting the tender was approved for a new skatepark to be built at the Braidwood Recreation Ground.

Experienced skatepark builder Grind Projects will construct the skatepark with the project set to begin in September 2022. The skatepark, designed by Convic in consultation with the community, will cater to beginner and intermediate level skaters and is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

This project is funded by a grant of \$680,660 as part of Stage 2 of the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund delivered by the NSW Government Department of Regional NSW. The Braidwood Youth Performing Arts Association received the grant and Council are helping with project management.

Bungendore High School on Bungendore Park

CORRECTION to earlier edition

An earlier edition of the Braidwood Bugle, included the content of a proposed amendment moved by Cr Preston at last week's Council meeting regarding the site for a Bungendore High School. It was incorrectly labelled it as the 'resolution' in the sub-title.

It is not the resolution, it was a proposed amendment.

The final resolution, which is included in the meeting Minutes, is provided below.

037/22 RESOLVED (Preston/Webster)

That: 1. Council note the report.

2. Council, given the lack of detail on why the Bungendore Park site was selected and the need to find a solution that works for the whole community:

a. Revokes its in-principle support for the Department of Education proposal to build Bungendore High School on the site of Bungendore Park, Turallo Reserve and on Council freehold land along Majara Street.

b. Opposes any further plans to develop a high school on this site.

c. Reverse its decision to close Majara Street between Gibraltar Street and Turallo Terrace.

d. Withdraw the delegations to the CEO to negotiate joint use agreements for Bungendore Park and the Mick Sherd Oval with the Department of Education, specifically with respect to the proposed high school.

3. The Mayor write to the New South Wales Minister for Education and Early Learning and the Secretary of the Department of Education informing them that the Council opposes the development of a High School on Bungendore Park, Turallo Reserve and adjacent Council freehold land on Majara Street.

4. The Mayor write to the New South Wales Minister for Planning, Industry and Environment urging him to reject the Department of Education's State Significant Development Application to place Bungendore High School on Bungendore Park, Turallo Reserve and adjacent Council freehold land on Majara Street.

5. Given Council remains of the very strong view that the Bungendore community should have a High School, that Council commence work with the Department of Education and other State Government Departments to facilitate the selection and Council approvals of an alternative site in Bungendore.

6. Council invite the Department of Education to attend a workshop to discuss these matters.

For: Crs Livermore, Preston, Webster, Willis, Wilson and Winchester.

Against: Crs Biscotti, Burton, Grundy and Ternouth



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Bungendore roundabout work resumes

Temporary traffic signals will be setup at the intersection of Malbon Street and Molonglo Street from Monday 31 January as work on the Bungendore roundabout resumes. There will be some disruption to traffic and we ask that motorists please observe the roadwork signage and obey the directions of traffic controllers.

Construction of the roundabout was paused over the summer holiday period to minimise disruption to holiday traffic. The project is due for completion early this year.

Green Caffein Launch

Council launched a partnership with Green Caffein this week.

Green Caffein Swap & Go cups are now stocked at five cafes in QPRC and we hope to have more signing up soon. Local cafes sign up for free and receive a selection of Green Caffein cups. These can then be checked-out by customers through the app, rather than using a disposable cup.

Used cups can be dropped off to any participating cafe across the country within 30 days without charge. Returned cups are cleaned by the cafes which makes using a Swap & Go cup no different to dining in.

Simply download the Green Caffein app for Android or iOS, scan the code when you pick up or drop off a cup and takeaway great coffee without adding to single use waste.

You can register your cafe for free and join the network of low waste cafes across Australia. Learn more about the project at greencaffen.com.au

Are you a person with disability, a carer or someone who wants to improve accessibility and inclusion in our community?

The Disability Inclusion Action Plan community workshop will be held online via Zoom on Thursday 17 February from 5:30pm to 7pm. There are limited spots available for this workshop. Please contact our Community Development Officer, Cristina, to secure your place.

We will also be providing \$20 vouchers for those who take the time to attend, which can be used at a variety of retailers.

Reserve your spot by emailing cristina.dejongh@qprc.nsw.gov.au with

- Your first and last name
- Your age (if you are under the age of 18 we need a parent or carers consent)
- Whether you identify as living with disability or a carer of person living with disability
- Whether you require any support in participating in an online Zoom session (e.g. closed captions or easy read materials)

Accurate rapid antigen tests

To make sure you're getting the most accurate rapid antigen test result, it's important you do the test the right way.

For nasal swab rapid antigen tests, make sure you're swabbing back and not up. This is because you want to take a sample from the back of your nose, known as the nasopharynx, not your nostrils.

There are different rapid antigen testing kits available so make sure you follow the manufacturer's instructions provided within the testing kit.

If your rapid antigen test is positive, register your result through the Service NSW website and immediately self-isolate for 7 days. If you need help registering your positive result online, call Service NSW on 13 77 88.

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Michelle at the Servicemens Club - 48422108
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to register - spots are limited so book today!

End of a sweet era for locals and visitors



After 17 years in business Brenda Vardanega's The Boiled Lolly has been sold. Sunday was the last full day of trading. On Friday afternoon friends and long time supporters of the business gathered to farewell the popular shop. Many many Braidwood youngsters have cut their teeth in food handling and hospitality under the guidance of Brenda, husband Ian and their children. Cut sandwiches from the shop have been fixtures at Braidwood functions and the shop has generously donated supplies for Santa on his annual visits to Braidwood. Over the years, young old and famous have patronised the shop, including Anthony Albanese (pictured below) enjoying a salad and a spider! A Braidwood institution that will be missed by many!



Photos: Facebook



Concessional Rapid Antigen Test Scheme at Capital Chemist Braidwood

Capital Chemist Braidwood will start supplying Rapid Antigen Tests under the RAT scheme tomorrow, Thursday 3rd February 2022, allowing concession and health care card holders to access limited free Rapid Antigen Tests.

To qualify for the concession scheme, you must hold a valid pension, concession, healthcare, or DVA card, and you must bring the card with you to the pharmacy. Eligible people will be entitled to 10 free RATs over a three-month period, with a maximum of five tests in any calendar month.

Only certain RATs are eligible in the concession scheme, so there may be times when we have stock available for retail purchase but not available under the concession scheme. The supply of Rapid Antigen Tests remains limited, and as such, we will have a limited number available each day to ensure we can maintain supply and access for all eligible people in our area.

****Remember, do not attend the pharmacy yourself if you are experiencing symptoms. Instead, you can send along a healthy person with your concession card to receive the RATs for you****

How can I get my RAT's? (The important part!) Starting Thursday 3rd February, concession Rapid Antigen Tests will be available from Capital Chemist Braidwood between 8am and 9am Monday to Friday.

We will have a set amount of stock available each day and once exhausted the next stock won't be available until the following morning. As supply stabilises we hope to be able to increase the daily offering.

You are welcome to come to the pharmacy between 8am and 9am to collect your Rapid Antigen Tests. We ask you to follow the signage we have put up to ensure the rest of the pharmacy can continue to operate – our staff can help ensure you are in the right spot to access your tests. We will not be holding stock or taking phone orders for this scheme.

If you are a carer for someone who can't come into the pharmacy, with their consent, you are welcome to attend with their concession or pension card to receive RATs on their behalf.



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Showing new cases of Covid 19 in 2622 since the start of the Omicron wave.

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16 this week
95 total cases

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Graph type: **Total cases** **New cases** Vaccinations

Graph time period: 2 weeks 4 weeks **Since Omicron** Since Delta All-time

RACGP urges social media crackdown on anti-vaxxer bullies

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) is urging Meta (formerly known as Facebook) to crack down on anti-vaxxers responsible for death threats against a Gold Coast GP.

It comes after reports of popular GP Dr Wilson Chin of Pacific Pines Medico being harassed and abused by anti-vaxxers following two children experiencing a fainting episode while under observation at the clinic last Monday. Dr Chin and his practice colleagues have since pulled out of the vaccine rollout of children aged 5 to 11 after receiving vile death threats.

As reported recently - abuse and death threats flooded in via the practice's phone and social media pages, including threats to "get" staff after work or to set dogs on them. A "personal eyewitness account" posted on a private community Facebook page that the girls had suffered "violent convulsions" and died in the waiting room – both of which are false.

Other Facebook users posted false information describing the girls as "unresponsive when ambos got there" and encouraged others to "[s]hare everywhere". Another user posted: "Mum [of the daughters] is not responding to messages".

The RACGP has previously urged social media companies such as Twitter and Meta to do more to counter the spread of COVID-19-related misinformation and lies on their platforms, and crack down on anti-vaxxers.

RACGP President Dr Karen Price said that Meta should act immediately.

"A GP receiving death threats simply for doing his job trying to keep his community safe is completely unacceptable and I won't stand for it," she said.

"Dr Chin had to stay at a friend's place because he was so concerned for his safety and there have been sleepless nights for fellow GPs, the practice manager and the other members of the practice team at Pacific Pines Medico.

"The fact that staff at a nearby practice, which has never offered COVID-19 vaccinations to children, also received death threats shows you how reckless anti-vaxxers can be. Facts, reason, and rationality don't matter, only their twisted agenda.

"I have been in contact with Dr Chin and made it 100% clear to him that the Royal Australian College of GPs is right behind him and that we will do anything necessary to back him against these malicious anti-vaxxer bullies. The college will also work with Dr Chin to provide guidance for other GPs and general practice team members who find themselves in a similar position.

"Meta, formerly known as Facebook, has a real opportunity here to walk the walk and back up their rhetoric by removing anti-vaxxers from the platform and making a concerted effort to counter anti-vaxxer misinformation and threats, including in private Facebook groups. We cannot allow people like Dr Chin to experience threats, abuse and intimidation simply for doing his job."

Dr Price said that she would vigorously fight for GPs and any other healthcare workers who find themselves subject to anti-vaxxer threats and abuse.

"I will not stand for this. GPs, practice managers, nurses, receptionists and administrative workers are giving their all and deserve nothing but praise and admiration," she said. "I understand that police are investigating the matter and that they have tracked down the person who had made a direct threat against Dr Chin.

"Since this matter is being dealt with by law enforcement it is not my place to comment on what happens next; however, I certainly hope this sends a strong message to other anti-vaxxers to back off and leave hardworking GPs and general practice teams alone.

"They are the unheralded heroes of the vaccine rollout working tirelessly to keep people safe from harm and they don't deserve this. Everyone deserves a safe workplace and none more so than GPs giving their all during a global pandemic."



MONARO BY-ELECTION BALLOT DRAW

A ballot draw has revealed all of the declared candidates running in the Monaro by-election on February 12.

There are six candidates running in Monaro.

The NSW Electoral Commission conducted the ballot paper draw for both seats, which determines the order in which nominated candidates appear on the ballot paper.

Candidates will appear in this order:

MONARO

- Andrew Thaler, Independent
- Nichole Overall, The Nationals
- James Holgate, Sustainable Australia Party
- Frankie Seymour, Animal Justice Party
- Catherine Moore, The Greens
- Bryce Wilson, Labor

For more information on how to vote, check out this link:

Monaro:

<http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au/.../Monaro-By-election>

Pre-poll for Monaro by-election will be available at the Old Library, Braidwood from Monday 31 Jan to Friday 11 Feb From 9:00 to 4:30.

Also open on Saturday 5 Feb. This year there is no iVote for this election. Postal votes will be sent to every eligible voter - no restrictions on postal voting .

Regional roads need urgent attention

According to the February 1 SMH article Ageing roads face funding crisis, "almost four out of five state managed roads in regional NSW and parts of outer Sydney are more than 20 years old, and 2000 kilometres are in poor or very poor condition."

In the light of this article, based on a sensitive document obtained by the Herald via the upper house, The Greens in Monaro are again calling on the State Government to prioritise road safety in any roads spending.

"For those of us in Monaro, a trip in the car can often mean putting at risk our own lives and those of our passengers, given the quality of the tarmac in combination with the dangerous behaviour displayed by an increasing number of drivers," said Greens candidate for Monaro Catherine Moore.

"Every time I travel between Braidwood and Queanbeyan I stay way back from the pack as drivers ahead take huge risks attempting to overtake on bends, over double lines or on crests. Sometimes I have to pull over to avoid oncoming vehicles, as happened recently, just at a place where there were multiple pot-holes on the edge. We have seen some terrible tragedies along the Kings and Monaro Highways in recent years, as well as on smaller regional roads.

"In the Snowy Monaro LGA, Council struggles to maintain nearly 3000 km of roads, about 1800km of which are unsealed. Winter adds an additional dimension of danger as the highway becomes crowded with visitors to the mountains, many of whom struggle to cope with wildlife and icy conditions."

"The State Government needs to remember those of us who reside outside the most populous areas, not just city voters, when they spend money on the road network. Improvements in public transport infrastructure and road safety need to be the top priorities, not building more and more motorways to simply encourage car use," Catherine concluded

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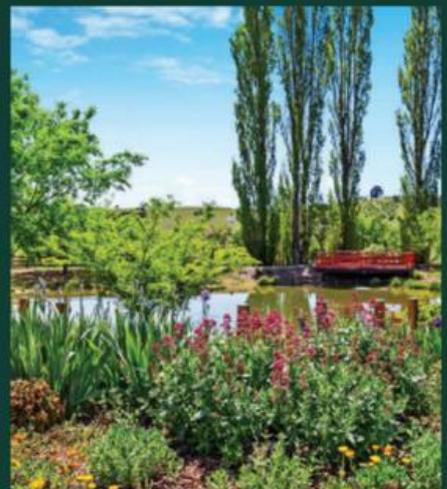


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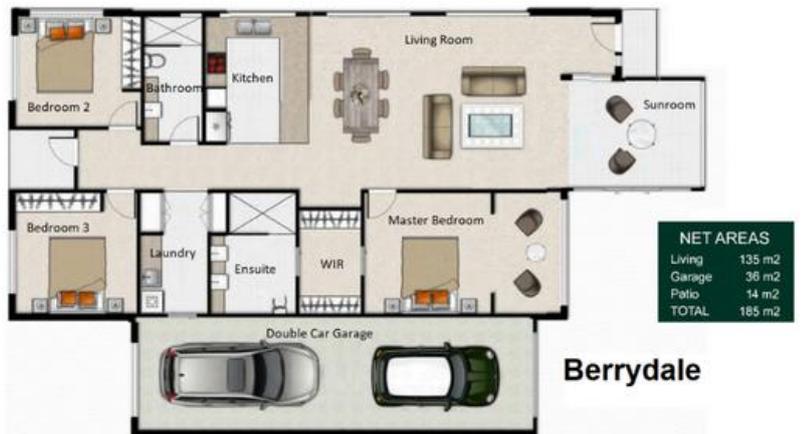


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- 3 x Mackay (38/39/40)
- 3 x Berrydale (35/36/37)

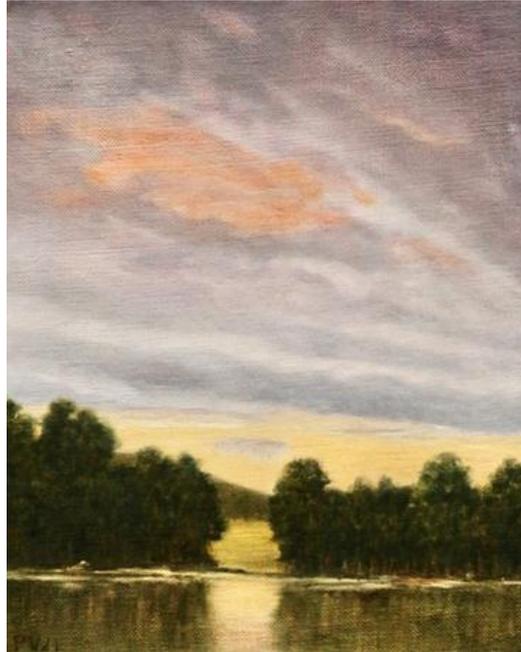
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New Exhibitions to open at Studio Altenburg

Studio Altenburg invites you to the exhibitions of Millie Black / Gallery One and Peter Van de Maele / Gallery Two. Opening Friday 4th February 6pm with guest speaker Amanda Stuart ANU School of Art & Design Environment Studio. The Exhibition continues to 5th March



Millie Black Landcores detail 2021, watercolour on mulberry paper, cotton, hemp, 37x25cm



Peter Van de Maele Across Moruya river 2021 oil on linen 25x20cm

Delayed River of Art Prize winners announced

The 2021 River of Art Prize was announced today with the winner being Geoffrey Odgers for his work Burnt Offerings.

The second award went to Victoria Collins for Sapling Forest in Crimson and the highly commended prize to Grace Paleg for Kiss the Floor.

The River of Art prize was rescheduled due to the 2021 COVID lockdown.

The winning artist will receive \$2,000 with \$250 for the runner up. The artwork most highly commended will be awarded \$100. 50 artists entered a total of 63 works from within and beyond the Eurobodalla region demonstrating again the quality and commitment of artists in our region.

The final 22 works will hang at the Narooma School of Art studios until 6 February 2022.

The 2022 River of Art Prize will be open in August and announced during the Festival that will run from 16-25 September 2022.

The final works will be available to view on the River of Art website www.riverofart.com.au

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A Poem by Mary Murray

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Rusten House Art Centre – February Exhibition – **The 40+ Project and Liquid Light**

Gallery 1: The 40+ Project by Yasmin Idriss

Gallery 2: Liquid Light by Yasmin Idriss

Exhibitions run: 3 – 26 February 2022;

Rusten House Art Centre, Queanbeyn

10am-4pm Wed - Sat

Opening 5-7pm 3 February

The 40+ Project is a culmination of more than 2 years photographing women who are 40 years and over. The exhibition celebrates these women – who they are, how they feel and their journey thus far.

The project developed from Idriss' desire to create a photobook called 40 Something. As the project progressed, she realised she wanted to capture images of her mother and the other generations before her. Thus, the concept of a second book manifested itself as '50 over 50', and the The 40+ Project was born.

The 40+ project is ongoing and Idriss welcomes all who would like to participate.

Yasmin will be offering 'Come as you are' tea and photo sessions in the gallery each Saturday during the exhibition, between 1-3pm except the final weekend.

This will include a follow up studio photography session with makeup artist and professional lighting for a fee.

There have been several requests for a "40+ Men" project, so if you are keen to participate, there will be a book for registrations at the gallery.

The second exhibition, Liquid Light is a study of the natural world around us, while playing with the lines between painting and photography. Using a photo sensitive liquid emulsion Idriss experiments with natural imagery on various paper surfaces. These works are a collection of her favourite pieces created in the darkroom.

Yasmin Idriss is an emerging artist and photographer based in Canberra. In 2017 she completed her Bachelor of Visual Arts (Honours) in Photomedia at the Australian National University. Her forte is portraiture and documentary photography, working with digital as well as traditional processes but also enjoys experimenting with liquid light, printmaking, painting and creating sculptures from steel or found objects

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The Bay Pavilions aquatic, arts and leisure centre is a new development in Batemans Bay that will deliver a range of modern arts and leisure facilities for the town and the wider Eurobodalla community. It is part of an approximate 2ha strategic precinct in Batemans Bay that links the wetlands and sportsgrounds to the west and the town centre to the east on the opposite side of the Princess Highway.

The commissioning process will be coordinated by Eurobodalla Shire Council through the Public Art Advisory Committee. Closing: Monday 28 February 2022, 4.30pm [View the artist brief](#)

Free RSA Courses to help ease staff shortages

The NSW Government will fund 5,000 fee-free Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) courses to support new workers to enter the hospitality industry and help ease the staffing pressure on licensed hospitality venues.

Treasurer Matt Kean said the free courses will be available from 7 February and will allow more people to get the qualifications they need to enter the workforce during this critical time.

"The hospitality sector makes up over 2 per cent of total gross value added to the NSW economy and supports more than 300,000 jobs, which is why we are committed to supporting this critical industry," Mr Kean said.

"By providing these free RSA courses we are not just supporting the hospitality sector during the current downturn, but are supporting the future of people who pick up an extra qualification courtesy of NSW Government funding."

Minister for Hospitality and Racing Kevin Anderson said the funding will help thousands of people to gain the skills to enter an in-demand industry.

Staff shortages are adversely impacting the hospitality sector which is why we are supporting more people to obtain skills and work to drive our economic recovery," Mr Anderson said.

Minister for Skills and Training Alister Henskens said refresher RSA courses will also be available free of charge from 7 February until the end of June.

"We are encouraging former hospitality workers to return to the sector by allowing anyone whose RSA competency card has expired within the past two years, or will expire before 30 June, to complete a short online refresher course to renew their certification for free," Mr Henskens said.

The RSA courses will be available through TAFE NSW and private providers who already offer government subsidised programs.

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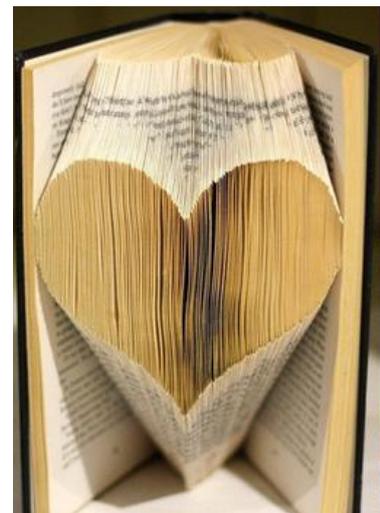
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WOMEN

I'm confused.

Are women insisting on having the same opportunities as men or on having different opportunities because women aren't the same as men? ... or do they want a bit of both? ... do some women want one set of rights and some others? Or do yet other women want something else entirely? Why is something so important so difficult to untangle?

I'm confused.

Isn't it quite simple? Surely all of us should have the same rights and opportunities to make what we can of our lives. Shouldn't we all have the same freedoms and responsibilities? From both a philosophical and moral point of view shouldn't we act as if gender doesn't matter, as if gender were an irrelevancy in our public lives?

Shouldn't we (for example in area of employment) take 'gender' off job application forms (just as we've done with religion, race, sexual orientation etc) and judge a person solely in terms of their suitability for a job, that is, on merit? Of course we should. 'She' or 'He', 'Ms' or 'Mrs' shouldn't factor in the hireability equation. The theory of equality is simple.

It's when we move to applying that theory in diverse real-world circumstances that we strike major problems. And that's because 'equality' means different things to different people. Our personal, family and work experiences, beliefs, dreams, cultural prejudices and aspirations all mix together, often unconsciously, to colour and condition what we believe to be fair and equitable.

There's now firm consensus that the sexual abuse of children is totally unacceptable, as is rape, physical violence and the psychological bullying of women. Where such travesties occur society has increasingly accepted responsibility to care for and compensate those who have suffered – and moved on to focus on 'prevention' rather than just compensation. The fight for LGBTQIA rights has won widespread recognition and support. No longer does anyone publicly argue for the proposition that women can be paid lower wages for equal work (although, in reality, the practice continues). Perfection is still a distant goal, but a strengthening, positive trend is clearly in evidence. It's when we come to sex and power relationships in the middle classes that the complexity of issues involved becomes most obvious – and problematic.

In the first week of summer we heard a previous senior female staffer return to parliament to hold a public press conference complaining that the PM should do something to protect women in politics. The 'facts' seem to be that she (a married woman) had a consensual affair with a Minister (her then boss and a married man) in 2017. Both parties had previously admitted to the affair and both parties had previously admitted that the now over affair was a mistake.

Now she revealed that after a heavy drinking session (presumably during their relationship) she was woken up around 4 am the next morning by a telephone call from a journalist seeking details on some work matter. It was then she realised she was naked, in bed in a hotel room beside the Minister who, when awake, kicked her on her side and leg while telling her to "get the fuck out of bed". Got the picture? What point was she trying to make by telling the world these intimate details? What had the Minister done that was so wrong that it warranted a national press conference? What did she expect the PM to do?

She volunteered she remembered nothing about leaving the drinks venue, nothing about going to a hotel, nothing about whether she was with anyone. She even, again voluntarily without being questioned, commented she has no idea of whether or not she had sex with the Minister (not that that's of any relevance whatsoever). There's obviously a lot of pain here. I don't want to guess as to why. We know she'd previously commented the affair cost her her job and ruined her career – and maybe her marriage. If so, that's a terrible price to have paid. Was she intimidated by the power of the Minister or coerced into doing anything against her will? If so, that wrong should be made explicit and properly dealt with. My point in raising this case is to example how it's far from easy to decide whether or not abuse has taken place.

She obviously feels she's been damaged by an unfair and toxic system as well as by the Minister. She, however, was no naive, helpless or blameless victim. She worked in politics in a senior position for some time and must have at least been aware of the pitfalls of having an affair in such an environment, just as the Minister must have. That's not to say that the current parliamentary culture treats women well. It clearly doesn't. Both parties must have been aware of that. Nonetheless they made conscious decisions as two responsible, consenting adults to do what they did. They knew what they were doing and therefore have to accept the personal consequences.

To see yourself as a victim you need to believe you weren't responsible for what happened to you. That's an implausible argument for either party to advance here. Essentially, this was/is a private matter that didn't work out. For her to position her treatment as a cause célèbre that justifies a costly official enquiry is to conflate personal needs with the public interest.

There have been other high profile news stories where the question of 'responsibility' has either been glossed over or swamped by more salaciously highlighted details. The sex-in-the-minister's-office incident is another such case. We know the young woman involved sincerely wishes the episode never happened. We, again, know that her then career was ruined and that her faith in her Party (and its senior female parliamentarians) shattered. It's clear that the aftermath of what happened that night was an horrendous, life changing experience for her. Her subsequent bravery in coming out to tell her story (together with deep support from a huge array of women) hopefully points toward her full recovery. Everyone supports those recovering from a train wreck. But more than empathy is required to objectively answer the question as to who or what caused the train to come off the rails in the first place.

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Again, both parties in this incident knew what goes on in the Bubble. Both parties involved admit to a Friday night's drinking session before returning to Parliament together. At 2am a security guard on duty that night (a woman) is on the public record as noting the couple were friendly and that the woman was so drunk that she couldn't put her shoes back on after taking them off to go through a security scanner. The couple (she with her shoes in hand) then proceeded to the Minister's office. The man left the building about an hour later. The security guard checked the Minister's office around 4am and found the young woman asleep, undressed on the sofa. Another guard checked at around 7am with a similar result. The female staffer left the building around 10am Saturday morning. She later reported memories of waking up with up with her colleague on top of her, raping her.

Who knows what happened? He probably does (but is unlikely to volunteer anything that might be seen as incriminating), she clearly doesn't (but understandably made a stand to protect her own self-image and public reputation). He will argue that she consented, she will argue that she didn't. Both seem unprepared to accept any blame for what happened. Surely both are at least partially accountable for their behaviour at the time - and even more responsible for how they handled the telling of their stories after they'd sobered up and had plenty of time for reflection - and the taking of legal advice.

Again we see what is essentially a private matter between two capable, middle class people being conflated with the much more pressing need to protect both genders (of any and all sexual orientations) from bullying, discrimination and/or violence anywhere at any time. I'm not confused on this point. The privileged aren't those most at risk - they have more agency to change things than ordinary people. Yet the suffering of the less privileged attracts far less publicity than the peccadillos, disappointments and frustrations of our celebrity and leadership classes.

I'm confused.

I'm confused as to why complaints about gender inequality and the ill treatment of women so frequently feature the travails of the already successful or the already upwardly mobile. There's plenty of talk about glass ceilings and the need for quotas on corporate boards. Ditto politics and the need for quotas to ensure higher female representation in our Parliaments. Those elites have a point. But surely they're capable, in large part, of looking after themselves.

I think the pressing needs of women lie elsewhere. I think our nurses have been unrewarded for far too long, ditto the many different worlds of women working in insecure casual, part time or gig employments - single mothers and aged women eking out an existence on a pension. Besides, more than money matters are involved. The domestic violence and psychological manipulation endured by tens of thousands of women goes a long, long way beyond being kicked out of bed in the morning, once, for waking up a bedmate at 4am after a night on the turps. That complaint is trivial compared to the mammoth job that lies ahead. There are plenty of areas where deep and serious reform is needed.

The preciousness and self-centredness of some comfortably off women could well turn out to impede, rather than accelerate the levelling of the playing field for their sisters.

The credibility of the proposition that the revolution can be left in such hands is seriously damaged when we hear an allegedly progressive female Senator (in the Chamber) denigrate another female Senator as viciously as any male could or would (...'maybe it would have been better if you'd kept your legs crossed'). It's damaging when we see a former female politician (who still titles herself as The Honourable) as Chairman of Crown Casinos presiding over the company's denouement and public disgracing as a money laundering and tax evading operation. There are many more examples of where female politicians and businesswomen have behaved as badly as any man in putting their own or their company's interests ahead of all else, situations where they have lied, spread misinformation, cheated or simply proved incompetent.

I'm confused.

I'm confused as to why such women aren't called out more often by progressive women when their bad behaviour warrants it. There's no hesitancy in calling out the bad behaviour of men. This imbalance is counterproductive for two reasons. First it suggests bias, that women are more likely to see fault when it's perpetrated by men. Second, and more importantly, it suggests that the root of the inequality problem is gender itself. It's not. Bad practices and behaviours should be fought against, period. Bad attitudes are the root causes of bad behaviour, a person's genetic configuration is not. Men and women of similar mind should stand together, shoulder to shoulder, to progress equality. Pitching the sexes against each other will only make progress slower and more painful than need be.

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Times up: Black Summer Bushfire Recovery grant money must flow immediately

Eden-Monaro community groups, businesses and councils are still in the dark about whether they will receive any assistance through the Government's Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants program, despite the original timeline indicating successful projects would be announced in December last year.

Member for Eden-Monaro Kristy McBain said organisations were relying on the funding to deliver much needed community recovery and resilience projects as soon as possible.

"Many of our local communities are still struggling to get back on their feet after the devastating bushfires two years ago," Ms McBain said.

"The Government's priority should always be to roll out the grant funding as quickly as possible.

"In the case of a delay, the Government should have been upfront and honest. Instead, it has kept community groups in the dark and caused unnecessary stress and uncertainty."

This week Ms McBain wrote to the Minister for Emergency Management and urged the Government to stop holding out on bushfire affected communities.

"I have been contacted by dozens of groups who are eagerly awaiting the outcome of their application so they can appropriately plan their projects and finances for 2022," Ms McBain said.

"Groups worked tirelessly to pull together comprehensive grant applications with the expectation that if successful they could start projects early this year.

"The frustrating part is there is no explanation for the delay. We're two years on from the Black Summer Bushfires, the money has been allocated and quite frankly the Government needs to get a move on and make sure this money flows."

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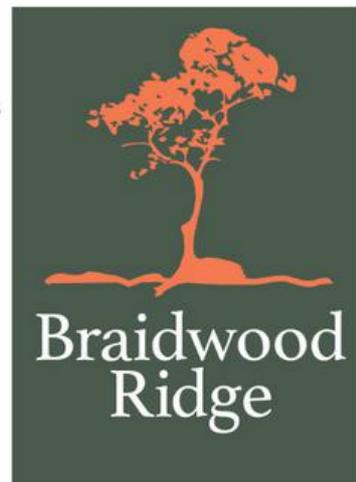
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Regional job creation fund turbocharges businesses in the bush

Businesses can now apply for Round Two of the NSW Government's \$140 million Regional Job Creation Fund, which is set to create at least 2000 new jobs in regional NSW over a three-year period. Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW Paul Toole today announced applications were open for a share of \$40 million available in Round Two.

"The \$100 million Round One of the Regional Job Creation Fund provided funding to help businesses expand, attract investment, and relocate to regional NSW, supporting more than 100 regional projects and creating nearly 5,000 new jobs in key engine industries," Mr Toole said.

"Round Two will continue to build on this support, and enable economic recovery across our agriculture, manufacturing, energy, tourism and resource industries, ensuring they continue to thrive now and into the future."

Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier and for Regional Jobs Gurmeh Singh said the fund would help businesses expand production and provide incentives to move operations to the bush. "Regional NSW is the engine room of the state and providing support to companies to expand their operations helps to stimulate regional economies, boost livelihoods and provide local employment," Mr Singh said.

"This fund allows businesses to fast-track their growth plans, expand their operations and creates a solid base for job creation now and into the future." Grants will range from \$100,000 to \$5 million to help fund projects such as replacing plant equipment, upgrading technology and developing iconic tourism experiences.

Applications are open now until 9am Monday, 14 March 2022.

For information about eligibility criteria and program guidelines, go to: nsw.gov.au/RJCF.

Aged Care bonus no replacement for real investment in nurses

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) welcomes the Federal Government's announcement to provide aged care workers with a one-off financial bonus but says they must be tax free and accompanied by greater investment in education and training for aged care nurses.

"I welcome the Prime Minister's recognition of the contribution aged care workers make to protecting and caring for our nation's elderly," ACN CEO Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward FACN said.

"However, it is nowhere near enough and as I wrote in a letter to the NSW Premier last week, pandemic bonuses are needed for nurses in NSW and across the country, and it must be a tax-free gift.

"ACN is hearing from aged care nurses across Australia who are demoralised and disempowered after two years of an under-resourced and underpaid fight against COVID-19. The very least the Government can do to acknowledge the resilience and leadership they and other health care workers have displayed during the pandemic is to ensure any bonus is tax-free and is remunerated according to their efforts.

Adjunct Professor Ward also called for the bonuses to be supported with greater investment in nursing education and training to address the unacceptable levels of neglect and abuse identified in the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety.

"The findings of the Royal Commission highlighted a skilled and sustainable nursing workforce is essential to improving the health of our older Australians in aged care," Adjunct Professor Ward said.

"Our older Australians in residential facilities have complex health conditions and comorbidities which can only be managed by 24-hour care from highly-trained nursing professionals. However, more needs to be done to ensure nurses have the money and time to undertake the education and training required to support their leadership and ongoing clinical care skills.

"As a solution, ACN has asked the Government in our pre-Budget submission for funding to create 5,000 scholarship places for registered nurses working in aged care to complete a Graduate Certificate in Aged Care.

"An investment in nurse education is an investment in the health of all Australians. Whilst bonuses like the ones we have seen today are appreciated, funding for educational scholarships ensures nurses continue to play a leading role in the healthy ageing process.

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Gadfly

Once again, a woman of Aboriginal heritage brought the whole nation together in a moment of exquisite delight as Ash Barty overcame the best in the world to stamp herself a great Australian champion.

We should be getting used to it by now. After all, she follows Evonne Goolagong Cawley, Cathy Freeman, Nova Peris and Sam Kerr to the apex of their endeavour. And each one of them accepted the laurel wreath of victory with the grace and good humour that is part and parcel of their personalities.

The quibblers might say that Ash was lucky that Naomi Osaka was in the other side of the draw so she didn't actually beat the best around the traps. But those of us who watched Naomi's departure to Anisimova in the third round were in no doubt that she was underdone and would have fallen to Ash's fitness and all-round game in straight sets.

They might also suggest that their Aboriginality itself gives a special advantage in some way, thereby devaluing the achievement. Truth is, no one in the tennis world (with the possible exception of Rafael Nadal) works harder at training and every other aspect of athletic preparation than Ash Barty. And no one handles the accolades and the responses more unaffectedly than the Australian champion.

As we shall see in the years ahead, the same kind of concentrated devotion inherent in each one of the quintette – as in the arts of Deborah Mailman, the late David Gulpillil, Emily Kngwarreye, Yothu Yindu and the Bangarra Dancers - will be replicated in politics, business and the sciences. For they are one of Australia's treasures, hidden in plain sight, the same way that our womenfolk in general are only now beginning to take their rightful place in the national estimation.

In time, I strongly suspect, the values so celebrated by men with their overweening dedication to conflict – in parliament, in the courts, the boardrooms, and on the obscene battlefield of war – will gradually take second place to a kinder and more cheerful perception of what our brief lifespan on the blue planet is all about.

If, that is, the climate and science deniers don't destroy us first.

But I digress. Ash's win has that effect; it makes one think of the way life could be in the best of all possible worlds. It is reinforced each time I turn the TV to another sport, where women now have their own national teams, be it cricket, footy, Netball or basketball.

Sure, it's competitive, and they struggle to the very last second to win as we saw most recently in the women's Ashes at Canberra's Manuka Oval. There, their result all came down to the last ball when the Australian spinner Alana King making her test debut bowled an easy full toss at the last English batter survived.

Alana could have kicked herself. She might have too; but her teammates were all over her in genuine support. They do it with a smile. You do your very best, but win, lose or draw, it really is just a game.

So, what would have happened if Ash had lost that championship match? Happily, we'll never know. I guess we'd put it down to the awful run we've been having even since the 'miracle' man won the last election.

Maybe that's one of the reasons for the national delight; just maybe, the times, they are a'changing.



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St Bede's Church News

REFLECTION on Luke 5:1-12 by Greg Sunter.

Scriptural context – The Call of the disciples

In the other two synoptic gospels – Matthew and Mark – the call of the disciples is one of the first recorded actions of Jesus' adult life. Luke, on the other hand, delays the call until after Jesus' public ministry has commenced. By this stage of the gospel, Jesus has made a public declaration about the nature of his ministry and begun to enact it. In this way, the sort of ministry Jesus will undertake is already established when the disciples are called to join it. It becomes a more conscious decision by the disciples – they know what they're getting in to!

Have you thought? – Do not be afraid

When Peter is overcome by the catch of fish and falls on his knees before Jesus, the response Jesus makes is to simply say, 'Do not be afraid'. This phrase is the most often repeated phrase in the Bible. It appears more than 60 times throughout the Bible – depending on which translation one uses. This is an extraordinary number of times for the one phrase to appear. And the references stretch from the first book, Genesis, to the last, Revelation. It is God's message to us echoing throughout the Bible: Do not be afraid!

Living the Gospel – Hearing the Call

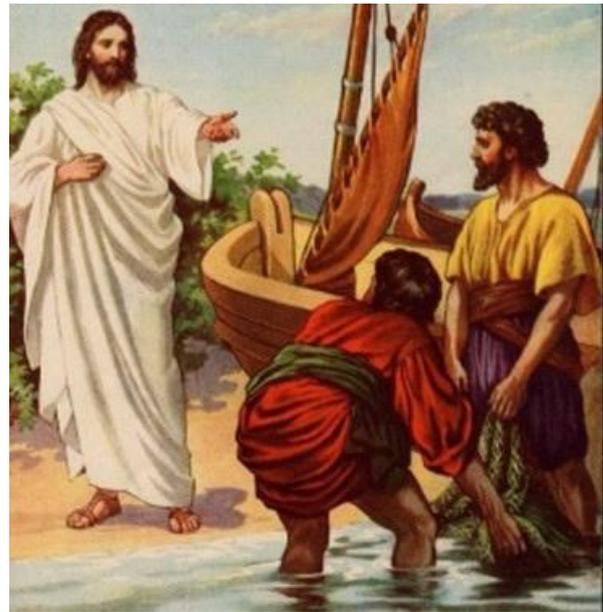
Like Isaiah and Peter, each and every one of us is called. It may not happen through Jesus stepping into our boat, but when we quieten our minds and our hearts enough to really listen, we become aware that God truly is calling to each and every one of us. The call comes to us through our friends; our experiences; our hopes and our fears. Sometimes we are so afraid of hearing the call that we fill our lives with noise and distractions. We fear that the call will involve hardship, or at the very least: unpopularity. But that's no excuse!

The church is closed to the public for the duration of the roof repairs. Mass is currently being held in the school hall, Saturdays at 6pm. Masks are now mandatory, as is signing in with the QR code. Currently there aren't any density limits for churches.

Uniting Church News

Are you familiar with the phrase, "blessed to be a blessing?" It refers to the understanding that God has blessed us, and He desires for us to use who we are and what we have to bring blessing to others. The actual reference is from the Biblical story of Abraham entering into a covenant with God, where within the early verses of Genesis 12 God says to Abraham, "I will bless you...and you will be a blessing." Peter takes up this thought in the New Testament when he writes, "Each of us should use whatever gift we have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms" (1 Peter 4:10). A definition of blessing may include gift, strength, favour, generosity, protection, bliss, compassion, and nurture, to name just a few. It's not just what we have that we share as a blessing, but we bless others by bringing the best version of ourselves to every encounter we have. All our personal abilities are a blessing from God and we are invited to an intentional sharing and stewarding of our best self to each moment. We have been greatly blessed, and what a privilege it is to serve others through generously sharing. I wonder who you will share blessing with today? Blessings from Dr Julie Fletcher and the congregation of Braidwood Uniting Church. Sunday Worship 10am, Radio Church 6pm on 88.9fm. Weekly Garage Sale Wednesdays 9-3. Cnr Duncan and Monkitee Streets, Braidwood.

Anglican Parish of Braidwood



Give Jesus a Chance

When others don't see your potential, Jesus does. In common fishermen, He saw the capacity to change the world. Here is something you may not have considered: there are two sides to following Jesus – you believe in Him, and He believes in you.

Jesus told Simon Peter and Andrew, 'Come, follow me and I will show you how.'

Do you doubt that?

So did Nathanael. When he was invited to meet Jesus, he said, 'Can anything good come from Nazareth?' Philip replied, 'Come and see for yourself.' (John 1:46)

Even after three years of witnessing Jesus' miracles, His disciples still had doubts.

Notice how often he said to them, 'You of little faith', 'Still you do not believe,' and 'If you believed, you would see.' Knowing they were anxious about what would happen when He left them and went back to heaven, Jesus said, 'I will ask the Father, and He will give you another helper to be with you forever.' (John 14:16)

The Greek word for 'helper' is parakletos, meaning 'one who comes alongside to help you.'

The truth is, there will never be a day when you don't need God's help or when it isn't available to you.

Maybe you still have doubts.

If so, take heart! Jesus loves doubters. Didn't he handpick Thomas?

Maybe you think you have too many weaknesses. So did Peter – but Jesus chose him for more than one special assignment. Just come as you are and let his presence rub off on you.

What do you have to lose?

If you have tried it your way and it's not working, come, give Jesus a chance!

An extract from 'The Word for Today' a Christian Media publication

Come join us at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Elrington St, Braidwood:10am this Sunday 6th February for a service of Holy Communion



Religious leaders launch campaign to end indefinite detention in wake of Djokovic saga

Australia's religious leaders have launched a campaign calling on Scott Morrison and Anthony Albanese to work together to release asylum seekers in detention following the Novak Djokovic saga that drew international attention to their plight. As the Australian Open draws to a close, more than 30 faith leaders have urged the Prime Minister and Opposition leader to restore Australia's reputation as a compassionate country.

Leaders representing a wide cross section of faiths launched the campaign at St. Paul's Cathedral in Melbourne today with the release of a campaign short film #SetThemFree from acclaimed director Richard Keddie (Ride Like a Girl, Oddball, Little Fish) and narrated by Baptist Minister Reverend Tim Costello. The short film highlights the plight of refugees still held in indefinite detention, including in Melbourne's notorious Park Hotel.

"Compassion is the core of every faith," Rev Tim Costello said. "It is significant that religious leaders are urging the Prime Minister, a man of faith, to meet with the Opposition leader and together do something that is ultimately good for all Australians – agree on releasing refugees and asylum seekers held in indefinite detention," he said.

"There is currently no legislated end to indefinite detention. The refugees have been sacrificial lambs to the politics of border control and immigration for many years. This could be a watershed moment in which Australians can feel good about embracing a kinder approach.

"In his Maiden Speech to Parliament Mr Morrison said he derived from his faith 'the values of loving kindness, justice and righteousness, to act with compassion and kindness, acknowledging our common humanity and to consider the welfare of others; to fight for a fair go for everyone to fulfil their human potential and to remove whatever unjust obstacles stand in their way'.

"We call on the Prime Minister to draw on these values now."

Chair of the Sikh Interfaith Council of Victoria Jasbir Singh said the refugees and asylum seekers had sought Australia's care but instead had lost years of their lives in detention."There is now a great opportunity for our political leaders to bring closure to the detainees and to the Australian community," Mr Singh said.

Sister Brigid Arthur, coordinator of the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project (BASP), said: "The Prime Minister and Opposition leader have the power to set them free. It is a question of whether they will open their hearts and act, not a question of what to do."

The film #SetThemFree can be viewed on Twitter at @SetThemFree_AU.

Shearer shortage an opportunity for ambitious school leavers

School leavers looking for a lucrative career in the bush have the chance to join an iconic industry and help Australia recover from COVID.

NSW Farmers Wool Committee Chair Helen Carrigan said a shortage of shearers meant there was good money to be made by young people who were willing to learn.

"The 'click' of the shears is part of our proud agricultural history and there are so many success stories of young people keen to have a go," Mrs Carrigan said.

"It can be hard work, but it's rewarding and the pay can set the savvy saver up for a great future.

"We're keen to see school leavers looking for a life in the bush to seriously consider becoming a shearer."

Australia has a long tradition of producing the world's finest wool, and a key part of that success has been the hard working shearers who are such a great part of our character. With the Certificate III in Shearing course free for all NSW residents and a keen shortage of qualified shearers in the sheds, Mrs Carrigan said there was never a better time to get stuck in and start making some real money.

"We launched our Wool Technical Advisory Group (WoolTAG) last year to tackle the issues in the industry head-on, and one of the big ones has been addressing our shearer shortage," Mrs Carrigan said.

"If we can encourage young people to get into the sheds to be trained and mentored we can not only set them up for success but also help solve this worker shortage.

"NSW Farmers is keen to take a proactive approach to agricultural issues and this is a great career path for anyone who doesn't want to spend their life in an office with a suit and tie."

Citizen scientists to uncover secrets of Gang-Gangs

Species experts across multiple regions are putting out a call to citizen scientists to help boost our knowledge of Gang-gang Cockatoos and their habitats across NSW, Victoria and the ACT.

Minister for the Environment Sussan Ley said seven new projects aimed at supporting the recovery of the Gang-gang after the bushfires will receive more than \$700,000 in funding.

"These projects will help us to better understand the Gang-gang Cockatoo through improving the information base for recovery efforts and building on recovery activities already underway, making a tangible difference to the species' recovery.

"The enhanced data will be complemented by projects including identifying critical feeding and nesting resource requirements; research into hollow nesting activity, foraging behaviour, population dynamics and genetic diversity; trialling artificial nesting hollows; and citizen science and education-based activities.

"We'll be asking citizen scientists to get involved by recording their sightings of the birds as well as observations about nesting hollow behaviours and what these birds are eating.

"Led by the National Species Coordinator, natural resource managers, researchers, governments, conservation organisations and community groups will be sharing new information and data for targeting future on-ground recovery actions that will make a difference to the long-term resilience of the Gang-gang."

The Gang-gang Cockatoo projects are part of a \$10 million multiregional funding initiative focused on the long-term recovery of 10 targeted species.

Further information about the Australian Government's investments in bushfire recovery for wildlife and their habitats can be found here: www.awe.gov.au/environment/biodiversity/bushfire-recovery.



Braidwood Urban Landcare Group January Working Bee



The Braidwood Urban Landcare Group (BULG) has kicked off 2022 with our first Working Bee of the year. About a dozen volunteers came together in perfect conditions on Saturday 22nd January for some maintenance at the Judith Wright Gardens, the Flood Creek Park, and along the footpath beside Bombay Rd. It's been an unusual couple of years since BULG planted the mixed trees in Flood Creek Park. Organising group maintenance events has been difficult. With a very wet season resulting in vigorous growth, there were quite a few tasks to be done. The rain has helped the trees to thrive – although one or two have actually drowned – but it's also boosted grass and weeds in the planted beds. Soggy ground has meant Council can't mow all areas, so things were becoming a bit untidy.

We focussed on weeding and mulching planted trees, including the Braidwood Waratahs donated by the Braidwood Garden Club. These are doing well and will be even happier now. Encroaching shrubs were pruned back to give them more space to grow. A few of the waratahs were lost in the big 2020 flood and will be replaced this autumn. Volunteers also cut a tangle of fallen willow that was overhanging the footpath, making it safer and tidier. We dug some drainage channels beside the soggiest section of path to help dry it out.

This will be less of an issue once we source required funding to surface the path as originally planned.

A small team also tackled most of the encroaching Scots broom in Judith Wright Gardens. We've since planted some bursaria and tea tree, which will increase plant diversity and bird habitat in this lovely space. Two casuarina trees, leftover from last year's plantings on the Common, also found a home near the Flood Creek footbridge.

We'll follow up with more work in coming months to grow this BULG initiative and continue to nurture these open spaces, now enjoyed and used by so many.

BULG welcomes new members keen to enrich and tend these areas. It is always uplifting and satisfying to join with others in a common goal to make a positive difference in our local environment.

Contact Annie Duke (BULG Secretary) on 0450 283 241 for information about membership and to get involved.

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A Beer with Bazz # 54



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A modern day remix of Helen Reddy's 'I am Woman' had a few of the old blokes in the pub tut-tutting.

Bazza chewed on the end of his pencil and hovered over his allocated page, as the pub trivia announcer moved onto the next question;

"Single word, noun..... not deterred by danger or pain; brave."

Bazza rubbed his chin but was interrupted by a red faced Mick who immediately unloaded the schooners.

"Bloody hell Bazza, who the bloody hell does Grace Tame think she is? Her behaviour with Sco Mo before Australia Day was disgraceful. I mean fair dinkum, she is supposed to be Australian of the Year. I have it on good authority that Jen and the girls were baking scones until midnight for the morning tea and the man himself knocked up a chicken curry fresh from his homemade chicken coop."

Bazza looked beyond Mick to the announcer, scratched his head and mouthed a few words.

"And Bazza, she shows up, not wearing a summer frock and pretty much ignores our Prime Minister. I tell you, if we are going to reward this kind of young woman with an award like Australian of the Year, it's a piss poor example for today's youth. She is showing a little bit too much....."

"COURAGE" Bazza said loudly and scrawled down the word.

Mick shook his head and took a long drink as the pub trivia announcer grabbed the microphone again.

"Ok ladies and gentlemen..... last question.....A phrasal verb.....two meanings 'continue an action or task to its conclusion' or 'continue the movement of a stroke after the ball has been struck.'"

Bazza tapped the pencil on his forehead to the beat of 'I Am Woman'.

"Now Bazza, Sco Mo has been open to all sorts of consultations and I've lost count of the inquiries and committees. On top of that, Jen and the girls keep him on track with all the issues that Grace Tame has raised. I reckon she must expect him to....."

"Ahhhh..... 'FOLLOW THROUGH', Mick. The answer is 'FOLLOW THROUGH'. I reckon I've won this quiz."

Bazza waved his piece of paper above his head and the announcer confirmed his win.

They both took a good drink.

"So where are we up to, Mick?"

"I've been talking about Grace bloody Tame, Bazza. What's your view?"

"Ah right..... well I reckon her parents were spot on with her given name and her last name is more than a tad ironic."

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Continued work on the Kings Highway at Clyde Mountain



Slope remediation work to continue

Natural Disaster Recovery funded slope remediation work on the Kings Highway at Clyde Mountain will continue to mid-March 2022, weather permitting.

Work at site one was expected to be complete early February 2022, but has been delayed due to ongoing wet weather.

Work will now continue at night from 7pm to 5am, Monday to Thursday under a single lane closure to Friday 18 February, weather permitting.

Work at site two will start on Monday 14 February during the day from 8am to 4pm, Monday to Friday under a single lane closure.

Traffic control and a reduced speed limit of 40km/h will be in place for the safety of workers and road users. Please drive to the conditions and follow the directions of signs and traffic control. We thank the community and motorists for their patience during this work.

Service cuts send bush back to Digital Stone Age

Country communities are being left in the dark for days because services are slowly being cut, NSW Farmers says. In the Central West town of Tottenham a power blackout can result in no phone or internet signal for days on end, thanks to a lack of local linesmen and inadequate battery backups. Local NSW Farmers Branch Chairman Dan Nicholls said a recent three-day blackout sent people back to the “digital stone age”.

“This time of year you’ve got farmers and businesses busy with harvest on top of people going about their lives online, so to be suddenly thrown into the digital stone age for days and days is just unacceptable,” Mr Nicholls said.

“Our local Essential Energy depot closed recently, so now they need to drive over an hour just to get here to see what the problem is, so the end result is us locals having to drive an hour just to get a phone or internet connection and keep our businesses running.

“With solar panels and generators surely something can be done to keep our signal on even if the lights are off.”

NSW Farmers Business, Economics and Trade Committee Chair Bill McDonnell said this was just the latest example of a small community having its services “hollowed out” in favour of big regional centres.

“Don’t get me wrong, it’s wonderful to see Wagga Wagga and Dubbo and Tamworth getting new facilities, but at the same time we’re seeing jobs being taken out of small towns and sent to bigger communities,” Mr McDonnell said.

“Look at what’s happening with the banks – almost a quarter of branches have closed in the last five years, and if you’re in Molong you don’t have a local branch anymore.

“This business of moving everything online is fine as long as it works, but having to jump in the car and go for a big drive to access essential services is a long way from fine.”

Dine Discover and Stay

You can now look forward to even more from Dine & Discover NSW with the launch of Stay NSW Vouchers. Every NSW resident will receive a \$50 Stay NSW Voucher to book accommodation and support local businesses.

If you’re an eligible accommodation provider, sign up now and get ready to boost your business income. Customers will be able to redeem Stay NSW Vouchers with you soon.

Participating businesses will be able to redeem vouchers seven days a week, including public holidays. Customers will be able to search for participating accommodation providers on the easy to use ‘hotel finder’.

To be able to scan Stay NSW Vouchers your business will need a mobile phone or tablet. Businesses will be paid within 5 business days after redeeming a voucher.

Parents NSW vouchers – with a total value of \$250 – will be available in February 2022. Eligible households with a child aged 4.5 to 18 years who was school-enrolled in 2021 can apply for 5 x \$50 vouchers to be used at participating businesses towards the cost of: entertainment and recreation, including cultural institutions, live music, and arts venues and accommodation bookings.

The Bugle put a call out to Businesses that are accepting Vouchers -

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ROUND 1 APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM 24 JANUARY UNTIL 24 FEBRUARY 2022.

See the website www.mulwareetrust.org.au for more details on what support is available.



100th anniversary of state's Country Women's Association

The Country Women's Association of NSW is celebrating its centenary in 2022 and in 100 days will mark the official date of the Association's 100th birthday.

The CWA of NSW had its beginnings at the Bushwomen's Conference held in conjunction with the Royal Agricultural Show in Sydney in April 1922. The conference was initiated by Dr Richard Arthur, MP for North Sydney, and Miss Florence Gordon, who ran the Home Page of the Stock and Station Journal.

Mr Arthur had been calling for the need to improve conditions for rural women and Miss Gordon had published a plan for a 'Country Women's Union of Help' in 1921, partly inspired by the Women's Institutes in Canada and Britain. At the conference, on 20 April 1922, an organising committee was formed, including Miss Gordon and Mrs Grace Munro, of Bingara, who was to become the CWA of NSW's foundation president. The CWA was focused on fighting isolation and a lack of health facilities, members immediately starting work on setting up baby health care centres, funding more bush nurses, and building and staffing the likes of maternity wards, hospitals, schools, rest homes, and holiday getaways for rural and remote families.

"These women were initiators, fighters and lobbyists, who were passionate about making rural and regional NSW better for those who lived there. For 100 years the members of the CWA of NSW have continued the legacy of those trail-blazing foundation members by improving the social, educational, recreational and medical realities for their communities," said Stephanie Stanhope, CWA of NSW President.

"This year is such an exciting one for all of us and we're so proud that the Association formed all those decades ago has grown to be the largest women's organisation in Australia and continues to positively contribute to rural and regional communities in so many different ways."

In the 100 years the CWA of NSW has been in existence, members have helped bring about some major changes across the state. From the earliest days of the Association, members were tireless in their efforts to establish more hospitals, maternity wards and baby health centres in country centres. Even during the Depression, when members themselves were struggling to feed and clothe their families, the CWA of NSW continued to lobby for better health facilities in the bush, and were successful in many cases. The Association went on to play an important advocacy role in the introduction of compulsory seat belts, white lines on the edge of roads and flashing speed signs in school zones.

Stephanie said the CWA of NSW had many events and activities planned for 2022, the biggest celebration being the group's annual State Conference at Royal Randwick in Sydney, from 2-5 May, which will be officially opened by the Patron of the CWA of NSW, Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley. Thirteen branches are also celebrating their own centenaries this year.

"This is an important time to reflect on just how far we've come and the successes of the Association to date, but just as importantly to look to the future and determine our priorities, particularly around our all-important advocacy efforts on behalf of rural, regional and remote communities," Stephanie said.

"The Country Women's Association of NSW has evolved in so many different ways in the past 100 years to remain as active and relevant as it was when Grace Munro became the first state president, and we're proud to give our members not only the chance to engage with other like-minded women, but to continue the tradition of improving the lives of women and families right across the state."

New podcast shares the experiences of modern veterans

Up Close: Conversations with modern veterans is a new podcast series that explores the lives and experiences of Australia's modern veterans.

The Australian War Memorial and LiSTNR have worked in partnership to develop the six-episode series which explores the lives of our modern veterans as they answer the question: What does it mean to be a veteran?

From enlisting in the Australian Defence Force, to the personal challenges involved in training, conflict and life after the uniform, Up Close takes listeners through the experiences of four veterans: Fred Campbell OAM, former Royal Australian Navy Warrant Officer; Aunty Lorraine Hatton OAM, Quandamooka Elder of the Noonuccal and Ngughi tribes in South-East Queensland and Indigenous Elder for the Australian Army; David Nicolson, former Australian Army Trooper; and Dr Kim Morgan-Short, a former Royal Australian Air Force Reservist who has twice been widowed.

Hosted by Walkley Award-winning journalist Adam Shand, Up Close: Conversations with modern veterans is the fourth podcast series to be released by the Australian War Memorial.

Australian War Memorial Director Matt Anderson said, "Up Close is, as the name suggests, a way for Australians to understand what it means to join and work in the military. They are our veterans' stories, in their words, up close and personal. The podcast allows us to gain a strong appreciation of the very human aspect of our Australian Defence Force. Listeners will hear, through raw conversations, the real stories, challenges and rewards of military life.

"It has never been more important for Australians to have a variety of ways to connect with our military history, in addition to visiting the Memorial in person. Podcasts enable us to reach and engage with people all over Australia and the world," Mr Anderson said.

Host Adam Shand said that when producing Up Close he was "deeply interested in hearing the motivations and experiences of these veterans in their own words, as well as to understand the impacts of modern warfare on them and their families.

Up Close: Conversations with modern veterans was produced with support from Lockheed Martin Australia. Lockheed Martin Australia continue to show their commitment to honouring Australian service personnel through their support of this podcast.

LiSTNR's website: <https://www.listnr.com/Episodes> will be released weekly on the Memorial website and through all major podcast platforms.

<https://www.awm.gov.au/learn/podcasts>

History made: Monaro Rail Trail agreement signed

Representatives from Monaro Rail Trail Inc (MRT) and Snowy Monaro Regional Council (SMRC) met on Friday 28 January 2022 to sign the historic first formal agreement for the Monaro Rail Trail.

This agreement is a memorandum of understanding between SMRC, MRT and Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC). With the agreement signed, the two councils and MRT can now proceed to develop detailed plans for the rail trail, which is planned to run along the disused rail corridor from Queanbeyan to Bombala. Over 208km, the Monaro Rail Trail will run through Queanbeyan, Michelago, Bredbo, Cooma, Nimmitabel and Bombala.

"With this signing, Snowy Monaro Regional Council has made a commitment to work with the Monaro Rail Trail and to provide the opportunity for our communities to develop new businesses and improve the economic prospects for our whole region," said Mayor Narelle Davis, Snowy Monaro Regional Council.

"The Monaro Rail Trail has the potential to be a world-class shared trail that attracts tourists from all over to visit the Snowy Monaro, bringing with them enormous economic benefits for our smaller towns and villages."

A feasibility study, completed in November 2019, concluded that the Monaro Rail Trail is an extremely worthwhile project with a benefit to cost ratio of 8:1. The report indicated that this project will boost the local retail and hospitality economy from the top to the bottom of the region, with the total yearly economic gain estimated to be approximately \$25M. Certainly a game changer in the tourism space.

The three organisations, MRT Inc, QPRC and SMRC, will now pursue funding for the detailed finance, legal, engineering, environmental, maintenance and risk management planning required before work can begin.

Trail Development Plan Consultants are currently completing detailed design of three sections utilising funding from SMRC and QPRC including:

- 24.5km Bombala to Jincumbilly
- 11.5km south from Nimmitabel Railway Station to MacLaughlan Meatworks
- 49km from Queanbeyan to Michelago

"The terrain and landscape will provide trail users with an unmatched tour of our region's natural environment, scenery and history" said Ken Lister, President of Monaro Rail Trail Inc.

"Local communities will benefit from thousands of cyclists, walkers and charity riders spending about \$25M per annum in our region, creating employment, linking to other tourist attractions and providing opportunities for healthier lifestyles."

Local residents will be able to enjoy the benefits too, making it easy to enjoy a day out close to home, or travel between regional centres without having to rely on a car or public transport. This will help keep us all happy and healthy, and go a small way to helping lessen our region's dependency on fossil fuels.

Rail trails have become common and successful tourist attractions across Europe, North America and New Zealand. The nearby Tumbarumba – Rosewood Rail Trail has helped lead an economic resurgence of the town. Funding has also been approved for rail trails in the New England and Northern Rivers regions (NSW).

To learn more, please head to www.monarorailtrail.com.au or www.snowymonaro.nsw.gov.au

Junior Soccer News

Braidwood Junior Soccer Club held its AGM last Saturday.

Club President Josh Collier was excited to lead the committee again after a significantly interrupted season due to COVID and flooding.

"QPRC have begun work to improve the irrigation at the Rec and this should allow local sporting clubs like ours to get the maximum use out of the fields.

As things return to normal, we're looking forward to seeing a bit of a boost in the numbers of kids and families involved this year" said Collier.

To celebrate the efforts of all our players in 2021, we'll be holding our Presentation Day down at the Rec on Sunday the 13th Feb at 10am, you can also use this time to register to play for the 2022 season which kicks off later in the year.

Bring the kids, have a kick around and enjoy a free barbeque. We hope to see you there.

Joseph Stephens

Braidwood Junior Soccer Club

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- **Braidwood Farmers Market**
November February 5 & 19
- **Ryrie Park Markets**
8am -1pm February 26
- **Weekly Garage Sale**
Braidwood Uniting Church
Wed's 9-3 Cnr Duncan & Monkittie St
- **Nerriga Produce Market**
1st Sunday of the month.

Braidwood Servicemen's Club Notice

Until further notice the courtesy bus will be running Thursday through to Sunday only. From 5pm. We do apologies for any inconvenience.

Braidwood Men's Shed meets 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

Braidwood Men's Shed will hold their AGM on Friday 11th February commencing at 10:30am at the shed.

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ANGLICAN PARISH OF BRAIDWOOD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 27th February 2022 11.30am
In St Andrews Church

All Parishioners are welcome to attend
NOTE: Reports please by 13th Feb. Copies available on 18th Feb 2022

Nominations and Notices of Motion (in writing) by 5pm 23rd Feb 2022

Nomination forms will be available in St Andrews foyer after 13th Feb 2022
or phone Helen Small 4842 2423

Movement for Wellbeing class resumes this Sunday at the Club. 11am to 12 noon. \$10. Wear comfortable clothes. Upper body work and some travelling steps. Text 0432 687 255 for more info or just turn up.

Monaro by-election candidates' forum: Environment and Climate

WHAT: Ahead of the Monaro by-election on Saturday, February 12, the NSW Nature Conservation Council and Climate Action Monaro will co-host an online candidates' forum on Wednesday, February 9. The forum will give candidates the chance to state their position on key environmental issues. Voters will also have a chance to quiz the candidates in more depth. You will be sent a Zoom link in an email after you register.

WHO: Nominations for election candidates close on Thursday, January 27. All candidates who nominate will be invited to the forum.

WHEN: 6-7pm, Wednesday, February 9

REGISTER: [Here](#)

Due to COVID transmission concerns the January 2022 BRAIDWOOD BOOK FAIR has been postponed to June 2022

2022 Braidwood Show

Saturday 5th March 2022

More details and program out in January

Braidwood Quilters Inc will begin again next Wednesday 10.30 to 2.30 at the Quarters at Scout Halls in Coghill Street.

The **Queanbeyan Multicultural Festival** is on Sunday 27 February. There are all kinds of opportunities at the event and our team are currently looking for more food vendors. Register your interest and apply through <https://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Community/Events#section-4>

Braidwood Hospital Auxiliary Open Gardens Event

has been postponed until Autumn 2023



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CLASS OF 2021 PRESENTATION NIGHT

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Friday 4 February, 2022

BRAIDWOOD SERVICEMENS CLUB

Recipients to arrive at 6:30pm
Presentations begin at 7:30pm

Light supper to follow

RSVP by 31 January to anjaliwilliams97@gmail.com

Yoga Pose of the Week

with Christina Jagusiak



Lord Shiva's pose - Natarajasana

A great pose to strengthen the back, shoulder, arm, hip, leg, ankle and foot muscles. As with all balancing poses it helps to develop concentration and focus, which in turn calms and balances the mind.

To practice - Stand with the feet together and the arms beside the body. Bend right knee and take a hold of the right foot with right hand behind the body. Raise the left arm up and forward, curl the index finger to the base of the left thumb to form jnana mudra. Keeping the hips aligned, slowly raise and stretch the right leg up and back, simultaneously, swivel the right shoulder to point the elbow upwards. Bring the right foot toward the back of the head and slightly lower the outstretched arm to counterbalance. Gaze softly at the left hand. Hold for as long as comfortable. Release the posture by reversing the order of movements then repeat with left leg. Practice up to 3 rounds to each side.

Low Range Speeding Fines surge by 216% in Monaro

Low range speeding fines in Monaro have surged by 216 per cent in the October and November 2021 reporting period.

Motorists in Monaro were slugged almost \$90,000 in October and November 2021 for offences of 10km/h and under, compared to \$27,000 over the same period the previous year.

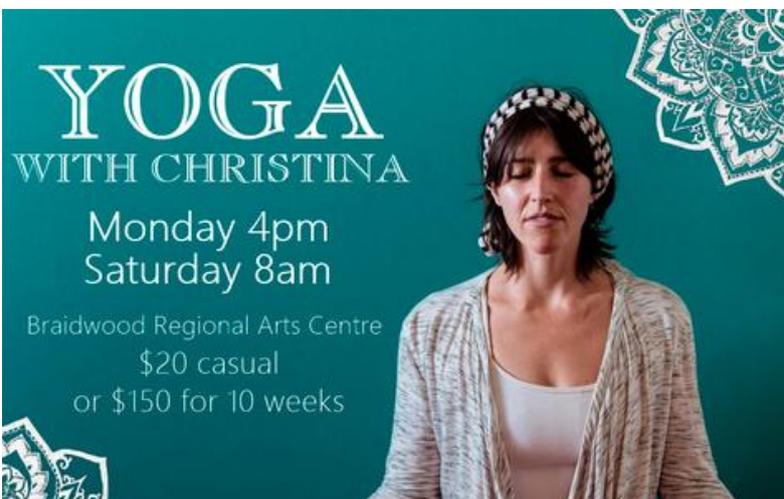
One camera – on Ross Road in Queanbeyan – generated \$15,128 over the October November 2021 period, compared with just \$369 the previous year

In December 2021 the NSW Liberal National Government back-flipped on their scheme of hidden mobile speed cameras and agreed to reintroduce warning signs, following pressure from NSW Labor and the broader community.

The NRMA and former Roads Minister and Nationals MP Duncan Gay have previously criticised the practice of hidden mobile speed cameras, noting that warning signs work as important behaviour change tools.

Shadow Minister for Roads John Graham said “No NSW government has ever collected so much from drivers in fines, tolls and licence fees.

Candidate for Monaro Bryce Wilson said “Under the Dominic Perrottet and the NSW Liberal National Government, taxes are up, fines are up, fees are up, charges are up, and wages are flat. Life keeps getting harder for many families in New South Wales.”



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WITH CHRISTINA

Monday 4pm
Saturday 8am

Braidwood Regional Arts Centre
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RACING NEWS



WITH THE JEMBAICUMBENE PUNTER

It has been a busy week for the Braidwood boys. On Monday Aaron saddled Brainzes and Little River Rose at the Sapphire Coast. Brainzes scored a nice second, white Little River Rose came 7th. Brainzes was originally nominated for the TAB Highway at Rosehill Gardens but was scratched at 5.00pm on the Friday evening.

Fangelo is nominated for the TAB Highway 1200 metres at Randwick on Saturday. he will carry 57.5kgs. Luke Clarke has Testator Silens nominated also, he has been allocated 55kgs.

Also on Saturday Solly "N" Shorty is nominated to run at Braidwood in Race 6 the Maiden. We wish all connections Good Luck.

Hoping for a fine day for all patrons to enjoy the Braidwood Races on Saturday. Until next time. Happy Punting.

Mozzie Monitors' kicks off monster mosquito season

As La Niña continues to deliver wet, humid weather, UniSA scientists are warning that we should be preparing for a monster mosquito season – unwanted by many, but perfectly timed for Australia's largest mosquito surveillance program, Mozzie Monitors.

A national citizen science initiative created by UniSA's Professor Craig Williams and currently run by field researcher Stephen Fricker and UniSA PhD candidate Larissa Braz Sousa, Mozzie Monitors involves scientists and members of the community working together to learn more about mosquitoes and mosquito-borne diseases.

Fricker says that the humid conditions current experienced in South Australia and the eastern states are providing perfect conditions for mosquitos to thrive.

"A wet spring and a wetter than usual summer is a sure-fire recipe for a mosquito explosion," Fricker says. "You may have already noticed an influx of mozzies around the garden, or annoyingly, inside at night. But while the weather conditions remain muggy, people should be prepared for a monster month of mozzies."

The rising mosquito population coincides with UniSA's national Mozzie Monitors citizen science project, set to commence on February 14 to track and monitor mosquitos in urban areas. Prof Williams says monitoring urban mosquito populations is important because it can provide early warning systems that can help predict and mitigate disease risks.

"Millions of people are exposed to mosquito-borne diseases daily, especially dengue virus and malaria," Prof Williams says. "In Australia, Ross River fever is common, with mozzie bites spreading the disease among people.

"Evidence suggests that these mosquito-borne diseases could emerge and re-emerge in new areas in the future, due to increasing globalisation, human mobility and climate change. "As there is no vaccine for the most of these diseases, the most effective way to prevent them still relies on controlling mosquito populations. To do that, it's crucial to understand the mosquito fauna in each local community and how these populations fluctuate throughout the year."

The six-week mosquito surveillance project is being led by UniSA PhD candidate Larissa Braz Sousa who says it's simple for people to get involved.

"People who are interested in the Mozzie Monitors project can get involved in two ways: either by using a simple trap (made from two buckets, one containing water, and adjoined by a net) or via the iNaturalist app," Braz Sousa says.

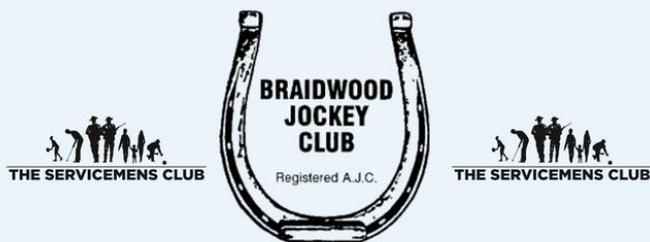
"The trap catches female mosquitos who come to lay eggs in the water, but get stuck in the net, enabling citizen scientists to collect and photograph them. And the beauty of this is that you can collect the insects after a few days.

"The app is also easy – it lets citizen scientists photograph and share their observations at any time, so there's really something to suit everyone."

Prof Williams says the project is a great opportunity for both young and older people to connect and find meaning through community science. "Projects like Mozzie Monitors enable people to participate in a co-operative and scientific study from the comfort of their own backyards.

"Who would have thought – pesky (and often painful) mosquitos can bring people together for good!"

To find out more or to register for the 2022 Mozzie Monitors project, please visit: mozzie monitors.com or email the team at: mozzie monitors@unisa.edu.au



BRAIDWOOD RACES

SATURDAY 5TH OF FEB 2022

GATES OPEN AT 12PM

Fashions on the Field

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ADULTS - \$30 KIDS - \$15 CONCESSION - \$15

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please contact Koco to organise a marquee - 0422 044 112

Contact Nick for any enquires - 0418 571 711 or braidwoodjockeyclub@gmail.com



Braidwood Golf Club News

Coming Events

February Saturday 5: Men's & Women's Stroke Monthly Medals, BRAIDWOOD RACES

February Saturday 12: Men's Single Stableford - Michael Tillman-Ryan Trophy Women's Single Stroke - Jackie Clark Trophy

February Saturday 19: Committee Meeting 10.30am Men's 2BBB Stableford – Tom Duffy Trophy Women's 2BBB Stableford – Hyland Trophy

February Saturday 26: Medley 2BBB – Ted Emmett Trophy

March Saturday 5: Men's and Women's Stroke & Monthly Medals

March Friday 11: Women's Bronze Shield

March Saturday 12: Men's Single Stableford – Rodney Royds Trophy

Women's Single Stableford – Dojo Bread Trophy Round 2

March Thursday 17: Men's Senior Pennants at Braidwood

BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB

FEBRUARY MEETING - Thursday 10th

A Talk by Stuart Read, Co-chair of the Australian Garden History Society

Where: The Auditorium, Braidwood Servicemen's Club, Coronation Ave, Braidwood

When: 10.30 am for Tea, Coffee and biscuits, Members M-Z please bring a plate of lunch to share.

Covid: Masks to be worn please (unless valid exemption and when eating and drinking).

Topic: A history of garden design using Australian native plants (1788-now) by Stuart Read.

About Stuart

Stuart Read has over 30 years' experience in private and government sector work in design, policy and programs on landscape, parks, planning, horticulture and conserving, educating and managing natural and cultural heritage.

Trained in science, horticulture and landscape architecture he has gardened and studied gardens all over the world.

Should be an interesting meeting!

Seniors Week

QPRC and the Seniors Week 2022 working group has been successful in receiving a grant to run a Seniors Week pop up expo across the Queanbeyan Palerang LGA in March/April 2022. QPRC would like to invite a range of local service providers and community groups to participate, by volunteering staff to come along as a representative of your organisation to connect and provide information to local people aged 60+. The focus this year is on connecting with a wide range of seniors, particularly in our more rural and remote areas to provide them with information and assistance. In 2021, we ran an expo only in Queanbeyan so this year will be much bigger and better and I would appreciate if you could provide me with email contacts for services operating in the further afield towns so we can make sure we have a good presence in these areas.

QPRC will be running expos in the following locations at the below dates (times are inclusive of set up/pack up):

- 22nd March, Majors Creek Recreation Reserve community hall – 9am – 3pm
- 24th March, Nerriga Community Hall, 9am – 3pm
- 31st March, Braidwood National Theatre, 9am – 3pm
- 4th April, Carrington Inn, Bungendore, 9am – 3pm
- 7th April, Queanbeyan Riverside Plaza, 9am – 3pm

The idea is that people come and have a talk with services at each expo and take a selection of flyers they might be interested in as well as take home a goody bag filled with things like pedometers, water bottles, packaged healthy snacks, stress balls, pens, magnets etc. The events will be run/adjusted according to COVID safe protocols at the time, but as this keeps changing details will be worked out closer to the date. We do have a budget for community transport as well, so bus hire and volunteers for driving to pick people up from neighbouring towns (such as Araluen and Captain's Flat) would be appreciated.

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Drivers, dachshunds & drag in the park



Matilda Jeffery with champion dachshund Daily and her trophy.



The Bungendore Car Club Show in Ryrie Park on Saturday brought over 100 cars to Braidwood. Hosted by the Royal Mail Hotel, the fun day was well attended. As well as the shiny cars, there were dachshund races. A three-legged dog Benji won three of the heats, as the dogs settled into the race rules.

After several heats Matilda Jeffery's dog Daisy came from nowhere to win the dachshund final race.

While a tropical storm brought the attendees indoors, the Braidwood Redbacks v Bungendore Mudchooks drag relay race was taken out by Bungendore in slippery conditions. Planning for next year is already in progress.

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- **Thursday 3 February**
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