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Braidwood Weather

With
Roger
Hosking

Another week of mostly above average temperatures. More sounds of thunder as I write this. The summer solstice means - wishing you a Merry Christmas! January median rainfall is 56mm.

Day	Min	Max	Rain
Wed	16	30	
Thurs	18	28	
Fri	14	27	
Sat	13	25	
Sun	12	23	
Mon	13	28	
Tues	16	31	

Grassland SDI (soil moisture deficit) 46.1mm

Total rainfall so far:

- this month 39.8mm - this year 571.6mm



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Braidwood Men's Shed Christmas decoration delight



Thanks to Braidwood Men's Shed for putting up some Christmas cheer in the Park and around town.

Important announcement:

Braidwood's most anticipated event, The Annual Fire and Rescue Lolly Run with Santa, is happening on Saturday, 23 December. Beginning at 4pm Santa will be transported around Braidwood Street by the team from Fire and Rescue NSW. Special conditions: Only for children who have been good this year (Santa has been checking).



Local Woman of The Year 2024



Nominations are now open

Nominations are now open for the 2024 Monaro Woman of the year.

The community is encouraged to nominate local women whose efforts have positively influenced the Monaro region.

Whether through leadership, community service, sporting endeavours or innovation, the award seeks to honour those who exemplify resilience, passion and a commitment to making a difference.



Scan this to submit a nomination!

You can submit your nominations via my website www.stevewhan.com.au under 'Campaigns and Projects'.

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QPRC MAYOR'S COLUMN

with Cr Kenrick Winchester

I hope you all have a great Christmas and New Year and enjoy the break with your friends and family. A reminder to check our Christmas/New Year opening hours. Customer Services will be closed from 4:30pm Thursday 21 December until 8:30am Tuesday 2 January 2024. For any emergency matters like water main breaks or sewer overflows you can call our afterhours service on 1300 735 025. Bins normally collected on Monday will be collected on Saturday 23 December so make sure to put your bins out the night before. Collections around New Years Day will not change.

The Braidwood Library will close from 1pm Friday 22 December until 10am Tuesday 2 January 2024. Our Mobile Library's last run for the year will be on 21 December in Nerriga. For more information on shutdown periods for our other services and facilities, visit qprc.nsw.gov.au/Council/ChristmasNew-Year-operating-hours

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We've got lots of fun activities to keep young people entertained over the school holidays!

We are holding open pool days at all four of our pools in January with free entry for 12 to 25-year-olds. Head down to Captains Flat Pool on Tuesday 9 January, Bungendore Pool on Wednesday 10 January, and Braidwood Pool on Thursday 11 January from 11am to 6:30pm and Queanbeyan Pool on Friday 12 January from 10am to 6:30pm. Join us in Bungendore for a pop-up art day from 11am-3pm on Tuesday 16 January at the Bungendore Scout Hall on Turallo Terrace, 12 to 17 year-olds can have a go experimenting with clay, drawing, painting and other crafts.

In Queanbeyan on Thursday 18 January we're holding a 3x3 basketball competition at Railway Park from 4pm to 7pm.

On Tuesday 23 January Andrew Hore from Funnyworks Oz will be leading a cartooning workshop for 12 to 17 year olds at the Axis Youth Centre in Queanbeyan from 10am to 4pm.

We're also having a party at the Braidwood Skatepark on Thursday 25 January from 3pm to 6pm, with live music, art activities, and a sausage sizzle. For all the details and to register visit www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Events

Are you a creative or part of an arts or cultural group with big plans for 2024? We have cultural grants available to help support your creative endeavours! If you have a project that will benefit the community through its artistic or cultural value, you could be eligible for this grant funding. To learn more about eligibility and apply, visit bit.ly/qprc-cultural-grants

Cr Kenrick Winchester, Mayor

WHAT'S ON AT THE BRAIDWOOD SERVICEMEN'S CLUB



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The Pine Garden Restaurant
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Braidwood's Brightest: Gemma Hart's stellar Academic Achievement at ANU



Gemma Hart is pictured with the ANU Chancellor, The Honourable Julie Bishop, at the graduation ceremony.

The Braidwood & District Education Foundation (BDEF) celebrates the exceptional achievements of one of its own, Gemma Hart, who recently graduated from the Australian National University (ANU) with a Bachelor of Genetics with First Class Honours in Medical Research.

She was also amongst just 16 students from the entire graduating cohort of 2023 who was awarded a University Medal for exceptional academic excellence across her entire degree. The Hon Julie Bishop, Chancellor of ANU, presented Gemma with this medal last week.

Gemma, who received BDEF grants in 2021 and 2022, attributes a significant part of her success to the support provided by the foundation.

"I am extremely proud of this accomplishment," Gemma shared. "The support from the BDEF during my degree was invaluable. I don't think I could've done it without the support of the community. Thank you!"

Alisa Stephens, Chair of the BDEF, echoes the community's pride in Gemma's achievements.

Having developed a passion for research, she will continue her studies next year by beginning a PhD in Immunology.

"We are thrilled for Gemma's achievements, and for all our grant recipients who are graduating and completing apprenticeships this year," Alisa states.

"Understanding the unique challenges faced by rural students, the BDEF, in collaboration with the Country Education Foundation, strives to offer the necessary financial support. Gemma's success is a testament to her hard work and the significant impact of community support."

As the BDEF gears up for its 20th anniversary in 2024, the foundation prepares to award one of its largest student cohorts yet on Friday, February 2nd. The anniversary year will also be marked by a celebratory cocktail party in August - alumni, families, employees, donors, and the wider community will be invited to commemorate 20 years of unwavering support for local youth.

Merry Christmas!



The Hon Kristy McBain
Member for Eden-Monaro

Buy local, travel safely
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summer with family and
friends!
See you in 2024!



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Hidden talents uncovered at BCS musical auditions



Audrey Noye

By John Longhurst

Auditions for the 2024 Braidwood Central School (BCS) have revealed a range of student artistic talents ranging from acting through to singing and dancing. Following the auditions on the 6th December, the cast of ten lead and three minor roles was announced last Wednesday.

The 2024 BCS Musical Cast Selection Panel of Mrs Elisa James (Director), Ms Nikki Kennedy (Choreographer) and Ms Fiona Howell (Musical Director) were impressed by the talents of the more than fifty students who auditioned.

Mrs James said "Year 10 Student, Audrey Noye has been cast in the lead female role after a stunning audition. She has a fantastic belt* that exudes power. Her understudy, Mia Stanley from Year 9, also wowed everyone with a voice that really moved the audience.

Year 10 Student, Mason Kelly, has that rare triple threat quality in acting, singing and dancing and has been cast as the leading man.

Grace Tybell's lilting and melodic flow carried the audience on a soft journey and her scene work with Mason was playful and cheeky, generating fun and laughter.

Baden Noye from Year 8 was another student who simply stunned us and has been cast opposite Grace."

All other students who auditioned will be cast in the Musical.

Mrs James said "We have a girls' and boys' ensemble. The boys will be working on a flipper, sea and antics routine.

Any student who was unable to attend the auditions can still be involved and are invited to see either Ms Kennedy, Ms Howell or myself."

BCS 2024 MUSICAL CAST ANNOUNCEMENT

CHARACTER	CAST	UNDERSTUDIES
LEADING LADY	AUDREY NOYE	MIA STANLEY
LEADING LADY	GRACE TYBELL	GRACE PHILLIPS
SUPPORTING LADY	MIA STANLEY	EMILY FITZGERALD
SUPPORTING LADY	ROMANY GLEESON	NATALIE CLIFTON
SUPPORTING LADY	CHELSEA PHAROAH	HOLLY MCQUILLAN
SUPPORTING LADY	GRACE PHILLIPS	FRANKIE MAHER
SUPPORTING MAN	NATALIE CLIFTON	BRIDIE GLEESON
SUPPORTING MAN	KAIYA ROYDS	LUCY WADDINGHAM
LEADING MAN	MASON KELLY	KAIYA ROYDS
LEADING MAN	BADEN NOYE	TO BE ADVISED
SUPPORTING ROLE	HERO BONIN	EDEN WIMBORNE

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Rehearsals will commence in Week 2, Term 1, 2024 and every Thursday from 4pm to 6pm.

Audrey Noye is looking forward to the challenge next year.

Audrey said "It is my first time being cast in a lead role in a musical. I am very committed to working really hard throughout the rehearsals and am excited for the end result."

The musical will be performed at 6.30pm on Saturday, 21st September as well as a matinee performance at 2pm on Sunday, 22nd September, 2024.

Mrs James again refused to name the title of the BCS 2024 Musical, despite repeated requests, and would only offer the following clue.

Mrs James said "Ring, ring, why don't you give me a call on 62662 642."

The auditions have ensured the School Year finishes on a high at BCS.

BCS Principal, Ms Nerida Mosely, said "It has been a great way to finish 2023. The auditions have highlighted the talents of our students and staff are keen to showcase them in the Musical next year. The excitement is palpable throughout the school."



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The main home has been cleverly designed with 4 bedrooms, kitchen and dining area and 3 way bathroom plus an ensuite. There is an adjoining wing with small kitchen, dining and lounge plus 2 bedrooms and a bathroom. Beside the house there is a generous workshop which houses all of your garden tools and mower, workshop space and room for your cars. In addition to the main home yard, the owners have been clever and set up the "work end" of the farm at the back of the property. Here you will find numerous machinery and store sheds and to top it off there is additional accommodation in the form of a comfortable and rustic 4 x bedroom cottage which is self sufficient with a new solar system, plenty of rain water tanks and there's even some chooks and a veggie garden to keep the guest happy or even a rental for extra steady income. The property is very pretty with scattered gums and open farmland fenced into manageable size paddocks for anyone wanting to run a small enterprise. If you desire a less stressful lifestyle and still want to be close enough to town to grab a coffee and the paper then this just maybe the property for you. Situated under 15 mins from the town this property is well worth the look.

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Stop Work Order extended in Tallaganda State Forest



Logging in Tallaganda State Forest Photo WWF Australia

NSW Environment Protection Authority

The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has extended a Stop Work Order applying to parts of Tallaganda State Forest, near Braidwood.

The extension of the Stop Work Order was required because Forestry Corporation NSW (FCNSW) is yet to advise the EPA that it has undertaken the necessary surveys to identify and protect Southern Greater Glider den trees. The NSW EPA is continuing to engage with FCNSW.

The Stop Work Order was first issued to FCNSW by the EPA on 30 August 2023. Since then, the EPA has recorded 89 endangered Southern Greater Gliders and 20 den trees in areas subject to the Stop Work Order. Those areas had been earmarked for harvesting or planned harvesting operations.

Under the Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approval (CIFOA), FCNSW is required to plan, implement and conduct forestry operations in a competent manner. Once identified, FCNSW is required to protect den trees and implement 50 metre exclusion zones around them.

Den trees and their surrounding habitat are critical for Southern Greater Gliders feeding and movement. Removal of habitat removes shelter and food, making the gliders vulnerable to harm.

The EPA is also continuing its investigation into other alleged breaches detected in Tallaganda State Forest. These investigations include a range of alleged non-compliances with the CIFOA such as alleged damage to habitat of threatened species and/or ecological communities, alleged damage to environmentally sensitive areas and alleged failure to retain trees in accordance with the CIFOA.



A greater glider located with a thermal camera drone and confirmed by using a spotlight attachment.

Forestry Corporation trials new methods for identifying Greater Glider dens

20 December 2023

Forestry Corporation of NSW is trialling new ways of searching for Greater Glider dens in the wake of proposed introduction of survey requirements for this species tabled by the Environment Protection Authority.

The ruleset governing native forestry in NSW, the Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approval (CIFOA) outlines the protections for threatened species at a landscape level. These have been implemented for the past 5 years without any concerns being raised. However, in recent months Forestry Corporation has received stop work orders in two south coast forests related to searching for Greater Glider dens.

General Manager Hardwood Forests, Daniel Tuan, said that since the EPA raised concerns in Tallaganda State Forest in August this year, Forestry Corporation had been working with the EPA to understand the new desired survey requirements for dens and trialling new methods to achieve this.

"In the past we used spotlight transect sample surveys to search for Greater Gliders themselves to understand the density of glider populations in forests. These were conducted in the hours after sunset along tracks and trails to ensure it was safe for the people walking in the bush after dark and dens were seldom sighted.

"It was thought that thermal UAVs might offer a better alternative to finding dens so we have been trialling different technologies and methods in these two forests."

Across Tallaganda and Flat Rock State Forests eight nights of targeted Greater Glider surveys have been undertaken involving over 30 UAV flights.

The UAV flights must meet CASA regulations and require pilots to be CASA certified and qualified to fly drones with 'extended visual line of sight' and 'night operations'.

"This is a brand new proposed survey approach so we are trialling everything from the type of UAV fitted with equipment like thermal imaging cameras and spotlights, the duration of the flight, the speed, height, intensity of sampling and data recording requirements," Mr Tuan said.

"All of this has to be done when it is relatively cool to allow for thermal cameras to detect animals, so the survey flights are being conducted either late at night or very early morning. The efficacy of these surveys and the different equipment and techniques is simply not known at this stage.

"In Tallaganda we already knew Greater Gliders were present as we have been undertaking a monitoring program there for several years which has detected hundreds of records. In these latest trials with UAVs we found over 80 individual Greater Gliders but the technology did not allow us to identify any dens. In Flat Rock, which is a coastal forest less suitable for Greater Gliders, we found 2 individual Greater Gliders but again no dens."

The UAV surveys have been conducted using a combination of new UAVs purchased by Forestry Corporation and a number of expert UAV specialist companies who have extensive experience in land and forest management applications.

"We have more trials planned across a series of other forests over the next month to see if we can find a method that can reliably identify dens across the landscape," Mr Tuan said. "Protecting the habitat of threatened species is always a priority for us and something that the CIFOA ruleset is predicated on.

"With the trials of UAVs are proving challenging, we have also proposed alternate precautionary measures to the EPA across a broad range of forests we know Gliders use to augment the protections that are already in the ruleset."

Under the existing CIFOA ruleset, planning for harvesting operations in these two forests included over 300 kilometres of detailed habitat assessment traverse with over 6000 hollow bearing trees and over 2000 giant trees marked for protection. Hollow bearing trees will often be used as dens for arboreal mammals and birds, but can only be recorded as a 'den' when an animal is seen entering or emerging from the hollow.

"We are committed to protecting Greater Gliders and other threatened species and have also proposed alternate precautionary measures across a broad range of forests we know Gliders use to augment the protections that are already in the ruleset."



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[Learn more and nominate online.](#)

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Changed traffic conditions will be in place on the Kings Highway at Misty Mountain

Changed traffic conditions will be in place on the Kings Highway at Misty Mountain from Friday while construction of the new eastbound overtaking lane is closed down for the Christmas break.

The project site will close between Friday 22 December 2023 and Monday 8 January 2024, weather permitting.

During this time, stop/slow traffic conditions will be removed, and one lane will be open in both directions to ensure safe and efficient travel for motorists throughout this busy holiday period.

The reduced speed limit of 60 km/h will remain in place for the safety of motorists.

Transport for NSW is continuing to deliver a program of safety and efficiency upgrades on the Kings Highway to keep the community safe and freight moving between Batemans Bay and the NSW/ACT border.

As we move into the holiday season, motorists should continue to plan their journeys and check Live Traffic for the latest updates. Download the Live Traffic NSW app, visit [livetraffic.com](https://www.livetraffic.com) or call 132 701.

Improvement work on the way for Yass, Bungendore and Ellerton roads intersection -Queanbeyan

Motorists and pedestrians will soon experience a safer journey in Queanbeyan, with improvement work set to start at the roundabout intersection of Yass Road, Bungendore Road and Ellerton Drive.

Steve Whan, the local Member for Monaro and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education, said work to improve pedestrian safety and traffic efficiency at the intersection of the three roads would be carried out early in the new year.

"A pedestrian refuge will be installed on Bungendore Road and a two-lane approach to the roundabout from Ellerton Drive will also be built," Mr Whan said.

Thanks to the government's new Regional Roads Fund, \$19 million has been earmarked for a future major upgrade of the intersection of Yass, Bungendore and Ellerton roads.

Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Jenny Aitchison said the short-term improvement would make the intersection safer now and allow for its transformation to a signalised intersection in the future.

"New traffic lights are planned for the long-term and they will improve safety and efficiency for all road users," Minister Aitchison said. "The community will be kept informed as the project progresses."

Last minute gift ideas from Nutrien Ag Braidwood



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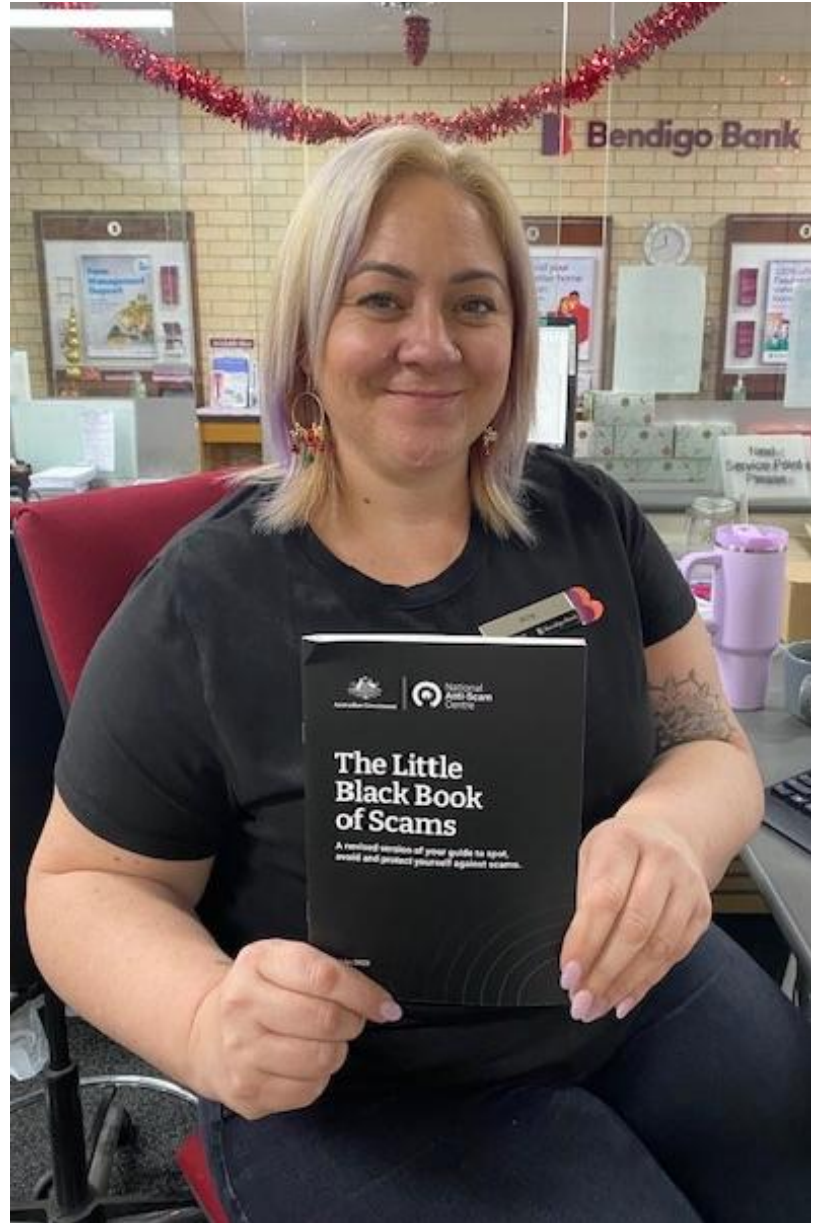


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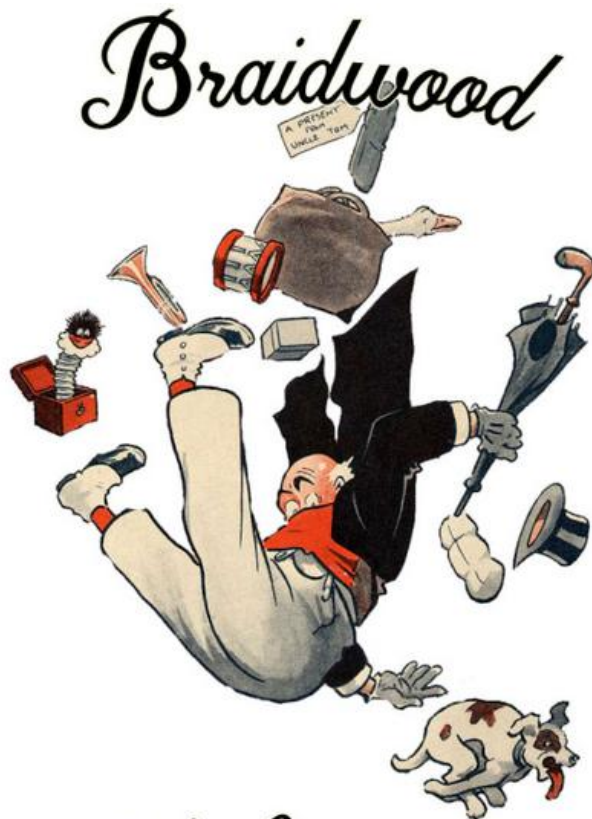
Just in time for the holiday season, Braidwood Servicemen's Club now has an EV charger.

Get ahead of the Scammers



Amy with the latest edition of the Little Black Book of Scams.

The Community Bank has received copies of this book which is produced by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission. It is a very easy to read book and outlines what a scam is, the type of scams and how to report them. Please feel free to come into the branch to collect your free copy.



*10th Anniversary
Christmass Bumper
Farmers' Market
Sat 23rd Dec*

Christmas Eve
@ Braidwood Anglican
family carols & holy communion
Sunday, 24 December @ 10 AM
47 Elrington Street, Braidwood



BCS celebrate end of primary school for year sixes



By John Longhurst

Eighteen Braidwood Central School (BCS) Year 6 students travelled to Batemans Bay Aquatic Centre last week to celebrate the end of their primary school education.

The students were accompanied by BCS Primary Teachers, Mr Don D'Anella and Ms Adele Clark. Mr D'Anella said "It was a great way to send off our Year 6 students as a group. It was good to celebrate their considerable achievements as a group, as well as say goodbye to primary school in a fun way."

The students travelled by bus to Batemans Bay Aquatic Centre and received an extensive water safety briefing by the Head Lifeguard, before enjoying fun time in the pool and on the water slides.

Following lunch, the students were led through more structured activities by Ms Clark.

Ms Clark said "We enjoyed a game of volleyball in the pool as well as relays and paddle board games." The students enjoyed the 'state of the art' facilities at the aquatic centre.

Year 6 Student Mia Biondo said "It was really fun to hang with friends. The water slides were my favourite activity."

Mia is looking forward to next year.

Mia said "I am going to miss the little kids in primary school and I am a bit sad about leaving but it will be good to make new friends. I am really looking forward to studying Agriculture next year."

BCS Principal Ms Nerida Mosely wished the Year 6 every success.

Ms Mosely said "It was a fun filled day. The staff at the Batemans Bay Aquatic Centre also commented on the exceptional behaviour of our students."





For the love of earths creatures through the lens



Too Late by Judy Knowles



Morning Glory by Judy Knowles

This week local snappers were acknowledged by experienced photographers for their work. Long time contributor to the Bugle, Judy Knowles and son River both picked up awards for the photos entered the Photographer of the Year Awards. Eleven year old River was runner up Open junior category with his image of a scarlet robin. River was also the youngest to enter in the 11 years of the competition.

Judy, whose Instagram page is #forthe love of earths creatures, was awarded a Highly commended for her series in the Animal and Nature category "Morning Glory" featuring young kangaroos at sunrise. In the Single Shot Category she was awarded a commended certificate for "Too Late", and black and white image of a baby wombat who sadly died in its mothers pouch on the side of the road. Judy says "A reminder to always safely check the pouch. I ended up deciding to cut this baby out of the pouch and took it home to warm it up in the hope it might just be asleep from cold. It was so perfect."

The pictures will be published in the Australian Photography Magazine.

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Creative Communities: putting culture at the heart of NSW

Last week the **State Government** unveiled details of 'Creative Communities', the new arts, culture and creative industries policy.

Creative Communities is a 10-year vision, the state's first creative industries policy, supporting the traditional arts sector and cultural institutions, but encompassing industries informed by the state's unique and diverse cultural strengths, including:

- First Nations cultures
- galleries, libraries, archives and museums
- performing arts including theatre, dance, circus, comedy, cabaret
- music including classical and contemporary composition, performance, and recording
- screen and digital games
- visual arts and crafts
- literature, writing and publishing
- broadcasting and digital media
- design, architecture and fashion
- built and physical heritage
- creative and arts education
- creativity in the food and beverage sector
- creative innovation in the technology sector.

Creative Communities has the goal of sustainably growing the depth and breadth of creative industries throughout NSW, and over the next decade enabling creative individuals, organisations and communities throughout the state to reach their potential.

You can read the [full policy](#) on the [nsw.gov.au](#) website.

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Exhibition Opening Night Archibald Prize 2023 in Goulburn



Join Goulburn Regional Art Gallery for the opening of the Archibald Prize 2023, an Art Gallery of NSW touring exhibition on Friday, January 19, 2024 · 6 - 9pm

One of Australia's best loved exhibitions is brought to Goulburn, and as the first opening event for 2024 with family and friends. An exclusive event, don't miss out on the opportunity to be amongst the first people to view the exhibition, guest speeches and entertainment. Live music will be provided by incredible local performers who will accompany catering from Harvest and beverages. A night to remember, celebrate with the Gallery team this iconic tour in our region.

Tickets: [Mobile eTicket](#)

Image credit: Archibald Prize 2023 finalist, Marie Mansfield, Ronni Kahn AO (founder of OzHarvest) (detail) © the artist



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Festival of Small Halls Tour Returns

Woodfordia Inc. in partnership with Goulburn Mulwaree Council will present the Festival of Small Halls Summer Tour 2024, at St. Saviour's Cathedral Hall on Friday 12 January 2024 from 6.30pm.

The Tour is set to bring some of the best folk and contemporary music to Goulburn. The Festival of Small Halls is Australia's largest regional music tour, and the Summer Tour 2024 will mark the 37th venture into rural, regional and remote areas of the country.

Beginning at the Woodford Folk Festival in Queensland, the tour will head south and inland into NSW before heading north along the NSW coast, stopping at the Illawarra Folk Festival along the way. Featuring Scottish musician Ryan Young and Australian folk-pop-punk-poet Alana Wilkinson, the Tour will bring tiny halls across the country to life with folk spirit.

Local artist, Lou Wurth, the enchanting contemporary folk singer-songwriter, captivates audiences with her ethereal voice and soul-stirring acoustic melodies. Hailing from a small town, Lou's music weaves a tapestry of introspection and connection, inviting listeners into a world where stories unfold. Focusing on traditional Scottish music, Ryan Young brings new life to very old, often forgotten tunes by playing them in his own unique way. His fiddle playing is brimming with fresh melodic ideas, an uplifting rhythmic drive, and a great depth of dynamics and precision.

Combining delicate melodies with disarmingly insightful vignettes about the human condition, Alana Wilkinson is a smiling assassin. Her songs skewer ex-lovers, would-be suitors, ridiculous social norms and the absurd challenges of a suburban upbringing in a merciless, yet strangely affectionate way, leaving audiences feeling like they're sitting in her living room, chatting about life over a steaming cuppa.

Locals and visitors are encouraged to come out to experience this event, which is proudly supported by Goulburn Mulwaree Council.

A coffee van will be there on the night with refreshments available for purchase. For more information on the Festival of Small Halls, visit:

www.goulburnaustralia.com.au.

Goulburn Admission: Adult \$15, Children Under 15 and Concessions \$12.

Tickets www.smallhalls.iwannaticket.com.au, Goulburn Visitor Information Centre, or at the door on the night, if not sold out prior.

New agreement with ANU to support community music and arts programs

The ACT Government will provide ongoing funding to the ANU School of Music and ANU School of Art and Design for community outreach activities.

More than \$2 million will be provided to both schools over the next three years to support a broad range of music and visual arts programs and enable members of the community to access music and visual arts programs, develop their artistic skills and enable artists to develop and increase their capacity and capability. The new School of Music program has been rebranded as the ANU Community Music Centre and reflects a shift towards fostering community and inclusive music-making. It will provide more opportunities for adults, women, gender diverse individuals and other minority groups, and increase the visibility of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music and musicians.

There is increased focus on accessibility for ACT communities that don't have access to opportunities to create and make music, recognising that music is not age or time limited, nor should it be restricted or prohibited by background or experience.

The School of Art and Design will continue to offer programs that address barriers across key diversity areas through two public outreach programs – Sharing Stories Arts Exchange and the new Living City: People, Plants and Places program.

Minister for the Arts, Culture and the Creative Economy Tara Cheyne said the ongoing funding would help increase participation in the arts.

"These programs provide access to high quality, inclusive arts programs that develop the artistic skills of participants including from diverse backgrounds and those who may experience barriers to getting involved in arts programs for a range of reasons.


"They strongly align with our Arts, Culture and Creative Policy, helping to increase the visibility of the arts in Canberra, and increasing opportunities for our artists, arts workers and arts organisations.

"The ANU Community Music Centre offers an incredible range of programs, including its Community Rock School that gives anyone the opportunity to rehearse and perform in a contemporary band setting.

"The Sharing Stories Art Exchange offers the creative community first-hand experience on Country, learning about cultural practices and developing relationships. It is reconciliation in action.



"Living City: People, Plants and Places is a new program that will encourage accessible and inclusive art-based engagement with urban spaces while addressing climate change, urban biodiversity, wellbeing and conservation.

"I'm proud to see our long-standing relationship with the ANU School of Music and ANU School of Art and Design continuing through this agreement," said Minister Cheyne.



Christmas trading days

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Contemporary Luxury

Located in arguably the best street in Braidwood this as new home has been finished to the highest level with the best quality inclusions. The award winning home completed in 2019 by Green Homes is state of the art in design and practicality. Clean contemporary lines combine with light open spaces to create a home that exudes luxury. Square set cornering throughout and 3.7 metre raked ceilings to the open plan living expanse give a sense of space to what is already a large area, this also opens out to the alfresco area. The three bedroom, study home has ensuite and walk through robe to the main bedroom at the front of the home. Two other spacious bedrooms have built in robes. Double glazing is a feature throughout. There are two reverse cycle air-conditioners keeping the home comfortable year round. Electricity costs are supplemented by the 5.5 kilowatt back to the grid panels. This is a home that lends itself to entertaining either inside or out and would be perfect for the executive couple or family who appreciate the finer things in life.

21 Wallace St

\$750,000

A great opportunity for the tradie or handy person- A solid 3 bedroom home in need of much repair on 508m2 and an adjoining vacant block of 907m2 on a separate title. Offered for sale for the first time in 35 years and originally 2 storey this home is screaming potential. Rendered brick or stone with walls around 300mm thick- it won't fall down anytime soon.

Each block has the ideal orientation running east-west and perfectly level for lower building costs and both street and rear lane access. Located at the end of Braidwood's main street just a short 300 metres from the local supermarket and thriving coffee precinct this is an opportunity not to be missed. There are so many options- renovate and build on the vacant block, renovate and sell the block.....



U8/12 Coronation Ave

\$459,000

Just Move In

This light filled 2 bedroom townhome has a sunny northerly aspect. In a quiet complex of just eight the location could not be more convenient- a short walk to town and just metres from the local golf/bowls club. Recently carpeted and full brick construction makes it ideal for investment or owner occupier.



Manageable Acreage Close To Town

Located just 14 kilometres from Braidwood towards the coast, 10 hectares with 920 metre frontage to Warrambucca Creek a great location for a weekender or full time relaxation. The former home and pottery studio of a renowned local artist, it's easy to see where the inspiration comes from when surrounded by such beautiful natural surroundings of the Australian bush.

The live in shed has power from a small solar system, bathroom, kitchen and inside toilet. There are several tanks for drinking water and water can be taken from the creek as riparian rights allow. Two pottery kilns remain in place. Properties of this size with convenient location are a rarity an early inspection is suggested.

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Anglican Parish

Christmas blessing

When I was young, I lived a foot-loose and fancy-free existence. I chose what I wanted to do and where I wanted to go.

As a newlywed and pre kids I had a wonderful companion to continue this lifestyle, sharing the things we did and places we went.

And then a brand new and adorable little human came into our lives. And I while later another...

Like many of us at the arrival of our children, our decisions as to what we do and when we do things all get turned on their heads. Although tiny, our new baby dictated our ability to do things, including when we ate and slept!

We were no longer fully in control. But we felt all the richer for sharing our love with someone who needed help to navigate the big wide world they found themselves in. Thousands of years ago, the prophet Isaiah wrote, "Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given ... and His name will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

The child Isaiah was talking about was Jesus – born to Mary in amongst the dirt, smells and draught of an animal shed. Shepherds and rich people knew he was the baby Isaiah spoke of and came to see newborn Jesus.

This baby was different – He was God's son. As he grew, the impact of his short life changed the world – then and now.

Believing in Jesus brings us into God's family, with God the Father caring and providing for us, helping us to navigate the big wide world we found ourselves in.

Christmas reminds us of the Hope, Love, Joy and Peace that was given to us at the coming of baby Jesus. Let us find time amidst the glittering commercialism, the busy-ness, the travel and feasting – to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas – and look at the humble beginnings of a baby that continues to change the world for the better – if only we follow him.

May your Christmas holidays – whether short or long – be refreshing, and safe. We look forward to seeing you at a Christmas service, if you are unable, we will see you in 2024.

St Andrew's Anglican Church services:
Christmas Eve Sunday 24 December 10am;
Christmas Day Monday 25 December 9am
and New Year's Eve Sunday 31 December 10am. And tune in to Radio Church every Sunday at 6pm, Braidwood 88.9FM community radio. Always check our Facebook page – Anglican Parish of Braidwood – for updates.

Advent blessings to all

Rev'd Kenneth

Braidwood Uniting Church

Tis the season

Oddly, it's the nature of the Christmas story that ought to constantly reform the church, keeping in check its inclination to greatness, empire and dominance. I have friends touring Europe right now that daily send me photos of the most mind-blowing cathedrals. What exactly do these magnificent buildings mean? My hunch, nothing more, is that they appear to be museums; tourist attractions. There is aesthetic beauty and it is marvellous to ponder that once there was a culture that were content to take 600 years to get their building complete. Imagine any government proposing a project to be completed 600 years from now. Does anyone even think in such grand proportions? I guess there was a time before efficiency and even before economics. No wonder moderns stop in such places in wonder.

Yet the foundational story is hardly grand. A most unremarkable birth, to an unmarried mother, perhaps 14 years old, in a stable for animals in a one horse town. This story in the context of a people, historically un-noteworthy yet is celebrated by most of us, one way or another. The church and our culture has attempted to line this story with riches, or tinsel and sparklers. There were 3 wise men, reading their horoscope in a far away country who read of a king and blow me down if a star didn't lead them to stable. A star with a laser beam into a stable. Who were these wise men? Some say they were Zoroastrian priests from Persia (Iran). What are these people doing in a story about a Jewish baby? You know what? I don't really know. It's fantastic and unlikely and should encourage us to stand back far enough to look for the message that generates the story.

The baby born didn't really make it to greatness. So many people giving each other expensive presents in honour of this homeless, undocumented, middle eastern wanderer. This bloke tipped over the tables in the temple and made a whip to drive out the occupants, didn't win any oscars, didn't write anything and ultimately, died the agonising death of a criminal. So, happy Christmas. Pause long enough to catch the strangeness of the life we accept as ordinary.

The point of the story is that this baby was a kid like any other and that he grew to understand that the Divine rested easiest and most naturally in the human. That greatness comes to those who don't claim it and those who claim greatness are involved in an exercise of hollowing out their being. It really is good news for ordinary folk. It's good news for the poor. It's good news for the frail. It offers relief to those, game enough to know that life isn't all about them – to those who will let God be God – to those who need to kid themselves about very little.

To celebrate the story beneath the tinsel and wrapping paper, is to find yourself capable of community.

A happy Christmas to all,

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2023 Christmas Services St Andrews' Anglican Church Braidwood

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

Gadfly

Sociologists tell us Christmas is a dangerous time of the year. The stats for December depression show that all over the country there are people feeling left out and teary.

Well, maybe so. What they don't yet realise is it's only a fraction of the real collateral disaster of the jolly Santa season.

And it's getting worse every year. But the real snake in the stocking is the pernicious practice of plastic packaging!

It is a worldwide blight. It not only causes millions of cut fingers spilling more rivers of blood than you'd find in a dozen Stanley Kubrick movies of Jack Nicholson going nuts in a deserted hotel, but I can also personally testify that it drives formerly peaceable grandfathers into wild, demented beasts.

It began so innocently. When Wendy and I furnished our first house in the then distant reaches of Pearce in the great Canberra expansion of the 1970s, my bride proudly ordered a small bookcase. To my surprise it arrived in a package of timber bound in soft plastic with another small bag containing four little legs. 'This'll be fun,' I thought, rolling up my sleeves to conquer this DIY challenge to my manhood.

I opened the instructions (in several languages). First step, 'Take the allen key...' it said. I was instantly stumped. I searched the plastic bag – nothing even vaguely resembling a key...and who was Allen anyway? Wendy was no help. She had a cousin named Alan but he was back in Temora and she didn't know his phone number. Actually, the phone wasn't even connected so we couldn't call her Dad in Red Hill either.

Undeterred, I saddled up with a few nails and screws and a new product called Super Glue. Three hours later – after I'd finally unstuck myself from the furniture and the shagpile carpet – we had the only bookcase in Canberra that Picasso would have applauded for its engaging cubist influences. It held its books upright with the iron Wendy discarded from her trousseau after declaring 'the end of the iron age.'

What we didn't realise was that it was the beginning of a terrible trend. In the next decade the plastic packaging industry took off. Supermarkets started putting more fruit and vegies in packs; and in time they'd price them so you always bought more than you needed and they'd spoil before you ate the last of them.

But the real demons were the hardware people. Where once you could buy however many individual nails or screws you needed for a job, now you had to buy a packet containing enough to build a substantial granny flat.

Then they packaged everything in hard plastic – even the tools you needed to open the packaging to get to the other stuff. And this year, they've gone right over the top. They now package women's cosmetics in such hard plastic that it defies the sharpest scissors to get to the soft, downy powder inside. And here's the ultimate Chrissy crusher. The packages of bon-bons with their little Chinese sayings and paper hats are themselves secreted behind hard plastic shells!

The solution? Easy – just sharpen the kitchen scissors to such a fine edge that the hard plastic will bare its contents to the celebraters. Trouble is, the scissor sharpener itself is protected by a hard, transparent plastic covering that defies all efforts to remove it.

That's when the formerly peaceable grandfather begins to feel a tingling at the base of the spine that presages what I call the terminal transformation. One glance at the dining room mirror, and Mr Peaceable's facial features are suddenly reminiscent of Jack Nicholson himself. Yes, there's that unforgettable, lascivious Christmas grin. 'Heeeeere's...Johnny!'

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Construction completed on new Goulburn Clinical Training Facility

Southern NSW Local Health District reports: Take a peak inside the new Clinical Training Facility at Goulburn Base Hospital, which was completed this month. The Australian National University's (ANU) Clinical Training Facility was delivered by Health Infrastructure in close collaboration with staff from the ANU Rural Clinical School and Southern NSW Local Health District. Built alongside the \$165 million Goulburn Hospital and Health Service Redevelopment, the new, purpose-built two-storey building will provide medical and other health professional students with a state-of-the-art training facility. The completed ANU Clinical Training Facility includes:

- A simulation room replicating a real hospital environment
- Clinical skills rooms
- Tutorial rooms
- An auditorium and meeting rooms
- Medical student study and common room spaces
- ANU staff office, workspaces, and staff room
- Local Health District Clinical Nurse Educators office space
- Clinical Library
- Storage spaces

The facility is expected to begin operating in early 2024 after staff move-in activities are completed. Work on the Goulburn Hospital and Health Service Redevelopment is continuing, and is scheduled for final completion in mid-2024.

For more information visit
<https://www.goulburnredevelopment.health.nsw.gov.au/>



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Happy Holidays.

Congratulations! All your effort in spring, and the risks you took, have resulted in an amazing summer garden. It's been a good growing season, the recent rain has really boosted growth and now the summer heat is ripening tomatoes early.

If you haven't got your summer veggies established by now, it's probably a bit late to guarantee any success. Our short growing season is the reason it's important to get your timing right in spring and take some risks. Although I'm an advocate for planting anytime... sometimes the effort is worth the risk, but rarely late in summer.

Garden Visits

I've had the pleasure of visiting some gardens recently, to witness abundance and success. Every garden as unique as the human that created it. I'm as impressed by the setups and systems of established gardeners as much as the novice having a go for the first time. Starting the journey is the most important part of growing your own food, then you gain experience and grow better with less effort.

Gardening and growing food is as easy or as hard as you choose to make it. Working with mother nature to replicate natural systems, or against it with machines and chemicals. Most folks are running a game somewhere in between and having mixed results. It does take a mindset shift, a bit of unlearning and some slowing down to gain a better understanding of your ecosystem. If we can adopt a growing style that requires less input and effort, we will have more time, more nutrient dense food in our bellies and fatter stock.

Timing

At this time of year, demands for our time can be high. Getting caught up in the festive season rituals can take us away from our garden. Fortunately, the work has already been done so you can sit back and enjoy your holidays, however you choose to spend them. Picking ripe berries and veggies is all you will need to do in the garden, because you got your timing right this season.

I stood in the presence of only one greenhouse, a testament to gardening success without one in our Unpredictable Highland Climate. There was something growing in there, the only veggie that really needs the benefit of the extreme hothouse climate.

Capsicums and Chillis prefer soil temps above 25C and love the added humidity and heat in the air. They handle scorching heat and thrive. These plants can also be overwintered in the greenhouse for a bigger, better, earlier crop next season.

This greenhouse was cleverly shaded from the western sun by a mighty fig tree, and sun protection netting. Western sun on a greenhouse in our region will probably even toast a chilli plant, it will toast a tomato plant with ease.

Success

The greatest success in the garden was from Bombay Seed Traders Zucchini's and Bush Pumpkins. Every bush pumpkin has at least 10 pumpkins on the plant already, with some changing colour to signify ripening. This has always been my experience, so it's great to see it on a broader scale. Better break out all the old pumpkin recipes this season.

This week

I've built a trellis on the fence for the 2 Tommytoes, as they have sprawled and taken over their allotted area. The trellis is 6ft tall, and 8ft wide, but I expect the plants to fill that space in a week or two. The heat has been great for ripening tomatoes, and full bushes of fruit are taking advantage of it. Eating Ripe Tomatoes in early December is the best Xmas present ever!

The first Cornsilks have popped below the seed heads. This corn was planted amongst the broad beans for frost protection, survived the Black Frost ed 182 and is set to be the earliest corn I will have eaten from my garden. Fingers crossed.

There seems to be less tomatoes going to the mice. Wasn't sure where they went... then last night I spied two of the biggest tawny frogmouths I've ever seen. It also explains the wild raspy noise we hear most nights. I love owls.

I've planted more vine pumpkins, very late, but they were flowering in their tiny pots, so in the ground they went. If the first frost is late like last year they'll be just fine, if not then chicken food. The new beds now have improved fencing to keep the critters out, with proper fencing to come please Santa.

And always exciting, baby chickens are hatching under a new mum. A cracking start to the new year.

The first Bruchetta of the season was eaten very early this year. I mark my summer by what I eat from the garden and when, because Summer days can sometimes blur. Basil, garlic and tomatoes ready together in mid December is ace. The earliest yet. Everything gets these toppings this week.

Basil

Basil is starting to flower, the first plants have been in the ground for about 60days, so picking for pesto commences now too. Picking basil is best done by nipping the tips off, rather than taking lower leaves. Each tip creates 2 or more growing stems providing more fresh basil leaves. The lower leaves stay as solar collectors to keep things growing along. Picking lower leaves makes your basil plants look sickly and they will under preform for you.



The coming weeks will require water, water and more water, to keep your garden happy and productive. Hopefully more Skywater will fall, but it's anyone's guess, even the weatherbots. (It's raining as I edit, yay)

Whatever you find yourself doing over the Xmas break, do it well and play safe. I'm loving the chats, notes, messages, photos and garden invites. Thank you so much. And thank you for playing along at home and validating this highland growing experience. Until next year...

Remember, every day is a school day, Stay Awesome.

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How to get your home Bushfire ready?

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With Australians being warned about one of the deadliest Bushfire seasons approaching, residents are being urged to get their homes bushfire ready now.

Lyn Gunter is the former Mayor of Murrindindi Shire; she was Mayor at the time of the Black Saturday fires in Victoria when 173 people lost their lives. "Coming into this summer's Bush Fire season we need to be doing more to protect our communities. Australia is the most fire prone country on the planet and being prepared is one of the key ways to try to avoid tragedy." Prof. Guan Yeoh from the University of New South Wales Training Centre for Fire Retardant Materials and Safety Technologies, says Australians need to be better prepared for bushfires.

"Flame Security International and the University of New South Wales is developing ground breaking fire protection products with minimal environmental impact under the FIRECOAT brand," said Prof. Yeoh. The top tips to protect Australian homes from Chartered Professional Fire Engineer Ben Ignis are:

Clear vegetation and trees – Reducing the vegetation around your home is one of the most important things you can do when getting ready for bushfire season. The best place to start is to remove dead branches, leaves and undercoat. Depending on where you live though permits may have to be obtained. Contacting your local council is the best way to determine what can be cleared and what cannot.

Use the world first fireproof paint, FIRECOAT – Use FIRECOAT, the first paint to protect in extreme bush fire conditions. Paint you your house, sheds, decking, fences or any other property you need to protect. This product has been created in Australia in conjunction with world leading scientists and engineers from the University of New South Wales (UNSW). The non-toxic paint which has passed stringent testing both here and around the globe is a world first and now available for consumer purchase from Bunnings.

Pre-pack for an emergency and know your location – Pack an emergency survival kit for yourself and your family. This may include fresh clothing, which include portable battery-operated radio and waterproof torch with spare batteries, candles and waterproof matches, first aid kit and manual, at least 3 litres of water per person, waterproof bags ready for valuables, cash and ATM or credit cards, medications, and toiletries, mobile phone charger. Also, draw up an evacuation plan for family and pets that designates an assembly point, responsibilities, and transport. Not everyone responds calmly in a crisis, so regular practice of the evacuation drill with the whole family is important preparation.

Check windows and screens – Your home is your safe haven and a place that does not welcome fire. Fire can creep in though, quite literally through cracks in window and door fittings. Fire knows no boundaries and will spread itself wherever there is oxygen to nourish it, with your house no exception. Embers are the perfect size to billow into your home through gaps and crevasses in your windows and doors you may not have previously thought to cover. Assuage unwanted cinder with wire screens that are not only fire resistant but also block impinging fire threats. A good screen installation company will be able to fit out your windows and doors within a day.



Shed with FSA Firecoat paint vs shed without in controlled real life burn situation

RURAL BUSINESSES WARNED: SAFETY FIRST WITH FARM VISITORS THIS SUMMER

SafeWork NSW is urging farmers and rural businesses to take practical steps to keep visitors to farms safe during the summer school holidays by restricting access to dangerous machinery and other hazardous risks.

To make sure visitors are aware of specific dangers, SafeWork recommends compiling a list of farm safety rules specific for visitors to keep them safe. There are a number of easy tasks you can perform before visitors arrive, including:

- Identifying 'no go' areas to keep visitors away from working areas of the farm
- Make sure visitors know to stay out of fenced areas and away from livestock which are unpredictable
- Store plant, equipment, tools and chemicals securely and remove the keys from quad bikes, side-by-side vehicles (SSV) and tractors
- Don't let quad bikes, SSV's or tractors be used for rides
- Make sure all passengers in SSV's wear a seat belt and never carry passengers in the rear cargo tray
- Never allow a child under 16 on an adult sized quad bike and never allow passengers
- Ensure all guards are fitted to power take offs or PTO's, augers and other equipment
- Cover voids, pits and other falls risks
- Empty water drums and alert visitors to dams, water courses and other drowning hazards
- Ensure silo ladders and top hatch access is locked
- Ensure all confined spaces, like tanks and silos are not accessible
- Set up safe delivery areas to load and unload livestock or product that separates people and vehicles
- Supervise children at all times – especially around machinery, dams and sheds.

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It's okay to reach out this holiday season – support is available

The holiday season can be a special time of year, but for some it can be a difficult time and bring a range of emotions.

Family tensions, unrealistic expectations, financial strain and the pressure to conform to societal expectation can intensify struggles, especially for those who are already experiencing distress or mental health concerns.

If this time of year makes you feel down, anxious or stressed, then you are not alone. Taking care of yourself can help prevent these emotions from becoming overwhelming.

According to Jo Riley, Program Manager of Suicide Prevention South Eastern NSW, a number of stressors can add to distress or push a person to crisis point during Christmas and New Year.

"Things like family tensions, excessive alcohol consumption, loneliness, isolation and money worries can rise to the surface and make people feel worse around the holiday season.

"It's important for people to know there is help available if they are struggling. Reaching out can be tough, but getting things out in the open can help," said Ms Riley.

Head to Health is a free service that will connect you to mental health support in your area. When you call 1800 595 212 (Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm, excluding public holidays), you'll talk to a friendly mental health professional who will take the time to understand your needs and find support that is right for you.

As you plan this holiday season, your wellbeing should be at the top of your list.

If you or a loved one need crisis support, you can call one of the following services which are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week:

- **Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659 467**
- **Lifeline on 13 11 14**
- **NSW Mental Health Line: 1800 011 511**
- **Beyond Blue Support line: 1300 224 636**
- **Domestic and Family Violence Support Line: 1800 RESPECT**
- **Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800**
- **If someone is injured or at immediate risk, call 000 immediately.**

Click [HERE](#) for a full list of mental health supports and services available in South Eastern NSW during the holiday period.

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The Albanese Government has invested \$5 million from 2022 to 2024 in the Rebuilding Regional Communities stream of the FRRR's Strengthening Rural Communities program.

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Bungendore: The Southern Harvest Farmers Market -
9am (9.30am start time for the winter months) to 12noon
Saturdays in the Church Yard on the corner of Gibraltar &
Bulmaroo Streets Bungendore.
Captains Flat regional Market 10 - 2pm every 2nd Sat

QPRC - General council services are closed
from 4.30pm 21 December 2023 – 8.30am to 2 January 2024

The Braidwood Waste Transfer Station hours
10am-4.30pm Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Braidwood Men's Shed

Braidwood Men's Shed Meet every Tuesday and Friday from 9:30 AM till Lunchtime. New members are always welcome. Drop in for a chat and/or Morning Tea. Do you need something done but don't have the right tools? Why not pop in to the Mens Shed just off Cowper Street next to the SES and have a chat to "Shep" and the lads. You will be warmly welcomed.

January 2024 Braidwood Community Book Fair

Now's the time to deliver your donations as book sorting is underway. Deliver your unwanted books to our sorting/storage facility around behind St Andrew's Anglican Church, Elrington St, Braidwood leave them in the car-port if we are not there. The Fair will be held Weds 24th through to Sun 28th Jan 2024

We request that donations are NOT taken to the Fair but delivered any day/any time to the above location so they can be pre-sorted. Thank you. Contact: braidwoodbookfair@gmail.com

Terry Roach the President of the **Braidwood RSL Subbranch** extends an invitation to any current serving members, or ex members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF), including Army Reserves, War widows, and/or their families. The full range of Wellbeing and Compensation advocacy services are available at no cost. If you wish to find out if you qualify for assistance, contact the secretary Peter Van Rijswijk on 0419431517 or braidwoodsb@rslnsw.org.au

JILL ANN MITCHELL

18 August 1944 - 12 December 2023

Peacefully at Clare Holland House, Canberra.

Remembered as loving wife of John and mother of Samantha, Thomas and Kate, loyal friend to many, a hard-working carer and a lot of fun.

A service for Jill is to be held in the Chapel of Norwood Park Crematorium
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TUESDAY 19 December 2023 at 1:30pm

The service will be live streamed. Please visit:
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Majors Creek Progress Assoc.

The next meeting will be held at the MC Rec Hall 14th January at 2pm, all are welcome to attend. The MCPA AGM is scheduled for 3pm 14th January. Progress will be thanking Marjorie Lemin for her work as secretary of MCPA over the last few years and hoping to vote a new community member into the position.

Prawn Man

The Prawn Man will be at the usual location outside the Shell Servo on Saturday 23rd December for Xmas seafood sales. (Not on Friday 22nd).

ALAN DOUGLAS LUKEY

Passed away peacefully 10 December 2023.

Much loved husband of Cathie.

Loving father to Alan, Jason (dec.), Michael and their families.

No funeral service at Alan's request.

Darren 'Dags' Rowley



Update - The service for Darren's life has had a slight change of plans. It will be from 2pm to 5.30 pm on Friday 22nd of December at the Wauchope Showground. Please bring some bubble wands and machines for a tribute to Darren, to be used as directed during the service. Unfortunately due to Showground policies we cannot bring alcohol onto the grounds. However we will be moving to the Wauchope Country Club's downstairs auditorium at 6 pm to continue the night. Please feel free to come and join us for drinks to celebrate Darren's life. Some nibbles will be provided, but if you are still hungry the club's bistro will be open upstairs.

Here is the you tube streaming link
<https://youtube.com/live/UzeIGbr8bQ>

This will be live at the time of the service and then after there will be a recorded version. There is also a Facebook page for Darren Brook Rowley = Funeral Service.



2024 Braidwood Car Show

Saturday 20th January
Start growing your mullets for the "best mullet" competition!

Braidwood Races

Saturday 10th February

Braidwood Show 2024

Saturday 2nd March

2024 Heritage Festival

The dates for next year's Heritage Festival have been set - 18 April to 19 May. Queanbeyan-Palerang will participate with a program of activities being developed. Council will be holding our annual Heritage Awards.



Scouts Mega Christmas Raffle

The Scouts Raffle has been drawn and all winners notified. Here are the winners: 1st- David C, 2nd-Heath (and Kyle), 3rd-Alison S, 4th-Derek, 5th-Heidi, 6th-Mary E, 7th-Hamish, 8th-Teash, 9th-Hamish, 10th-Peter.

We are so glad to spread some Christmas cheer, with these prizes.

Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets from us, once again we are amazed at how generous our community is!

A massive thank you to all the fantastic businesses who donated prizes for our raffle, we can't do these without you. Remember to shop local!

Lastly, thank you to all our volunteers who sold tickets over the last few weeks, we have an amazing team.

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RACING NEWS WITH THE JEMBAICUMBE PUNTER

Great to see Infatuation is back in sizzling form. She came in second on Saturday at Randwick to the favourite Boston Rocks (Hellbent) with Tim Clarke on board. She jumped well and led most of the way only to have Boston Rocks dive past. She was beaten by half a length. Punter's share of the prize money was \$5.61. In a video released, I must say she looks great. She came through the race well. In the Stewards report it was said that she lost her nearfore plate during the race. She was a little hot and bothered upon pulling up, likely caused by the hot weather and her high energy nature. She was bounced through the run and will benefit from that. She is going to the Listed Gosford Guineas in eight days' time. The stable states that the Gosford track should suit her with the tight turning circuit which benefits horses that can settle up on speed and put themselves in the race. This is part of her preparation leading up to the Magic Millions.

Great to see Damien Oliver ride three winners at Ascot on Saturday. He had seven rides for the day and landed the last three races on Munhamek (Dark Angle), Magnificent Candy (Magnus and Divine Belief (Players Fool). As he passed the post for the final time, he saluted with his whip and the Stewards fined him \$500 for celebrating before he passed the winning post. What an absolute disgrace, just trying to show their powers. Damien Oliver's longtime friend, Craig Williams flew to Ascot for Damien's farewell and won the first race on the programme. What a great movie Damien's life would make. In his career from 1980, he has ridden 20,329 horses for 3189 wins, 4963 placings including winning 29 Group One races.

Rachel King had a good day at Randwick riding two winners Anode (I Am Invincible) and Time to Boogie (Sooboo) as well as the second on Infatuation.

Molly Bourke, formerly with Keith Dryden at Canberra now rides in Sydney where she is apprentice to John O'Shea. She is only 20 years old and has ridden 99 winners and Saturday was her fourth win in the metropolitan area. She used to ride Fangelo for Keith Dryden. She rode the winner of the last race at Randwick on Saturday on Felix Majestic. Nash Nawiller had to answer to stewards after odds on favourite Emperor was beaten on Saturday no charges made.

Incidentally, Fangelo will be racing at Wagga on December 2nd. Hugh Bowman has been assessed and will return to Race riding at Sha Tin on 26th December after being sidelined following a serious fall. Talented Apprentice Will Stanley is back after being sidelined for six weeks with a broken nose. He won at Warren on Friday, Coonamble on Saturday and Bathurst on Monday. Not a bad effort.

In a significant move Tabcorp's newly secured 20 year license has nearly secured a 20 year Victorian wagering license to become a catalyst for substantial contributions to critical areas including animal welfare programmes and responsible gambling initiatives.

A registered Racehorse owner from South Australia has been given a six months disqualification and fined \$1500 after being found guilty of abusing jockeys in emails. Apparently, this is not the first time he has done this. Jockeys sure have a lot to put up with.

Don't forget Braidwood Races on Saturday 10th February, 2024.

Should be a great day of Racing.

Punter would like to wish all Horse lovers a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2024 with lots of winners.

Until next time.

Happy Punting.



BRAIDWOOD RACES



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Braidwood Golf Club News

FROM THE COMMITTEE

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Exciting news: shirts and hats have arrived! There are some already available to purchase and orders can also be made for specific sizes. Member prices: Shirts \$35, Caps \$20 and Floppy Hats \$25.

Please see Sarah or Carmen & you MUST have cash please.

PRACTICE MATS—As we now have new practice mats, and if anyone wanted the old ones, they are welcome to take them.

2024 PROGRAM BOOKS

Next year's program book is close to publication and should be available early in the New Year.

Both your captains wish you a very Merry Christmas and Safe & Healthy 2024 with Happy Golfing.

Moore Park Golf Course, Sydney

You may have seen recent newspaper reports on the proposal of the NSW State Government and City of Sydney Council to cut Moore Park's 18-hole public golf course in half to provide more green space for the thousands of people expected to move into the area in the future.

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As golfers, we know how beneficial the sport is to men, women and juniors of all ages. We were so fortunate in NSW to have been able to play golf during COVID, not only for physical wellbeing, but also for mental health wellbeing and social cohesion.

The sport is attracting more people every year so now is not the time to be cutting courses in half. Moore Park Golf Club is running a petition to keep it as an 18-hole course and is urging other clubs and individual golfers to support it by signing the petition.

The Braidwood Golf Club Committee resolved at its last meeting to sign the petition and encourages you all to sign it as well. It can be accessed at <https://savemooreparkgolfcourse.com.au> and only takes a minute to give your support to a golf club under threat. On the petition, you are able to untick the box so your name does not appear on the petition id, if you so desire.

RESULTS-Saturday December 16

– Medley 2BBB Par Event

Winners: Michelle Henry & John Stahel +11

Runners Up: Lorinda Stuart & Steve Glenday +10

3rd Place: Deb Ferguson & Billy Lang +10

4th Place: Sarah Heine & Ted Emmett +8

5th Place: Margy Gardner & Tom Duffy +7

6th Place: Fran McGrath & John Harb +7

7th Place: Gordon Scott & Michael Tillman Ryan +7

8th Place: Terry Hughes & Allan Walcott +6

9th Place: Wayne Fanning & Spiro Agnew +5

10th Place: Carmen Byrne & Chris Witt +5

11th Place: Barry McDonald & Rodney Royds +5

12th Place: Judy Scott & Keith Ferguson +4

13th Place: Don Burke & Keith Morgan +3

14th Place: Donna Kuhn & Michael Tillman Ryan +3

15th Place: Brendan Booker & Matt Ward +2

16th Place: Kerry Noble & Michael Fitzgerald +1

Men's NTP 3/12: Terry Hughes

Women's NTP 2nd to 6th: Donna Kuhn

Jackpot 8th: (\$210): Not Won

Handicap Changes: Debby Ferguson down 1 to 19, Margy Gardner down 1 to 29, Michelle Henry down 1 to 28, Fran McGrath down 1 to 32, Lorinda Stuart down 1 to 24, Chris Witt down 1 to 19, Michael Tillman Ryan down 1 to 35, John Stahel down 1 to 18, Gordon Scott down 1 to 30, Barry McDonald down 1 to 31, Billy Lang down 1 to 12, Steve Glenday down 1 to 24, Don Burke down 1 to 34, Matt Ward out 1 to 19, Rodney Royds out 1 to 23, Spiro Agnew out 1 to 15.

Coming Events

- **December 23 Saturday:** Mixed Single Stableford
- **December 30 Saturday:** Medley Irish Stableford 3 Ball
- **January 6 Saturday:** Men's & Women's Stroke & Monthly Medals
- **January 13 Saturday:** Men's & Women's Single Stableford
- **January 20 Saturday:** Committee Meeting 10.30 am
Men's & Women's Single Stableford
- **January 27 Saturday:** Medley Ambrose- Australia Day
Weekend Deadwood Emporium & Nomchong Electronics
Trophies
- **February 3 Saturday:** Men's & Women's Stroke & Monthly Medals
- **February 10 Saturday:** Men's Single Stableford, Braidwood Chemist Trophy
Women's Single Stableford, Braidwood Butcher Trophy
- **February 17 Saturday:** Committee Meeting 10.30am
Men's Single Stableford- Michael Tillman-Ryan Trophy
Women's Single Stableford-Isobel Mutton Trophy 1st Round
- **February 24 Saturday:** Medley 2BBB Stableford, Ted Emmett Trophy

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