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## "It's All Happening @ The Royal"

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- **Thursdays chocolate wheel & members draw** 6 - 6.30pm
- **2nd March Mick Fernandez**
- **17th March Elegant Associates**



*Our EV Charger is now up and running!*





## QPRC MAYOR'S COLUMN

*with Cr Kenrick Winchester*

Council has committed to reviewing the rates structure, looking at how fairly the rates structure is distributed across the local government area. To help us with the review, we are forming a Community Reference Panel with ratepayers from across the region whose feedback will help us develop an updated rates structure. The updated rates structure will then go on exhibition as part of our draft Revenue Policy. We want to hear from people from all parts of the community to make sure we have representation from different rating categories. Across two workshops in March, the panel will have the opportunity to give confidential feedback and advice on taxation principles, proposed subcategories, and the proposed base and ad valorem rates. Complete an expression of interest to join the panel by Monday 26 February at [yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au/rates-review](http://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au/rates-review)

We are calling for expressions of interest for members of the community to serve as representatives on the QPRC Affordable Housing Working Group. This group will help provide local knowledge on Affordable Housing issues that affect Queanbeyan-Palerang, monitor the implementation of council's Affordable Housing Strategy, and raise community awareness of Affordable Housing issues. Meetings will be held monthly on Thursdays at 4pm in Queanbeyan. Make sure to share the skills you have that will help this group achieve its goals when you submit your EOI. To submit an EOI by 5pm Friday 8 March, visit [qprc.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Business/Public-Notices#section-2](http://qprc.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Business/Public-Notices#section-2) or send it to the Land-Use Planning team at PO Box 90 Queanbeyan NSW 2620 or email [landuseadmin@qprc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:landuseadmin@qprc.nsw.gov.au) using the subject line 'EOI – QPRC Affordable Housing Working Group'.

Head to Judith Wright Park in Braidwood on Saturday 9 March from 9am to 11am to help us plant some trees! The Judith Wright Gardens are located at the end of Garvey Street in Braidwood. This planting will help provide habitat for native animals and restore Flood Creek. Make sure to wear long pants, enclosed shoes, and appropriate sun protection. This project received funding from the Australian Government's Planting Trees for The Queen's Jubilee program.

Are your kids or grandkids keen photographers? We're running a World Wildlife Day Photo Competition where they can show off their skills and help us capture our region's unique biodiversity! Simply enter your photos of plants, animals, fungi or bugs that are native to our area for your chance to win. The competition is open to people 18 years and under who live in our local government area and there are Best Entry prizes in each of the four age categories as well as an overall prize. To learn more and submit your entries by 11:59pm Sunday 3 March, visit [qprc.nsw.gov.au/Events/2024-World-Wildlife-Day-Photo-Competition](http://qprc.nsw.gov.au/Events/2024-World-Wildlife-Day-Photo-Competition)

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Week ending **Braidwood** With  
20th February 2024 **Weather** Roger Hosking

Warm sea surface temperatures and onshore winds produced almost daily rain but cool days and excess soil moisture are suppressing potential pasture growth. Long-term February average daily SDI is 69mm

Day	Min	Max	Rain
Wed	16	22	4.0
Thurs	10	15	0.4
Fri	13	22	1.6
Sat	14	29	1.6
Sun	17	29	9.8
Mon	15	21	8.4
Tues	14	21	2.2

**Grassland SDI** (soil moisture deficit) 22.4mm

**Total rainfall so far:** - this month 72.6mm - this year 163.6mm

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## BCS Show Team prepares for another big year



**By John Longhurst**

Braidwood Central School (BCS) Show Team has received strong community support as it prepares for the Canberra Royal Show next week.

Last Sunday Cathy Noakes from Merton Park Herefords, Breanna McGovern, Nathan Hindmarsh, Ian and Bec Hindmarsh and family volunteered their time to clip and prepare BCS show steers for the upcoming show season.

BCS Head Teacher, Ms Jill Kuchel, thanked them for their generous contribution.

Ms Kuchel said "It is a big ask to give up time on a Sunday to ensure our steers are extremely well presented and ready for the Royal Canberra Show."

BCS 2021 Graduate, Zoe Cargill also lent her time.

Zoe Cargill was a dedicated member of the BCS Show Team during her time at the school. Zoe enjoyed success at the Royal Canberra Show, Dubbo Show and competed at the highest level at the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

Ms Kuchel said "Zoe Cargill conducted a 'master class' in handling cattle last Tuesday with our Period X Agriculture Class. It was a great boost to the students' confidence."

Year 9 Student Emily Jeffery said, "The 'master class' really helped us to perfect our parading. Zoe highlighted the need to have the best relationship with the animal. She stressed the importance of staying calm and taking the time to present the animal in the best possible light."

In another positive development for BCS Agriculture Students, Cathy Noakes donated two steers and one heifer from Merton Park Herefords.

*Zoe Cargill demonstrating.*

Ms Kuchel said "It is an extremely generous gesture and Cathy has gone even further and has promised to donate Merton Park Hereford's portion of the sale of the animals to the Brainstorm Foundation.

The Brainstorm Foundation aims to reduce the impact of brain cancer by improving patient outcomes. Better diagnosis, treatment and ultimately prevention are the key.\*

In other generous contributions, Darren Parker of Parkerwood Building and Carpentry has donated \$500 to the BCS Show Team and Nutrien Ag has come to the party with a donation of hay.

Ms Kuchel said "The funds will go towards purchasing new showing equipment for our students to use. We thank Darren very much for his amazing donation. It is also great to have Nutrien Ag on board with a supply of hay."

BCS now looks set to emulate last year's standout performances at the upcoming Royal Canberra Show next week.

BCS Principal Ms Nerida Mosely said "BCS recorded some fantastic results last year, with the standout being Nathan Hindmarsh topping the Junior Judging Competition. It is great to see former students and community members throwing their support behind our Show Team by donating their time and expertise. A big thank you to Cathy Noakes from Merton Park Herefords, Darren Parker from Parkerwood Building and Carpentry and Nutrien Ag for their generous donations. With this level of community support, BCS is confident of once again achieving at the highest level this show season."

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# New dates announced for Telstra upgrading works

**Telstra will be upgrading its mobile base station at Mt Gillamatong by adding additional infrastructure to bring better 4G services to the surrounding community.**

The work will also prepare the network for 5G coverage to be provided once the 3G network closes as planned in June 2024, however the works will require a series of temporary outages or reduction in mobile coverage. The base station provides mobile coverage to Braidwood and surrounds, including the Kings Highway.

These improvements will temporarily impact Telstra mobile coverage at various times from Monday 4 March, until Friday 15 March 2024.

The first phase of disruptions will occur daily between 8am and 4pm on Monday 4 March and Tuesday 5 March 2024. The mobile base station at Monga will also be disrupted during this period as work on the transmission is undertaken.

The second phase of disruptions will occur from 8am on Monday 11 March to 5pm on Wednesday 13 March 2024. The site is expected to be off the air for this entire period.

**Minor disruptions will be experienced during the day on Thursday 14 March and Friday 15 March as we test and integrate the mobile network.**

If all goes according to plan and weather permitting, residents should be noticing an improvement in Telstra mobile services by 15 March 2024.

Telstra mobile customers will receive text messages advising of the upcoming work.

Landline services, NBN internet services and mobile coverage from other providers will not be impacted. Any calls to Triple Zero from a Telstra mobile when the site is off air will automatically be diverted to any working mobile network for connection to emergency services.

Regional General Manager for Telstra, Chris Taylor, said while our crews need to work during daylight for safety, we'll only be switching off the site when we need to and have it back on as quickly as possible.

"There's never a good time to undertake this sort of work but once it is completed, it will mean better mobile services for local residents," Mr Taylor said.

"As a company, we heavily invest in improving regional connectivity and this site is another example of our commitment. Over the past seven years to the end of FY23, Telstra invested \$11 billion in our mobile network nationally, with \$4 billion of this invested in our regional mobile network."

## Tips for improving connectivity while works are underway

For mobile coverage in the interim, if residents have access to a Wi-Fi signal at home or at work, Telstra encourages residents to activate Wi-Fi calling. This is a free setting on most popular mobile phones and allows your mobile to use a Wi-Fi network to make and receive mobile calls. To find out more they can google [Telstra Wi-Fi calling](#) or just search in your settings icon on your phone.

We know many businesses use the Telstra network for their EFTPOS terminals. However, Telstra does not operate the EFTPOS network; it is operated by financial institutions. Many EFTPOS terminals can also be connected using fixed line or Wi-Fi/NBN internet connections. Retailers should contact their bank for more information and details on how to switch between these methods to ensure continuous service.

## Long term benefits of the site upgrade

The roll out of 5G connectivity in Braidwood & surrounds means customers with Telstra 5G mobile devices will be able to enjoy a better mobile experience. The upgrade also brings added benefits for customers on the Telstra 4G network with more capacity, providing better network connectivity and less congestion in peak times.

"We're continuing to expand our 5G network across location and nationally we're adding new sites to the network every week. Upgrades such as these continue to demonstrate Telstra's ongoing commitment to regional Australia," Mr Taylor said.

Once completed, the Mt Gillamatong site will join more than 4,900 Telstra 5G sites on-air within selected areas of more than four hundred cities and towns across Australia. Around 85 per cent of all Australians now have the ability to access to the Telstra 5G network where they live.

For customers wishing to access 5G on the Telstra network, they will need a 5G capable device so for some people, that may mean upgrading their current device.



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## Well it's back at the Braidwood Show this year !

Majors Creek CWA have been sourcing and making all sorts of treats over the months leading up to the show.

Cooking, gardening, reading, pampering treats and more!

Valued at \$100 and priced for sale at \$35 proves great value and is locals supporting locals and paying it forward.

Thank you to our supporters Bees R Us, Braidwood Bugle, Braidwood Community Bank, Braidwood Food Market, Braidwood Pharmacy, BreastScreen NSW, Cancer Council, CWA NSW, Mrs A Flack, Rural and Remote Mental Health and naturally our wonderful members.

Busy hands have been making bags and all kinds of terrific items. Funds raised go back to the Braidwood community and districts like the local schools and hospital etc.

Majors Creek CWA was established in 1936 and is still enjoyed just as much today. New members are always warmly welcomed.

Pre orders your show bag to ensure you don't miss out, great to enjoy yourself or as a gift.

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## Keep your dog safely contained

Following reports of roaming dogs in Braidwood, Council would like to remind the community about the importance of safely containing your pets.

The NSW Companion Animals Act 1998 requires dog owners to take all reasonable precautions to prevent their dog from escaping from the property on which it is being kept.

This includes making sure fences and gates are properly locked, in good condition and are an adequate height to accommodate your dog. Spending quality time with your dog and making sure it is getting enough exercise are also effective ways to reduce their risk of escaping. Bicentennial Park on McKellar Street, Braidwood is a designated off-lead location where dogs are permitted to play and exercise unrestrained. Off-lead dog parks are available in Bungendore, Queanbeyan, Googong and Jerrabomberra and there is a list available on our website at [www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/dog-parks](http://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/dog-parks)

Keeping your dog properly contained isn't just for their own safety, it's for the safety of the entire community as it helps to prevent dog attacks.

A dog attack is defined as an offence where a dog attacks a person or animal. The owner of the dog, or any person above 16 who is in charge of the dog at the time of the offence, is guilty of an offence if the dog rushes at, attacks, bites, harasses or chases any person or animal (other than vermin), whether or not any injury is caused to the person or animal. Substantial penalties apply under the Act if a dog is involved in an attack.

Council's Animal Management Officers are committed to keeping people and their pets safe and encourage dog owners to take all necessary precautions to ensure the safety of their pets and the community. Our Animal Management Officers are on call on weekends and after hours and will attend reports of dog attacks or roaming dogs that are acting aggressively.

If you witness an attack or come across a roaming dog acting aggressively, call or email our Animal Management Services team directly on 6285 6269 or [Animal.Info@qprc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Animal.Info@qprc.nsw.gov.au). Afterhours contact can be made by calling 1300 735 025.

For more information on responsible pet ownership, visit [qprc.nsw.gov.au/Services/Animals/Your-responsibilities-as-a-Pet-Owner](http://qprc.nsw.gov.au/Services/Animals/Your-responsibilities-as-a-Pet-Owner)



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## Reach inspires BCS Students



Lily and Bri from REACH conducted the high energy workshop.



Josh Clarke.

### By John Longhurst

A not-for-profit organisation called REACH conducted a workshop at Braidwood Central School (BCS) last Thursday for Year 7 students.

REACH was founded by Jim Stynes and Paul Currie in 1994 with the aim of inspiring young people to believe in themselves and get the most out of life.

REACH has hubs in Melbourne and Sydney and conducts workshops across Australia with up to 40,000 young people participating each year. The workshops are designed and delivered by young people.

The purpose of the workshop at BCS was to assist Year 7 students in creating a sense of social belonging, have breakthrough conversations and build resilience and courage.

Lily and Bri from REACH conducted the high energy workshop.

Interactive learning techniques and games were used by the facilitators to move students outside their comfort zones and to promote a sense of connectedness.

A spokesperson for REACH said "We're all about self-discovery and being the best version of yourself. We create a space for you to see what's holding you back and figure out how to start living for yourself and not for what people expect you to be."\*

Ms Sammi Charles, Student Support Officer at BCS sat in on the workshop.

Ms Charles said "The students talked about shyness and coping as well as respect. The facilitators created a really safe and supportive space for the students to share more about themselves and encouraged them to explore why it was sometimes difficult to interact with others. They pointed out the courage it took individuals to speak up in front of the group and then elicited empathy by asking those that didn't volunteer to imagine how it would feel to be the one speaking. Healthy debate was inspired by the use of 'this' or 'that' questions, where students physically stood on either side of the room depending on their preference. It encouraged interactions with the whole cohort, and the added benefit of expanding friendship groups."

Year 7 Student, Josh Clarke enjoyed the workshop.

Josh said "I found it really helpful in allowing me to express myself. The facilitators understood our feelings. It did make me realise that not everyone is as fortunate as myself. The games were a great way to learn and also make new friends. I'm better prepared for high school as a result of the workshop."

BCS Principal Ms Nerida Mosely thanked REACH.

Ms Mosely said "BCS has a number of strategies to facilitate the move to high school. It can be an anxious time and organisations such as REACH provide a great service. The facilitators formed an instant connection with our students."

## WHAT'S ON AT THE BRAIDWOOD SERVICEMEN'S CLUB



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- **Bridge** every Tuesday 1pm
- **Poker** 1st Sunday of every month
- **Trivia** - First Wednesday of the Month



## More efficient new vehicles will lower fuel bills

### The Climate Council

Aussie drivers could pay up to twice the price for petrol when purchasing a new car compared to international car markets with effective fuel efficiency standards, according to the latest Climate Council analysis.

On average, a new passenger car sold today in Australia will consume 6.9 litres of fuel per 100 kilometres (L/100km), leading to an annual petrol bill of almost \$1,460. This is nearly \$720 more per year than new European cars, which use just 3.5L/100km, and almost \$570 more than new American or Chinese cars which use 4.2L/100km.

Similarly, new utes and vans in Australia use 9.9L/100km on average, resulting in an annual petrol bill of almost \$2,880. This is \$1,250 more every year than equivalent new vehicles in Europe or China, where average fuel efficiency is 5.6L/100km, and nearly \$1,110 more than in the United States.

Petrol prices are one of the top three causes of household financial stress and a majority of Australians (71%) say they've changed their driving habits to manage the high cost of fuel.

Climate Councillor and economist, Nicki Hutley, said: "Our long-time lack of fuel efficiency standards makes us a dumping ground for older, less efficient cars.

Australians are paying far more for fuel because we are driving inefficient petrol-guzzling cars the rest of the world has rejected.

"An immediate benefit of making cars more efficient is that the average new car will consume less fuel to drive the same distance, lowering fuel bills and helping Australians tackle cost of living pressures.

"An effective New Vehicle Efficiency Standard will bring us up to speed with the majority of the world that already has similar standards in place. Drivers in these countries are already enjoying the savings and choice of cleaner, cheaper-to-run cars Aussies have missed out on for decades.

"It's time for the Federal Government to put the pedal to the metal and deliver this standard so Australians can start seeing the same benefits already enjoyed by drivers overseas."

Climate Council Head of Advocacy, Dr Jennifer Rayner, said: "Our reliance on fossil-fuelled vehicles is not only hurting our hip-pockets, but also harming our health and the environment. The success of standards like these across comparable international markets shows they can open the path to cleaner, cheaper-to-run new cars.

"Any measure that keeps more money in our wallets, while safeguarding us from increasing transport pollution risks, should be welcomed.

"Some car manufacturers seem to want us to go slow, but it's only by catching up to the standards already in place in other markets that Australians will see real benefits. We shouldn't have to settle for second best when there's big fuel savings and pollution cuts to be won through an effective standard."

## 'Just get it done': New research shows Australians back tax on fossil fuel exports

### The Australia Institute

New research released by the Australia Institute shows a majority of voters back measures to tax fossil fuel exports, as Rod Sims and Ross Garnaut used a National Press Club address to call for a fossil fuel tax. The Australia Institute's research finds that a majority of voters (52%) support a tax on fossil fuel exports to compensate Australians for the costs incurred due to climate change, regardless of the size of the tax imposed. Only one in five voters (21%) opposed the measure.

### Key Findings

The Australia Institute surveyed a nationally representative sample of 1,017 Australians about a proposed levy on fossil fuel exports between 23 to 29 January 2024.

- More than twice as many Australians support a levy as oppose it, regardless of its size.
- A majority of Australians support a levy, regardless of whether it is set at \$1 per tonne (52% support) or \$20 per tonne (also 52% support).
- One in five Australians oppose a levy, regardless of whether it is set at \$1 per tonne (20% oppose) or \$20 per tonne (21% oppose).
- More support than oppose a levy on fossil fuel exports among Labor voters (66% support vs 11% oppose), Coalition voters (42% support vs 30%), Greens voters (71% support vs 6% oppose) and Independent/Other voters (41% support vs 17% oppose).

"The message from the Australian people is pretty clear: just get it done," said Dr Richard Denniss, Executive Director of the Australia Institute.

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**Yately House c1883 - 35 Coghill St - By negotiation**

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Land area 3263 m2, Residence 391m2, Verandah 220m2, Outbuildings 89m2. Inspections are strictly by appointment and with principals only.

### 6 Hassall Cct - By negotiation - Contemporary Luxury

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 corning 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.



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## Look What You Just Didn't Do: AFP urges Australians to boost their cyber security

The AFP-led Joint Policing Cybercrime Coordination Centre (JPC3) is encouraging Australians to protect their delicate online accounts against scammers selling last-minute Taylor Swift concert tickets this week.

The AFP is all too well aware of instances where social media profiles have been hacked and used to sell fake tickets to popular and sought-after concerts through Facebook community pages.

Scammers may pose as helpful neighbours and friends on residential or suburb community pages, selling tickets to unsuspecting and enchanted fans. In some cases, scammers hack a social media account to make contact with potential victims.

The money for the fake tickets is then pocketed by the scammer, while the excited fans never receive their tickets. Unfortunately, the real owner of the social media account is left to shake it off and clean up the mess.

Thankfully, you're not on your own, kid. To keep your online account secure and gorgeous, the AFP is encouraging all Australians to:

- Turn on multi-factor authentication on their personal accounts, such as face scans or fingerprints on electronic devices;
- Create strong passphrases which should be made up of three or more random words and include a combination of upper and lowercase letters, numbers and special characters;
- Use different passphrases for different accounts, systems and applications;
- If you believe a social media account has been hacked, report it on the platform;
- If you see a scam, report it to [Scamwatch](#); and
- Purchase concert tickets through authorised resellers only.

AFP Commander Chris Goldsmid said Australians should practice good cyber hygiene to ward off cybercriminals, even when their favourite artists are not performing on highly-anticipated global tours.

"Cybercriminals will use any tool or trick to exploit people for their own profit, such as manipulating their love and desire to see an artist perform," he said.

"Our partners at the National Anti-Scam Centre have received over 270 reports of people being scammed buying Taylor Swift 'The Eras Tour' tickets via social media since tickets went on sale in Australia in June 2023.

"If you see these scams on community social media pages or notice someone posting content that seems out of character, report it immediately on the social media platform and to Scamwatch.

"If an offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

"If your account is hacked, report it to police using the report button at [cyber.gov.au](#). Do not feel embarrassed or ashamed – police are here to help you."

The JPC3 brings together Australian law enforcement and key industry and international partners to fight cybercrime and prevent harm and financial loss to the Australian community. We are committed to equipping all Australians with the knowledge and resources to protect themselves against cybercrime.

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## Short Term Rental Discussion Paper

**Member for Monaro Steve Whan** has welcomed the release of a discussion paper on options for changing regulation or tax around Short-Term Rental accommodation to provide some relief to the shortage of long-term rental and housing.

Steve Whan said "the housing crisis has hit every part of Monaro, but the issues around lack of long-term accommodation are particularly critical in the Snowy Mountains.

"7% of private dwellings in the Snowy Monaro Regional Council (771 homes) are non-hosted short term rental accommodation.

That's the second highest ratio in the State and when you consider that is mostly concentrated around Jindabyne it indicates a much bigger proportion of that community.

"Short term rental does play an important role in providing tourism accommodation, but it is very clear from the problems we are seeing in the community that the balance just isn't right.

"I have lost count of the number of times I have been told of essential workers like teachers and paramedics not being able to find rental accommodation in Jindabyne, the same goes for those critical seasonal tourism workers.

"Jindabyne and the region around it have more than 700 houses being used for Short Term Rental, on top of that there are many holiday houses that are vacant for large portions of the year.

"This discussion paper is asking for comments on what policy responses we should make – if any. There are a number of regulatory or tax options that are available, all have positives and negatives, but it is important to hear from people about which should be investigated further.

"The Government and I recognise that in the medium to longer term the real solution is to increase housing supply and provide better options for key worker accommodation. We are moving to do that, but it takes a bit of time.

"As one of the most affected regions in the State, I encourage people to look at this paper and comment" Steve Whan concluded.

### **The Australian Short Term Rental Association (ASTRA)**

welcomes the NSW Government's consultation process into Short Term rental accommodation in NSW with the release of a discussion paper and questionnaire.

ASTRA represents Mum and Dad owner/investors in the short-term rental accommodation market across Australia. For the vast majority of ASTRA's members their properties are their sole livelihood, they employ their family members, the properties are heavily mortgaged and in time their properties will fund their retirement in lieu of superannuation.

"Over the next four weeks we will consult extensively with our NSW members on the Government's discussion paper," said ASTRA Chief Executive Officer, Mitch Price. "Our members appreciate the opportunity to have their say in this review as they know better than anyone the crucial role Short Term Rental has in the visitor economy.

"The vast majority of our members are Mum and Dad owner/investors who are regularly told by their guests that they wouldn't have been able to come to a local event, support their child at sporting carnival, visit a sick relative, come to concert or festival or visit another part of Australia if they'd had to stay in a hotel."

"Our owners are each employing many locals to help run and maintain their properties." Industry research, by AirBNB, released last week, shows that nationally Short-Term Rental Accommodation represents less than 3% of housing stock\*.

"ASTRA notes the NSW government's emphasis, for the review, on the adequacy of the STRA planning and regulatory framework. We are very supportive of this and hope it leads to a uniform application of local government regulation, particularly in the case of Byron Bay Shire Council and its approach to fines for alleged breaches." Mitch said.





## Submissions for the Goulburn Art Award 2024 are now open!

The Award is open to artists living within a 120km radius of Goulburn working in any medium, representing the talent and diversity of artists working within the region. The Gallery encourages submissions from artists at all stages of their careers. There is a total prize pool of \$15,000 on offer. The guest judge of the Goulburn Art Award 2024 is Bree Pickering, Director, National Portrait Gallery. Applications close 5pm Friday 5 April, 2024. The announcement and official exhibition opening event will be held at 6pm Friday 17 May 2024 at Goulburn Regional Art Gallery.



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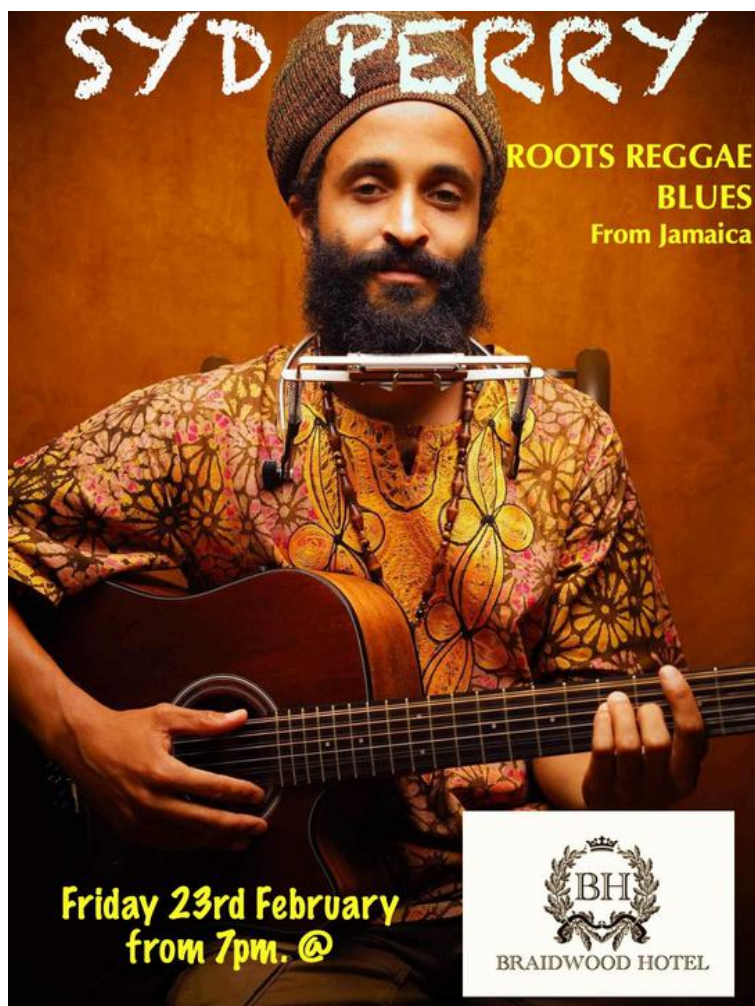
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'Every year you meet incredible people from our community at this event,' Mayor Kenrick Winchester said.

'It's amazing to see so many people from different cultures and backgrounds sharing their traditional dance, language, or food and connecting with the whole community.'

'This year there will be a wide range of unique food vendors and market stalls with the Queanbeyan Markets joining us on the east side of the park.'

'In the next few weeks, we will be announcing the incredible line-up of cultural performers so make sure to keep an eye on our website and Facebook event for more details.'

'The event has a great family-friendly atmosphere and Schools as Community Centres will be hosting games on the oval for the kids.'

'Make sure to use our dedicated parking at the Queanbeyan Showground when you attend this event.'

'The showground is the best place for attendees to park and includes accessible parking spaces.'

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## Historic Rajah quilt to headline National Gallery exhibition A Century of Quilts

A new exhibition at the National Gallery of Australia offers visitors a rare chance to view one of the country's most important textiles and the Gallery's most requested work, The Rajah quilt. Opening 16 March, A Century of Quilts provides a unique opportunity to see a special collection of National Gallery textiles which showcases the imaginative artistic expression of women from 1840 to 1940. The exhibition features 22 works, demonstrating the creativity and innovation of techniques in Australian quilt making, as well as the ingenuity of their makers, many of whom endured financial hardships, geographic isolation, or poor health. National Gallery Curator, Australian Art Simeran Maxwell said the works highlight an art form often overlooked, both historically and in a contemporary context.

'Quilts and textile art are not just stitched fabric, they are woven narratives that tell the tales of cultures, emotions, and shared human experiences. In the intricate patterns and vibrant hues, we find a language that transcends time, connecting generations and communities,' Maxwell said.

'Several works in this exhibition stand as a testament to the unrecognised communal work of women, who often came together to create works to be passed down generations and act as touch stones of remembrance. Enduring the harshness of time, these works weave a tangible link to this country's early societies and the women who made them.'

As part of A Century of Quilts, the national collection's most requested work The Rajah quilt will return to the gallery's displays after a lengthy period resting in storage. Made from around 3000 pieces in 400 different fabrics, The Rajah quilt was handstitched by women prisoners on The Rajah, a British convict ship bound for Australia in 1841, and is the only known surviving convict shipboard quilt.

'The circumstances in which The Rajah quilt was made, as well as the wonderful condition that it remains in still today, makes it both historically important as well as an extraordinary work of art,' Maxwell said. 'The Rajah quilt is a pieced-medallion style quilt, hand stitched from over 16 metres of fabric by, in many cases, inexperienced sewers under exceptional conditions. The enormous size, age and also fabrics used has left the textile in a particularly fragile state. It is for this reason the National Gallery restricts the amount of time it is on display.'

The Rajah quilt is a story of perseverance and hope, this precious work has been the consistent subject of study into colonial life since its rediscovery in 1987.

National Gallery Deputy Director, Adam Lindsay, said 'this remarkable quilt provides us with a tangible link to this country's 19th Century colonial history and the women who, despite very challenging conditions, worked together to create beauty. The Rajah quilt is an historical treasure and a highlight of the national collection, which belongs to all Australians.'

A Century of Quilts will also feature works by First Nations artists, illustrating the cultural diversity of quilting in Australia. Maxwell said 'a contemporary possum skin cloak and cloak designs have been included in the exhibition. Historical examples are incredibly rare, and audiences will be able to consider these more recent works in the context of Australian quilt history as they demonstrate renewal of tradition and bring new understanding to the variety of practise in quilt making'. This exhibition continues to build on the National Gallery's Know My Name initiative which celebrates the work of all women artists, highlighting their contribution to Australian cultural life.

A Century of Quilts is free to visit and on display in the National Gallery in Kamberri/Canberra from 16 Mar to 25 Aug 2024.



Kezia Hayter (designer), Unidentified women of the HMS Rajah convict ship (makers), The Rajah quilt, 1841, National Gallery of Australia, Kamberri/Canberra, gift of Les Hollings and the Australian Textiles Fund, 1989



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## Free local workshops to prepare for end of life

Local community members can join free online or face to face 'Last Days' workshops in Bega, Queanbeyan, Shellharbour and Ulladulla to help them navigate the last days of someone they care for.

Prudence Buist, CEO of COORDINARE-South Eastern NSW PHN said, "Dying is a normal part of life, but many of us are unprepared for what happens and the practical steps to take after losing someone we care for. Around 5,500 people die every year in South Eastern New South Wales, the Last Days workshops are a safe space to talk openly about dying.

"The Last Days program helps you understand what's ahead when someone is at the end of their life, creates space for open conversations about their wishes and preferences and gives you practical knowledge to help you plan and prepare.

"These workshops have received very positive feedback with 96% of attendees feeling more confident to support people with a life limiting illness and their carers and to start conversations about what's important to make a person's final days meaningful, comfortable and fulfilled," said Ms Buist.

A recent workshop participant said, "It concreted in me the feeling that we need to talk about death and dying much more - the facilitator was brilliant - death is not a morbid subject and she was able to get this over to us all."

COORDINARE has engaged HammondCare to deliver their Last Days Foundation workshops to equip people with practical knowledge and tools including; the role of palliative care, what to expect as we approach the end of our lives, what a death with dignity may look like and the choices we have. Other topics include future planning, common rituals, rules and regulations around death plus how grief and loss can impact individuals and support available.

HammondCare's Clinical Nurse Palliative Care Consultant, Rachael Zielinski will present the workshops.

"Death and dying is the elephant in the room - and one of the last taboos," she said.

"We hope the program will provide a place to reflect and discuss death and dying, breaking down notions that preparing for end of life is technical, private and hidden."

Community members can register via the links below, all workshops are presented from 10am to 1pm with morning tea provided:

• **Breakfree Queanbeyan, Wednesday 28 February - to register <https://bit.ly/3vMI8kP>**

• Shellharbour Civic Centre, Tuesday 19 March - to register <https://bit.ly/491yglz>

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### Hope in an Unstable World

I've just finished reading the novel that won the Booker Prize last year, Paul Lynch's *Prophet Song*. It looks at the rise of a totalitarian regime from the point of view of one woman trying to protect her family. As the regime takes hold, her husband, a union official, disappears. When she tries to find where he is and what is happening to him, she's met with a wall of silence. Soon her life falls apart; she and her children are shattered by the brutal strategies of the country's new leaders. Then there's armed resistance to the regime and a civil war starts. She and her family are caught right in the middle of it and they have to leave the life they know and head into uncertainty, placing their lives in the hands of unscrupulous people who want to fleece them for all they're worth.

This must be somewhere like Gaza, right? Or Somalia, or some other war-torn African country.

No. Lynch, an Irish writer, sets the novel in modern Ireland, a country just like our own. He shows how easily it could happen, how refugees and asylum seekers are ordinary people, just like us. Eilish, the novel's protagonist, can't imagine this happening to her, just as we would. 'You want to know why people get on leaky boats and take unimaginable risks?' Lynch seems to be asking. 'You think it couldn't be you? Think again.' In this week's gospel reading (Mark 8:31-38), Jesus' disciples don't believe it when he tells them he – and they – are about to fall foul of the authorities in an occupied land. He doesn't treat them with kid gloves, telling them in no uncertain terms that, if they hold to what they know is true, they will suffer for it. 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine,' he tells them, 'let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me.' The burden of suffering may fall on any of us at any time, just as it does with Eilish. The gospel's message, though, is clear: we are loved, and we will never be left alone. Hold to the truth, Jesus tells us. I am here.

John Foulcher, parishioner.

Join us on Sunday 25 February, 10am for prayer and praise at St Andrew's Anglican Church. This will be followed by the Parish AGM at 11.30am.

Always check our Facebook page - Anglican Parish of Braidwood - for updates. Parish contacts: 0497 486 233 email: [admin@braidwoodanglican.org.au](mailto:admin@braidwoodanglican.org.au)

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## Grand Piano Blessed at St Andrew's

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## TED HART - Passed away 12 January 2024 aged 81

### OBITUARY



*From the Eulogy by Michelle Griggs*

Family and friends, today we gather to celebrate the life of Edward George Hart, fondly known as Ted.

Much loved & loving, husband to Wendy, dad to Scott, Michelle and Jason.

Father in law to Toey and Nicole. Poppy to Chloe, Talia, Joel, Andrew and Brendon, great poppy to AJ, Kai, Levi, Mason and Olivia.

Dad was born in Braidwood Hospital on September 6, 1942 to Jack and Topsy Hart, the third child, brother to Val, John (deceased), Les, Greg and Garry. Dad was raised at the family property, Fernleigh, Krawaree.

He attended Jerratbagulla School till year six, then continued schooling via correspondence, where in his words, he learned absolutely nothing.

From age 14, his hobbies were wagging school extensively, fencing and other rural work.

His first permanent position was at Khan Yunis at 15 years old as assistant manager to Noel Mackie. He said the experience was good and bad. It rained for three years averaging 72 inches per year.

Dad loved the land, his horses and dogs, one in particular, a one eyed dog named Prince. He was, Dad says, the best in the world or very close to it.

One day while moving 200 cattle through long grass, he dropped his whip and couldn't find it or Prince. Cursing both he continued moving the cattle. On his way back home, he found his dog sitting on the whip, patiently waiting his return.

By age 18, shearing was calling. He shored at Cumnock for six months, then Rankin Springs with his good mates, his brother, John and Cecil Broderick.

He also shored locally and earned the nickname 'Hasty' from some of his mates. Dad said I was never a gun shearer, but I made it hard for those who thought they were. He shored for 16 years and loved it!

Throughout his life, he also worked on local properties, including, the Campbells and Reece and Nona Callan. Dad mentioned Reece was a very dear friend. He later managed at Manar, with the lovely Gordon family. Those connections remained steadfast, friendships throughout his life.

Dad married Wendy Lewis in Goulburn, July 1965, they were married 58 years, and He said it was the smartest decision he'd ever made.

Thanks to our mother's unwavering support, Dad was able to remain in his home until his final days. Her dedication made a significant difference in his quality of life.

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Scott was born in August the following year followed by myself in 1968 and our brother Jason in 1971, who sadly passed away in 2016. Dad was a skilled tennis player, showcasing determination and sportsmanship which extended beyond the game.

We have very fond memories of Sundays spent at the tennis court, with family and friends, enjoying afternoon tea in the old wooden shed.

Dad and mum were part of the team securing funding to resurface the clay courts, he also enjoyed both playing and watching cricket.

Dad was around 40 when he thought maybe the health problems he was experiencing might not be caused by shearing wet sheep, which he often blamed.

Diagnosed with MS, He exemplified resilience, teaching us, the true meaning of courage, an inspiration to us all.

Family and friends were important to Dad, and he had many.

His extended family were a big part of his and over the years, many people dropped in to say hi to Ted, when he was sitting out the front of his Wilson Street home.



Mum would always offer a cup of tea.

I recall one particularly busy day with visitors when Mum asked if perhaps he could sit out the back for awhile. He was never lonely.

Dad was never much of a drinker, but at the right time of day or for a special guest, he'd tell you to go into that cupboard and get out some of that good stuff (whiskey) purely for medicinal purposes of course.

Dad was the steady compass, offering, unwavering support and unconditional love to his children.

He revelled in the joy of watching his grandchildren and great grandchildren grow.

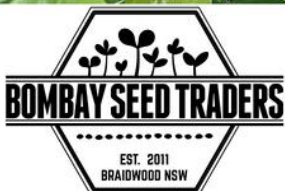
He was a great babysitter to our children, collecting them from school, taking them on adventures, feeding them his homemade, damper and pancakes and letting them fall asleep on the lounge at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. If I questioned him, he'd smile and say, my house, my rules.

His deep faith in religion was a cornerstone of his character, providing solace and strength.

As we say goodbye to Ted, let's remember the joy he brought to our lives and the wisdom he shared. He was a very special man, and we will all miss him so much.

On behalf of the family, I extend our heartfelt thanks to the Doctors and dedicated staff at Braidwood MPS for the exceptional care provided to Dad and our family.

To all of you for your kindness, through thoughtful messages, calls, cards, flowers, and food, it has been a source of comfort during this challenging time. We are truly grateful.



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### Weather technology

In the 1950 computers were first used to forecast weather with the ENIAC system, collating thousands of data points across the globe. In 1975 NASA started placing stationary satellites into orbit for weather forecasting. The GOES project gave the first near real time view of the earth's weather patterns. New satellites are still being placed in orbit today. The 1990s brought Model Ensemble Forecasts, for a longer view. It seems like a great time to be a weatherman.

Knowing the weather is important if you work outdoors. Recently, I have lost count of the times I have checked the Bureau of Meteorology forecast before bed, woke up very early to confirm the forecast. Packed the truck and drove 50-200kms to a job sight only to be met with rain. The past few years have been unbelievable.

The forecast of the long hot dry Summer was delivered. Outdoor workers and farmers heeded the call to mitigate the risk to their bottom dollar. Prudent operations from experienced business folk.

So, this week when the Bureau Chief Customer Officer, made a public statement to the ABC, standing by their forecast, I was floored. The CCO was even bold enough to victim blame farmers.

[https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-02-11/BoM-concerned-social-media-driving-weather-fear/103441092?utm\\_medium](https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-02-11/BoM-concerned-social-media-driving-weather-fear/103441092?utm_medium)

Farmers do a great job feeding Australians every day. Through drought or flood and sometimes, its awesome weather to be a farmer. For little pay, little thanks and lots of work.

So why would a government institution come out publicly to blame farmers for listening to their forecast? Saying it's our fault for listening to the forecast, the Bureau is literally biting the hand that feeds. What else could we do? What would any rational Australian do?

The Bureau announced that they were in fact, super accurate with their forecast citing statistics to back them up. Proudly boasting they were the best in the world.

Yet, in the recent annual survey of global weather sites/apps ranked 10th in the world.

The ABC article was fact checked against the Bureau forecasts. The fact checker confirmed that the Bureau had indeed forecast correctly (contrary to other weather commentators).

Making the claim was the Chief Customer Officer, part of the Executive. Across the globe NASA Senior Climatologist Gavin Schmidt, Director of the Goddard Institute, has spoken about their incorrect forecast. Quite literally embarrassed that they got it so wrong, and they are not quite sure why. He gave a slight nod to some missing data that he would like to be added to their models but claim the data is currently not available.

At the same time the Bureau have been called out for neglecting their global meteorologic obligations. Fun fact: the same data NASA are calling for is the same data The Bureau are not collecting. Air particulates in the upper atmosphere is the missing dataset. NASA don't have the data. The Bureau aren't collecting the data. Where is the data?

Chinese cities have meters to warn citizens of heavy smog days. It's a simple device measuring particulate matter in the lower atmosphere. Surely a similar device exists for deployment in the upper atmosphere.

Dr Stone, is the Chief Customer Officer and Group Executive Business Solutions at the Bureau of Meteorology. His current role is with a focus on customer engagement and business systems. He stated their announcement had no bearing on stock prices. Yet a marketplace facing a long hot summer that was flooded with stock, saw prices driven down, way down.

The Bureau says their forecast was misinterpreted by farmers. Because 'Our forecasts have been sensationalised in social media and have crowded out fact based forecasting' Dr Stone said.

I'm not one for a lot of social media, but I do frequent its halls. I don't have a TV or listen to the Radio, so how did I get to the same conclusion as everyone else? I first heard the call on a reputable website. Sydney University responded to the Bureau forecast with outlines for procedures to keep students safe during the long hot dry Summer ahead.

<https://www.sydney.edu.au/students/we-ather-event-advice.html>

Hardly a sensationalised article. It was a pragmatic approach to mitigating the risk to students and staff in the extreme summer ahead. Probably required by their insurance scheme but mostly as part of being a good citizen in the 21st century.

Dr Stone has a background in agriculture, so he must clearly understand Australian farmers are one of the main customers of the Bureau.

During my enquiries, many folks have defended The Bureau on the grounds that they have no senior staff and the juniors aren't quite up to the task. It seems very improbable that the number one agency for weather and climate is having trouble securing experienced, senior staff. Where else would a weather scientist want to work if not for our federal agency, with Public Service payrates, flex time, super, pensions etc. but mainly for the feather in their career cap.

Senior staff have been leaving The Bureau, citing a toxic workplace where their significant scientific opinions didn't matter. There has been little investigation or change in the workplace environment, regardless of the significant press on this issue.

### Silly Farmers?

The Bureau actually said in the ABC article, that farmers should not be looking to the national forecaster to manage their stock and properties. Seriously? The fact checker backed it up by saying, "When they (The Bureau) issue the one-month rainfall forecast, take it with a grain of salt and when there's a three-month forecast, take it with a cup of salt." That's like saying don't trust The Bureau.

If not The Bureau, then who else should us peasants listen to regarding forecasts?

If weather apps and national institutions can't be relied on for accurate forecasts, then where do we get reliable weather help? Perhaps it's time to bring back the forecasters of yesteryear. I'm calling on the tea leaf readers, or anyone who throws rune stones.

If we, as Australians, can't rely on our national weather department for accurate weather forecasts, perhaps we should look at defunding The Bureau and spend our tax dollars on something beneficial. Or is The Bureau on the list for privatisation?

So many questions, create so many more questions. If you have an informed opinion, I'd love to hear from you.

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## Dietary Guidelines no place for misguided environmental ideology

**Cattle Australia** (CA) has expressed deep concern the National Health and Medical Research Council's (NHMRC) move to incorporate environmental sustainability into Australian Dietary Guidelines will create a dangerous channel for misguided ideology, not robust nutritional science, to advise the nation's consumers.

Under the plan, driven by the NHMRC's Dietary Guidelines Expert Committee, environmental messaging would be included in a revision of the Guidelines, which provide advice on the types and amounts of food Australians should eat to meet nutritional requirements. The Guidelines are also used as a tool for health and nutrition professionals in patient care. CA Chief Executive Officer, Dr Chris Parker, said the grass-fed cattle industry held grave concerns the inclusion of environmental messaging would fail to grasp the reality of modern beef production and muddy the waters for consumers on how best to optimise their health through nutrition. "Australian beef producers prioritise their responsibility to care for natural resources and we absolutely stand behind our sustainability credentials and commitment to continual improvement, as evidenced by the gains we consistently make across a range of environmental measures," Dr Parker said.

"Any move that provides an opportunity for environmental ideologies or agendas that fail to understand the world-leading work being undertaken by Australian beef producers, and which ignores both the positive contribution we make to the landscape and the nutritional needs of our community, is entirely misguided and inappropriate."

Dr Parker said deviating from the Australian Dietary Guidelines' core function of promoting public health and preventing chronic disease posed a real threat to consumers, who would not benefit from accurate and reliable information about their basic nutritional requirements and the important role red meat plays in nourishing the nation.

"A typical 150g serving of Australian beef contains 12 essential nutrients recommended for good health and is a powerful source of protein, iron, zinc and vitamin B12," he said.

"Beef that is predominantly grass-fed is also a source of Omega-3 fatty acids, with more iron and zinc than poultry and fish."

"Further, the Federal Government's own statistics showed that in 2020 the Australian beef industry had reduced its net CO2e emissions by 64.1% since 2005 and it continues to improve on key sustainability measures."

Dr Parker said given the Dietary Guidelines are only reviewed periodically, with the current guidelines from 2013, the risk was they would become outdated and fail to keep pace with changes in the beef industry.

"To move away from core nutritional information could confuse Australian consumers and deny them of real data as to how red meat can play a role in healthy lifestyles," he said.

"We are calling on the NHMRC to intervene in the review of the Dietary Guidelines to ensure it is based on robust nutritional science for the benefit of the Australian community, and not risk it becoming a platform for political agendas and misinformation that sends mixed messaging that could, in the long-term, be to the detriment of public health."

## Fly strike warning for South East sheep producers

South East sheep producers are being urged to regularly check stock and take preventative measures with increasing reports of flystrike impacting livestock in the region.

**District Vet Kelli Griffin** said the wet end to summer is creating perfect conditions for blowflies.

"We are seeing many cases of flystrike across the southeast, with ideal warm and moist seasonal conditions across much of the region," said Kelli Griffin.

"Flystrike occurs when a blowfly lays eggs on the skin of an animal, with the resulting emerging larvae (maggots) creating a painful open wound."

Sheep with smaller strikes may show signs of irritation such as scratching, leg stamping and biting.

Advanced cases of strike generally have large wounds that are wet and dark with visible maggots present on the animal. Large strikes can result in depression, weight loss, and stock becoming separated from the mob or laying down and eventually dying.

The advice to producers is to monitor sheep closely, especially during high-risk fly periods, and treat struck sheep quickly. Controlling the risk of flystrike leads to better health and welfare outcomes for your sheep as well as more money in your pocket.

"Treatment of affected sheep is imperative to prevent losses and poor animal welfare," said Kelli Griffin.

"Chemical control can also be used to treat or prevent flystrike. As flies can develop resistance to chemicals, it is best to use an integrated management plan rather than relying on chemical alone."

"If you are treating struck animals, remember to check that the product kills maggots rapidly and is therefore suitable for treatment, not just prevention of flystrike."

Management strategies can also play an important part of strike prevention. Control dags by treating underlying causes such as worms or bacterial diarrhoea. Think about the timing of shearing and crutching.

More information regarding treatment and prevention of flystrike can be found on the LLS website

[www.lls.nsw.gov.au/help-and-advice/livestock-health-and-production/diagnosing-livestock-diseases/flystrike/](http://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/help-and-advice/livestock-health-and-production/diagnosing-livestock-diseases/flystrike/) or by contacting your local District Veterinarian.

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## Further protections for Greater Gliders

### NSW Environment Protection Authority

Forestry Corporation of NSW (FCNSW) will be required to undertake nocturnal surveys for endangered southern greater glider dens as part of new measures issued by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) to better protect the endangered species.

The EPA recently announced a change to the Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approval (CIFOA) protocol, introducing a site-specific biodiversity condition for greater gliders that requires the retention of additional hollow bearing trees.

EPA Chief Executive Officer, Tony Chappel said the revised conditions would apply in state forests where there are records of southern greater gliders.

"We know protection of this species across the landscape, including in state forests is critical to assist the southern greater gliders now, and into the future," Mr Chappel said.

"The requirement for nocturnal surveys will play a complementary role along with the tree retention changes.

"We have engaged with glider experts on the need for nocturnal surveys to achieve long-term protection whilst giving industry certainty. "Work will continue to determine if these new rules are working as intended and we may consider further improvements if required."

#### The new requirements include:

- Undertaking nocturnal surveys for southern greater gliders and their dens.
  - The results of the survey are required to be made available to the NSW EPA within seven days of completion.
  - Extra tree retention requirements (previously announced):
    - o A 50-metre exclusion zone around known recorded locations of greater glider dens.
    - o Protection of extra greater glider trees in addition to existing hollow bearing and giant tree requirements:
      - § Six trees per hectare greater than 80cm in diameter in high greater glider density areas, in addition to the eight hollow bearing trees currently required to be protected.
      - § Four trees per hectare greater than 50cm in diameter in lower density areas, in addition to the eight hollow bearing trees currently required to be protected.
      - § The retention of additional hollows and future hollow-bearing trees in areas where greater gliders are less likely to occur.
- The changes will come into effect on Friday 16 February.

## EPA fails to protect Greater Gliders, again

### South East Forest Rescue reacted to the EPA's

announcement saying:

"For the second time in 2 weeks the EPA has announced changes to the rules for Greater Glider den tree surveys and which will again fail to protect these amazing, endangered creatures, sending them hurtling towards extinction.

The new rules will require Forestry to walk or drive a few kilometres of road over 2 nights using spotlights to identify den trees, the area to be searched would equate to at best 10% of the logging area. This method will find only a fraction of the den trees that are needed for the species survival.

This survey method has already been shown to fail gliders. Following South East Forest Rescue (SEFR) finding a Greater Glider den tree in Styx River State Forest in early December, Forestry voluntarily suspended operations and trialed this survey method and found 1 suspected den tree. During this time SEFR also conducted another 2 surveys and found 10 more den trees. If these results are indicative of the future then the species will not survive.

"Unfortunately the EPA seems to think that Gliders all live next to a road. Maybe they can send some urban planners out in the forest and convince the Gliders they need to adopt higher densities along transport corridors" said Scott Daines of South East Forest Rescue.

"It appears the EPA is going to capitulate to Forestry again, at the expense of the endangered species they are meant to be protecting. We are extremely disappointed with this decision and shows they have not learnt from the debacle of 2 weeks ago." said Scott Daines.

"Chris Minns and Penny Sharpe need to step up and get tough with Forestry and allow the EPA to actually protect gliders or risk being remembered as species killers."

## Hold supermarkets to account say farmers

Fresh allegations of price gouging behaviour by supermarket giants should be a wake-up call to fix Australia's unfair supermarket duopoly, NSW Farmers President Xavier Martin says.

The claims detailed by Four Corners on Monday night came amid mounting scrutiny of the supermarket sector, which was welcomed by both consumers and farmers.

Mr Martin said the market power abuses reported by the ABC in the "Super Powers" episode of Four Corners would further enrage farmers and families who had been grappling with unfair prices at the farm gate and the checkout for too long.

"These reports that suppliers are having to pay for price increases on their own products are not isolated, and nor are they the only example of anti-competitive behaviour we are seeing from these mega players in our supermarket sector," Mr Martin said. "For years, we have heard reports of farmers copping abuses of market power at the hands of the supermarkets, and this behaviour has ranged from offering contracts on a 'take it or leave it' basis all the way through to paying farmers prices that are well below the cost of production.

"Giant middlemen are making super profits while farmers and families on either end of the supply chain struggle, and we need meaningful competition reform to fix this obviously broken system."

Amidst growing media and government attention, Mr Martin said a total transformation of the nation's competition environment was necessary if fair food prices were ever to be achieved.

"Make no mistake, the many enquiries into this matter are welcome news for farmers and consumers who have been battling these retail giants for too long," Mr Martin said.

"However, this extra attention won't solve anything unless there is real action to implement the outcomes of governmental inquiries, and effect true, meaningful competition reform.

"There is far too much profit being sucked out between the paddock and the plate, and Australians deserve better than what they've been getting at the farm gate and at the supermarket checkout.

"The next time you're at the checkout, ask yourself if you're getting a fair deal. That's how farmers feel."





## Feral pig workshops to provide landholders latest advice on management options

South East Local Land Services is encouraging landholders to attend one of six upcoming feral pig workshops to learn more about management tools and techniques.

The workshops will include practical demonstrations of different feral pig management tools and techniques, as well as presentations from experienced industry leaders and South East Local Land Services. Feral Pig populations pose a major threat to agriculture by killing, harassing, or competing with livestock, spreading disease, and contributing to soil erosion. These pests also affect aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems. Feral pigs are one of the most damaging pest animals in the South East region, impacting on primary production, the environment and general biosecurity.

The impact they have to a landholder's bottom line is considerable, so we all need to be working together to mitigate their impacts as much as possible. These workshops will help to give landholders the tools they need to do just that.

### Workshop locations and dates:

- Crookwell - Crookwell Memorial Hall, 6 March 2024 - 9 am - 1 pm
- Goulburn - Grace Milsom Function Centre, 7 March 2024 - 9 am - 1 pm
- Rugby - Rugby Hall, 4 April 2024 - 9 am - 1 pm
- Yass - Mullion Hall, 5 April 2024 - 9 am - 1 pm
- Cooma - "Kunuma" Bull Shed, 19 April 2024 - 9 am - 1 pm
- Numeralla - RFS Shed, 20 April 2024 - 9 am - 1 pm

### Presentation topics

- feral pig control tools
- baiting techniques
- seasonal conditions and what that means for feral pig management
- monitoring

All workshops run 9:00 am - 1:00 pm and include lunch. People planning to attend are asked to RSVP by two weeks prior to the date of workshop.

Please register online at

[https://regionalnsw.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_00LAWr6X6NyuA2W](https://regionalnsw.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_00LAWr6X6NyuA2W)

Local Land Services is currently delivering the Feral Pig Program 2023-24 on behalf of the NSW Government in response to widespread numbers of feral pigs across NSW.

Find out more about the Feral Pig Program and how it is supporting landholders by visiting [www.lls.nsw.gov.au/feral-pig-program](http://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/feral-pig-program).

## Parliamentary Committee inquires into NSW Rural Fire Service assets and operations

The NSW Rural Fire Service (the NSW RFS) plays a critical role in protecting the people of NSW from the dangers of bushfires. With the bushfire season underway, the Public Accounts Committee is inquiring into the effectiveness of the NSW RFS's asset management and operations.

In particular, the parliamentary committee will examine the arrangements for the assets, premises and funding of the NSW RFS. These assets and premises include:

- the Red Fleet;
- firefighting aircrafts and equipment;
- buildings and fire control centres;
- and information systems and communication equipment used for operating emergency services, and more.

"We understand that many firefighting assets are 'vested' with councils to operate and maintain. This inquiry will be looking at the current arrangements between the NSW RFS and councils and whether they are effective and fit for purpose", said Mr Jason Yat-Sen Li, Committee Chair.

"The Committee wants to hear from people with first-hand experience, emergency service organisations and their volunteer associations and unions, local councils, bushfire experts, community groups and the public," said Mr Li.

The Committee will also consider service arrangements between the NSW RFS and local councils, the appropriate role of local authorities in providing emergency services and the sustainability of local government contributions to emergency service provision. As the lead combat agency, the NSW RFS has responsibilities for the provision of rural fire services including services for the prevention, mitigation and suppression of fires in rural districts. It works closely with local councils who have fire prevention responsibilities within their local government area and in which the NSW RFS brigades operate. How the NSW RFS and local councils share responsibilities for bushfire management and hazard reduction is a key area of interest for the inquiry.

The closing date for submissions is 10 May 2024.

For more information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference and information on making a submission, see the Committee's [webpage](#).



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## DAY CARE IN BRAIDWOOD - COMMUNITY MEETING

Calling all residents affected by the recent closure of the Purple House.

### Community meeting

**Monday 4 March at 4pm**

### Old Anglican Hall

Affected families of the recent closure of the Purple House, along with the Braidwood and Villages Commerce Chamber and Braidwood Community Association are holding a community meeting on Monday 4 March. This meeting will provide you with the opportunity to express your views on how the lack of day care in Braidwood is affecting you and the impact it is having on your day-to-day life and also your careers and the juggles we face with no day care facility in town.

The Hon Kristy McBain has been invited to attend, along with The Hon Steve Whan, and QPRC. Several media outlets will also be invited to attend. We encourage you to bring your child/children to the meeting.

We are hopeful of formulating a plan and a way forward to resolving this issue, as day care is a fundamental business for a working community. After this meeting, we will be requesting a formal meeting with The Hon Kristy McBain and The Hon Dr Anne Aly MP, Minister for Early Childhood Education to further discuss this issue.

Please note I am very aware of the incredible job the Pre-School is doing to try and accommodate the children affected by the closure of the Purple House.

PLEASE attend. If you are a parent who no longer has day care for their child, if you are a concerned member of the community who would like to help, if you work in early childhood education and can provide knowledge on the matter, if you have some ideas of your own that you have been working on but aren't sure who to raise them with, please attend.

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## Braidwood Old Sunday School Hall Assoc Inc Notice of AGM

Saturday 24th February 2024 at 10.30am  
Sunday School Hall

All welcome - Memberships will be due.

Following the AGM, everyone is invited to stay around for a general chat about the Hall and its operations.

## 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.

## 'A HOT BRICK UNDER MY COLD FEET'

### An Afternoon Poetry Reading with Wendy McMahon-Bell

2:00pm, Sunday February 25th February Old Sunday School Hall, 68 Wilson Street, Braidwood Fundraiser for Hussain, one of 80 refugees still suffering in Port Moresby after the closing of Manus Island. Donations appreciated

## Notice of AGM Braidwood RSL Sub-Branch

Sunday 3 March 2024  
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## Braidwood Show Society Inc. asks?

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Did you know that since December last year, everywhere smoking is banned, vaping is too?

The ban includes areas such as shopping centres, cinemas, public transport stops and platforms, outdoor dining areas, sports grounds, playgrounds and many other spaces.

## Braidwood Old Sunday School Hall Assoc Inc reports

Here's our **Annual Report** to Braidwood!

We were operational for 239 days from 6 May 2023 until the end of the year. During this time the hall hosted 194 events. The Hall was used at least every second day during 2023. On some days we had two or more events occurring, simultaneously or sequentially. Over the year, 31 groups or individuals booked the Hall. We estimate that the Hall was visited 3,650 times. Last year the Hall was used for dancing lessons, music lessons, exercise classes, cookery classes, Christmas parties, birthday parties, weddings, wakes, high teas, community group meetings, counselling sessions, catering events, and garlic plaiting. Who will try something new in the Hall in 2024?

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## Braidwood RSL Subbranch Dispatch

82nd Anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin

On the morning of the 19th February 1942, 254 Japanese aircraft attacked Darwin in two raids. Their mission was to destroy the Allied military resources stationed there prior to an invasion of mainland Australia.

There were 243 deaths including civilian and military personnel and the town was severely damaged.

One of the roles of the Subbranch is to ensure their all those souls and their place in history is not forgotten.

Lest we forget.

Please contact Peter Van Rijswijk on 0419431517 or

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## Services Australia will be in Braidwood on 27 February and Bungendore on 7 March.

The Mobile Service Centres can help you find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

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## Braidwood Golf Club News

**WORKING BEE:** To prepare the course for the Men's Pennants next Thursday, February 22, there will be a working bee this Wednesday at 9am.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** We are very pleased to report that our Women's Club Champion, Debby Ferguson has won the Sheila Fry Trophy, Champion of Champions, Division 2, in the playoffs at the CSGA Opening Day at Murrumbidgee on Thursday February 8. Another wonderful win for Braidwood was Michelle Henry achieving the 2023 CSGA Players Award for the best average Stableford (35.6) over 5 sanctioned events and this award was also presented at the Murrumbidgee Open Day. Congratulations to both wonderful Braidwood members.

### MENS PENNANT REPORT

Our Men's Pennant team had their 1st win of the season, a narrow 3.5 matches to 2.5 matches result against Gold Creek at Federal.

Keith Morgan & Brendan Sly both returned to form with comfortable wins, and "super sub" John Stahel had another win. Chris Witt staged a great comeback to square his match and secure the Braidwood win. This week the team has a bye while we host all the other clubs at Braidwood.

### COMMITTEE REPORT

Members are reminded that all lithium batteries for walk-behind buggies are to be removed from the golf storage shed and the lower storage room. Golf storage lockers are \$20/year for the unpowered sites and 2024 payments are to be made to the Treasurer, Andrew Clark.

We wish Allan Walcott and Rodney Royds a speedy return to golf.

Disappointingly, the new ball washer on the men's 4th tee was stolen last weekend.

### RESULTS-Saturday February 17-Men's Single

**Stableford,** - Michael Tillman-Ryan Trophy. Many thanks Michael.

#### Men's Results

Winner: Michael Fitzgerald 34 pts c/b. Runner Up:

Andrew Clark 34 pts. Men's NTP 8/17: John Harb.

Jackpot(1m) 12th \$40: Not Won.

Ball Comp: Mark Newman 32, Michal Toirkens 32, Ted

Emmett 31, Keith Morgan 30, John Harb 30

Handicap Changes: Barry McDonald out 1 to 32, Michael Toirkens out 1 to 7, Birdies: 4.

#### Women's Results Women's Single Stableford, -

Amanda Hall Trophy & The Isobel Mutton Trophy 1st

Round. Again, thank you for your continued sponsorship

Amanda. Winner: Carmen Byrne 37 pts, Runner Up: Robin Tennant Wood 35 pts, NTP: Not Won.

Ball Comp: Michelle Henry 31, Deb Ferguson 30, Virginia Groot Obbink 24

NTP: Not Won

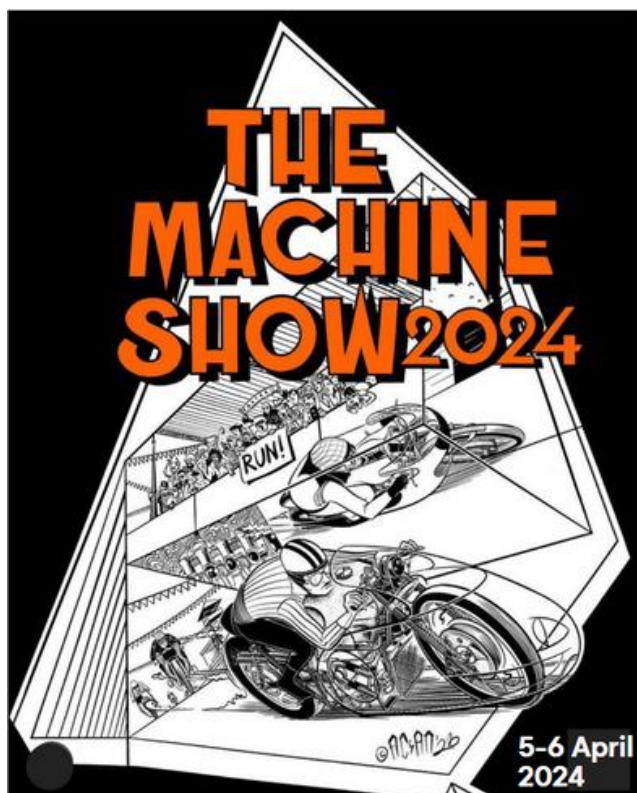
Handicap Changes: Virginia Groot Obbink out 1 to 27,

Michelle Henry out 1 to 29

Birdies: 2 Pars: 3

## Coming Events

- **February 22 Thursday:** Men's Pennants at Braidwood
- **February 24 Saturday:** Medley 2BBB Stableford - Ted Emmett Trophy
- **March 2 Saturday:** Men's & Women's Stroke & Monthly Medal
- **March 9 Saturday:** Canberra Day Weekend Men's Single Stableford - Jim Lindwall Trophy Women's 2BBB Stableford - Durran Durra Truffles Trophy
- **March 16 Saturday:** Committee Meeting 10.30am Men's Single Stableford - Nutrien Ag Trophy Women's Single Stableford - Isobel Mutton Trophy 2nd Round
- **March 23 Saturday:** Medley Irish Stableford - P.B.L. (Bruce) Hovey Trophy
- **March 30 Saturday:** Easter Weekend 3-4 Person Ambrose -Mona Cup
- **April 6 Saturday:** Men's & Women's Stroke & Monthly Medal Daylight Saving Ends
- **April 13 Saturday** Men's Single Stableford - David Goddard Trophy New Hit Off Times Apply Women's Single Stableford - Dojo Bread Trophy
- **April 20 Saturday** Committee Meeting 10.30am Men's 2BBB Stableford - Rodney Royds Trophy Women's 2BBB Stableford - Hyland Trophy
- **April 27 Saturday** Medley American Foursomes - John Harb Trophy
- **May 4 Saturday** Men's & Women's Stroke & Monthly Medal
- **May 11 Saturday** Men's Single Stableford - Rod Coady Memorial Trophy Women's Single Stableford - Helen Goddard Memorial Trophy
- **May 12 Sunday** Mother's Day
- **May 18 Saturday** Committee Meeting 10.30am Men's Single Stableford - Michael Toirkens Trophy Women's Single Stableford - Vanilla Café Trophy
- **May 25 Saturday** Medley 2BBB Drawn after play Concept Café Trophy



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## Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council FOR YOUR INFORMATION



### Tree Planting on Flood Creek in Braidwood

Join us at Judith Wright Gardens at the end of Garvey Street in Braidwood where we'll be planting trees along Flood Creek.

Please wear long pants, enclosed shoes, and sun protection.

This project received funding from the Australian Government's Planting Trees for The Queen's Jubilee program.

### Bin Trim Equipment Rebates

New incentives are on offer in NSW workplaces to reduce waste, and increase recycling as part of a \$6 million rebate initiative over the next three years.

There are rebates of up to \$50,000 covering up to 50% of the cost of small-scale, on-site recycling equipment or technology.

- ▶ Learn more about eligibility and apply at [epa.nsw.gov.au/bintrim](http://epa.nsw.gov.au/bintrim)

### Have Your Say

Projects & initiatives open for community comment	Closing Date
Draft Licence Agreement - Queanbeyan Lions Club	22 February
Rates Structure Review Panel	26 February
Jerrabomberra Pump Track	4 March
2024 Review of QPRC Investment Policy	14 March
Update - Towards 2024 - Community Strategic Plan	15 March

- ▶ Find all the details on Council's engagement hub at [yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au](http://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au)

Submissions can be made:

- By registering and commenting via [yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au](http://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au)
- By email to [council@qprc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@qprc.nsw.gov.au)
- By mail to PO Box 90, Queanbeyan NSW 2620
- Delivered in person to Queanbeyan, Bungendore or Braidwood offices

### Council Meetings and Times

Council holds Ordinary Meetings twice a month on a Wednesday, excluding December and January. Meetings start at 5.30pm. Agendas and business papers for the meetings are available on the Friday prior to the meeting from [bit.ly/MinutesAgendas](http://bit.ly/MinutesAgendas). Meetings are live streamed via [bit.ly/QPRCwebcast](http://bit.ly/QPRCwebcast).

Members of the public can watch the meetings via [bit.ly/QPRCwebcast](http://bit.ly/QPRCwebcast) and make a presentation during the public forum via Zoom, by submitting a written presentation, or in person.

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

- Written presentation
  - submit by midday on Tuesday
- Zoom presentation
  - register by midday on Wednesday
- ▶ Register to make a presentation at [bit.ly/QPRCinvolved](http://bit.ly/QPRCinvolved)

Next meeting dates are:

- 28 February
- 13 March

### Written Questions on Notice

Questions on notice from the community must be submitted in writing or via email to [public.forum@qprc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:public.forum@qprc.nsw.gov.au) by 12pm on the Wednesday prior to the meeting. All questions and responses will be tabled at each Public Forum, provided to the person who asked the questions and published on our website.

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## Yoga pose of the week

with Christina Carroll



### Hero's Meditation Pose - Dhyana veerasana

As the name suggests, this is a meditation pose and the shape of the legs forms the base for cow face pose. It stretches the outer thigh muscles and massages and tones the pelvic and reproductive organs. A great pose to sit in after eating to aid in digestion.

**To practice** - Sit on the floor with your legs extended. Bend the left leg underneath the right leg so that the left heel is touching the right buttock. Bring the right leg over the top of the bent left leg so that the right heel is touching the buttock. Adjust the right knee so that it is above the left knee. Place both hands on top of one another resting on the right knee. Ensure the head, neck and back upright and straight. Close the eyes and relax the whole body. After some time, release the legs and practice to the other side with the right leg underneath, left leg on top.

## YOGA WITH CHRISTINA

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Tuesday 9am  
Thursday 9am  
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### Taylor Swift Ticket Scam Tips

The Ticket Merchant, an Australian forerunner of all things ticketing, has some top tips for anyone still desperately searching for Taylor Swift concert tickets in Sydney this weekend.

- Do not buy tickets off Facebook, Marketplace or Gumtree – avoid all social media for ticket purchases
- Only buy off companies that have verified sales and payment options like PayPal / Google Pay
- Check all online reviews from companies selling the tickets
- Be very wary if grammar or spelling is not accurate
- If the price is too good to be true, IT IS!

The Ticket Merchant claims the Victorian Government's The Major Events Act 2009 aimed at preventing ticket scalpers appeared to "have the opposite effect" after so many people were scammed in the lead up to the MCG concerts.

NSW has similar legislation in the form of the Fair Trading Act 1987 which regulates the supply, advertising and description of goods and services.

It was updated in 2018 to prohibit the resale of tickets to sporting or entertainment events for profit.

The legislation governs the sale of Taylor Swift concert tickets in NSW for the Sydney shows.

"With no viable options for purchasing tickets safely, fans are turning to the black market and social media in desperation," Alex Coetzee, from The Ticket Merchant.

"This in turn leads to innocent people being scammed. Be sure you are not one of them," he added

## Braidwood Show Instagram Challenge

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## Barefoot Bowls wraps up

Rd 3 of Barefoot 2024 has concluded. The lucky team winners were The Charleys Gang and the best performed team was the Braidwood Dental Practice.

The Grass Cutters have claimed top spot heading into the final Rd, with the Banana Splitz hot on their heels.

Team JG have slipped to third and Backhouse Transport have sprung up to 4th. Team Here For Beer, claimed the Tally-Ho Rollers to clinch their first victory and Chicken Dinner notched up their second win against the previous number 1 team JG. The Glenmore Chooks are the surprise packet of the season though clinging on to a top 6 position, where any in the top 6 can claim number 1 spot next week and win the cash. Many thanks to all for attending, again with another 96 players gracing the greens. Thanks again to Kathy Toirkens for her wonderful photos, thanks to bowls club president Damo for cooking the dinner again, and Jeanette, Sanders, Ross, Greame, Baz Osmond, Steve Piper and Nigel for donating your time in green prep or helping set up the night. Cheers to Dylan for his hard work in again preparing two great playing surfaces. The draw for Rd4 will be released later on with some cracking match ups promised.

Thanks to our awesome sponsors for our raffles, Braidwood Servicemen's Club, Community Bank Braidwood and Crookwell Agency, Hold Fast Distillery, Braidwood Butchery, Garanvale woolshed braidwood, Muttons, Braidwood Outdoors, Much To Do About Chocolate, we appreciate all of your support.



In a rain and storm interrupted afternoon, we had 24 players take to the green. 20 playing championships and 4 social. In Social, David Cargill and Greg Watson got over the line against Liam Osmond and Greame Spencer 13-11.

In the Open Pairs, Damien Bigg and Ross McKerchar defeated Stan and Margaret Wisbey 25-11, and Kerri and Barry Backhouse got the better of Kel Watson and Sarah Spencer 31-11, with only 2 ends the difference, it really does show how important multiples are.

In the triples, Brad Stephenson, Pedr Weir and Barry Osmond lost to Heath Mathie, Peter Young and Jack Marquet 29-21, with Jack pulling off some massive bowls to help his team come from behind and secure the win. In the other game, last years champions, Cara Patton, Sanders Watson and Tom Watson did enough against Steve Piper, Andrew Moran and Nigel McGrath to contest the final again, notching up an impressive win 30-13.

The biggest winners today though go out to everyone who persisted in the non ideal conditions and keeping our Championship schedule on track, so Thankyou to you all.

Next week in pennants we are at home against Tuross Heads. Please see team selected below.

Rd 3- Home v Tuross 24/2/24

Team 1: Lead- Brad Stephenson, Second- Sanders Watson, Third- John Bunn, Skip- Tom Watson.

Team 2: Lead- Cara Patton, Second- Greame Spencer, Third- Andrew Moran, Skip- Nigel McGrath.

Team 3: Lead- Heath Mathie, Second- Damien Bigg, Third- Barry Osmond, Skip- Jack Marquet.

Manager- Damian Campbell-Davys

Reserves- Colin Elder, Jeanette

McCullough, Peter Young, Billy Halligan, Stan Wisbey

Unavailable- Pedr Weir, Kerri Backhouse, Barry Backhouse, Leigh Curtis, Suzanne Curtis

## First win of the season V Moruya

Braidwood Bowls Team snuck home with a 8-2 win in pennant v Moruya. Nigel McGrath skipped his side to a big 29-9 win, Jack Marquet had another narrow loss 21-20, and Tom Watsons rink went down 23-18, after clawing back a 20-5 deficit. A big congratulations to our two debutant players today, Greame Spencer and Sanders Watson and to Pedr Weir also, picking up their first pennant game win. Social bowls will be on again tomorrow with names in by 1245, for a 1 pm start. In championships, Cara Patton has secured a grand final matchup against Leigh Curtis, after defeating Stan Wisbey 25-15 in the minor singles semi final.

In open pairs, Damien Bigg and Ross McKerchar play Stan and Margaret Wisbey and Kel Watson and Sarah Spencer line up against Kerri and Barry Backhouse with the winners to face off in the semi final.

In triples, Steve Piper, Andrew Moran and Nigel McGrath play Cara Patton, Sanders Watson and Tom Watson in the semi and Pedr Weir, Brad Stephenson and Barry Osmond take on Peter Young, Heath Mathie and Jack Marquet in the Quarterfinal on the other side of the draw.







## RACING NEWS WITH THE JEMBAICUMBENE PUNTER

Aaron Clarke and team saddled two horses for Race 2 in the Goulburn Mulwaree Council handicap over 1500 metres at Goulburn last Thursday. Rubick Effect ribbon by Nick Heywood and Kenseye Charmer ridden by Richard Bentley. Kenseye Charmer finished in fourth place, Rubick Effect finished back in the field. Infatuations trip to Flemington was not successful. She finished fourth and came through the run in good order. She looked to be doing it easily until the turn, then appeared to falter and lose momentum. They are saying she is improving with each run and they are confident that she has a big career ahead. She will now be spelled until the Spring.

Clarion Maher expressed his opinion of Craig William's ride on Jimmysstar on Flemington last Saturday. He was certainly not happy. A \$151.00 outside Makram won the race. Williams apologised for making a mistake.

A horse called Global Harmony has once again done a Chautauqua and refused to leave the Barrier. The Hong King Jockey Club have declared that his entry to Barrier trials and Races will be refused, until he is cleared by stewards to race again. He is a five year old who raced in Australia as Pagan. He may return to Australia to continue his career.

The Racing world is saddened to hear of the passing of Verry Elleegent on Monday. She died due to complications giving birth to her first foal. The foal by Sea The Stars also died. During her career she won eleven Group 1 races and was winner of the 2021 Melbourne Cup. It was only late last month that the Australian Turf Club renamed a historic Group 1 race in her honour.

Fangelo did not get his trip to Canterbury last Friday night. He had been given too much weight and had been allocated a bad Barrier draw. He will now complete at Canberra on Friday in Race 1 over 1200 metres.

Damien Oliver will conclude his career next Friday and Saturday when he competes in the International Jockeys' Challenge. He will be completing against a group of elite riders including Ryan Moore, Alysha Collett and Lisa Allures to name a few.

Victorian Racing Officials found a swab taken prior to the Group 1 Championship Stakes at Flemington revealed the presence of Phenylbutazone, Oxwphenbutazone and Gammahydroxynazone all prohibited substances. Prowess finished sixth in the Race and the trainers have been notified. Racing Victoria are continuing to investigate the matter.

Behind the scenes the debate over the selling off Rosehill Gardens is still a very hot topic. Top trainers Chris Waller and Gai Waterhouse bitterly oppose the sale. It will be interesting to see the final result.

Punter's share horse by So You Think Happy Casino has much improved and the stable are very happy with his progress. Riding him with blinkers has made him much more concentrated and focused on his work. They are planning to take him to a trial at Wangaratta on 5th March.

Until next time.

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- Curtis Bennett Woodchopping Demonstration, 7:00pm kick off
- Official "Turning on of the lights" - 7:30pm
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