

Photo of the Week: Gilamatong pokes its head up through the fog on Monday, captured by Judy Knowles.

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Braidwood has many historic sites, as well as a few sacred sites, relevant to past residents of the town and its curtilage such as the benefactor of the village Dr Thomas Braidwood Wilson with his grave on Wilsons Hill and the Aboriginal corroboree site on One Tree Hill, recorded in Emma Coghill's diary of 1856.

QPRC has allowed a subdivision of the latter area in what was restricted curtilage area and restricted view cone from the town, which maintained our Historic Village appearance.

QPRC has not insisted in the developer maintaining the 40 metre screening from Historic Classified Bedervale Property or installing the 6ft protective fencing from the farm. The Queanbeyan subdivision developer asked for the removal of the sacred tree and also for the removal of the sacred passageway for funerals on the way to the old Historic Cemetery. Both were rejected.

The advice from the Heritage Council, regarding leaving the prominent steep Hill as open space for the use of families from the increased number of residences being built, has been ignored.

The Historic Cemetery Committee were concerned about The Rocks entrance protection being overruled also. They erected a plaque from their Benigo Bank sponsored funds graphically showing the traditional respect for funerals in Braidwood. It has been incorrectly reported elsewhere and condemned to have encouraged vandalism of The Rocks. Let's get respect back into our lovely caring ecumenical community. Please.

Margaret T Royds OAM

Bohun House
 Braidwood



Chloe Pailthorpe and Steve Whan MP

Bungendore's Chloe Pailthorpe Monaro Local Woman of the Year 2024

The Monaro Woman of the Year 2024 has been awarded to Chloe Pailthorpe in recognition of her significant work to actively support the community.

In presenting the award in Bungendore on Thursday, Member for Monaro, Steve Whan said "When I received a nomination for Chloe, I was blown away by the extent of her work for the community.

Chloe and family came to Bungendore only about 10 years ago but in that time she has helped hundreds, engaged the community and been the catalyst for community connections. "Chloe, Mike and their three children moved to Bungendore 10 years ago with Mike taking up the position as Anglican Minister.

"From then Chloe threw herself into the Bungendore and Captains Flat community. After the Carwoola fires Chloe coordinated donations of food, clothing and household items and following that experience opened a food hub and Op Shop. With one in each of Bungendore and Captains Flat.

"Her commitment to helping families includes food and other assistance for people doing it tough, Christmas Hampers and, during COVID lockdowns, assistance and food for families including people who were new to the area. "She manages 50 plus generous volunteers, volunteers at the school Breakie Club as well as organising training and many other things. "It's incredible to see someone who gives their time so tirelessly to their community. Chloe has led the way with a group of local volunteers in Bungendore and Captains Flat in making our local communities more inclusive and caring.

"Despite all this, Chloe says she couldn't do any of it without the support of her community and the amazing volunteers who will stop at nothing to make our area better. "Chloe is an inspiration to all."

The Local Woman of the Year Awards is an annual program celebrating outstanding women in local communities. This is a separate program which runs alongside the prestigious Women of the Year Awards program.

The Local Women of the Year Awards is part of the NSW Government's initiative to recognise the accomplishments of women as part of NSW Women's Week 2024, running 4-10 March, coinciding with International Women's Day on 8 March.



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Braidwood Weather With Roger Hosking

All days this week had a Soil Dryness Index of fifty
 Millimetres and/or maximum temperatures above 29
 degrees, too dry and hot for grass growth. March mean
 daily minimum temp. is 10 deg.

Day	Min	Max	Rain
Wed	11	30	
Thurs	11	24	
Fri	14	27	
Sat	12	31	
Sun	12	31	
Mon	15	29	
Tues	10	33	

Grassland SDI (soil moisture deficit) 60.9mm
 Total rainfall so far:

- this month 0.8mm - this year 166.8mm

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Braidwood Lions Young Writers Festival 2024 is up and running



Jackie French, Dep Mayor Esma Livermore and Lion Jamie Reynolds with Students from BCS and St Bede's students, right.



By John Tuckwell

Braidwood Lions Club's fourth biennial Young Writers Festival is ramping up. It was launched by QPRC Deputy Mayor Esma Livermore and Festival patron Jackie French on 29 February, with both giving inspiring speeches to the students present.

Vice-Captains from Braidwood Central School (Primary: Ash Little and Cedar Morris; Secondary: Elanor Hart and Eric Moore) and from St Bedes School (Nicholas Paciorek and Edith Warner) also spoke, as did Nick Fry on behalf of Bendigo Bank and Lions President Jamie Raynolds and Lions Secretary Laurie Ffrench.

Edith Warner said "The Braidwood Writers Festival is a great way to express children's creativity through writing and to boost their self-confidence." While Ash Little observed "We know firsthand how challenging it can be to find your voice and bring your ideas to life on the page. But despite the difficulties, writing can be one of the most rewarding and fulfilling experiences we can have."

Entries will close in the last week of June with an Award Ceremony to be held in the National Theatre in late November 2024.

As in the past, a Book will be published containing the most outstanding entries and we are investigating a possible eBook version to provide a global reach.

The objective of the Young Writers Festival is to give young people living or going to school in our community (defined as the post code area 2622) the opportunity to write stories, essays or poetry on any subject.

This project encourages young writers to develop their writing skills and will provide them an opportunity to interact with established authors.

Entrant's pieces will be judged by a panel of prominent authors with some prizes given for winning entries and encouragement awards.

In addition to Eminent local author and patron Jackie French, other judges this year will be Robyn Goodwin, Cate Whittle, Harry Laing, Julian Davies and Roger McDonald.

Lions is in the process of inviting the Braidwood Business Community to provide sponsorship to this Lions Club project and any net proceeds will be distributed to other youth causes in the Braidwood district.

If you would like to be a supporter please contact the sponsorship coordinator, John Tuckwell (M: 0408 625 156; E: john.tuckwell@outlook.com) or John Donnelly (M: 0434 564 495; E: donnelly.john@optusnet.com.au).

Full details on the Young Writers Festival can be found at www.braidwoodyoungwriters.com. On this site there is a link to a video of the 2024 Festival launch.



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Decisions from the 13 March Ordinary QPRC Meeting

- Council is hearing from eight members of the public who are making presentations about items on tonight's agenda.
- Council grants consent to variation of the QPRLEP and grants conditional consent to a development application at 1076 Neringla Road, Neringla.
- Council endorses the following Ngambri and Ngunnawal names for the QCCP and public spaces: Nellie Hamilton Centre, Malunggang Walk, Djara Gardens and Onyong Park and will place proposed names on public exhibition for 28 days.
- Council endorses the draft QPRC Cemeteries Strategic Plan and will place it on public exhibition for 28 days at <https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au>
- Council will place the Mobile Food Vending Policy on public exhibition for 28 days at <https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au>
- Council endorses signed funding agreement from the Australian Government's Investing in Our Community Program for the Bungendore Sports Hub Stage 2 Project for \$2m and will amend the budget as required.
- Council will review short-listed sites for the Jerrabombera Pump Track, David Madew Oval and Stockyard Reserve, in terms of suitability for location and design, consult with current user groups and stakeholders and provide further report on site and design of track.
- Council will allocate \$1,527,709 of Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Phase 4 to the road stabilisation works in the 2023-24 Operational Plan.
- Council receives questions with notice about Foxlow Parklet in Captains Flat.
- Council receives questions with notice about fencing around Bungendore Park and Common.
- Council will write to relevant NSW Government Ministers requesting that prior to demolition of any heritage-listed item in Captains Flat, a Conservation Management Plan or similar document is developed for the Captains Flat mine site.
- Council will write to Heritage NSW and NSW Minister for Environment and Heritage, the Hon Penny Sharpe MLC, requesting that the NSW Government allocate funding to restore level of heritage advice available to Council prior to 2019 funding cut.
- Council will publicly report greenhouse gas emissions data for the Community Action Plan as soon as practical after LGA emissions data becomes available including emissions data, progress towards targets, breakdown of sector contributions.
- In closed session, Council awarded tender for Design Aquatic Centre – Sports Hub Bungendore to Mode Design for \$592,075 incl GST.
- That concludes tonight's meeting.
- If you'd like more background on the decisions, you can find the business papers on our website. An archive of the live stream will be available in the coming days at <http://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au>

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Lodge of Truth Braidwood donation to the Braidwood Life Centre



Phil Shoemark from the Lodge of Truth Braidwood yesterday presented the Braidwood Life Centre with a \$4000 donation made possible through proceeds from the Lodge's annual wood raffle and supplemented by a successful Masonicare Interaction Grant provided by the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

"We're very happy to be able to assist the BLC and this is another example of money being raised in the local community being put back into local causes in need", according to Phil Shoemark.

BCA News

QPRC is currently reviewing its Community Strategic Plan (CSP). They are asking for feedback on the QPRC Your Voice website. There is a hardcopy survey available at the Council office, and an online survey on the website.

The CSP is a record of our local government area's main ideas and priorities. According to the website:

"The Community Strategic Plan documents the community's aspirations and priorities. Having a Community Strategic Plan ensures that our council planning comes from a sound understanding of the community's expectations."

The survey includes questions such as:

- What makes your community a great place to live?
- What do you think are the main challenges facing our community.
- What is one thing you would like to see achieved in your community in the next 10 years?

This is an LGA-wide survey. The more responses received from Braidwood and District residents, the more our voice will be counted. The BCA will update our written submission to the previous consultation on this document, but we encourage everyone living in our region to complete the individual survey. It only takes a few minutes.

You can find the current CSP and the survey at the link below. Responses need to be returned to Council by Friday 15th March.

<https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au/update-towards-2024-csp>

Our **next BCA General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th March at 5.30pm** at the Braidwood Servicemen's Club. If you're able to attend, we would love to welcome you to discuss Braidwood's community issues in person, and to share your ideas with other members.

Maria Bakas from the BLC said, "This money will greatly assist the BLC Community Pantry, an essential community program assisting families in need."

The Lodge of Truth Braidwood runs its annual wood raffle in mid-June on a Saturday morning at various locations on Wallace Street, culminating with a large auction at midday.



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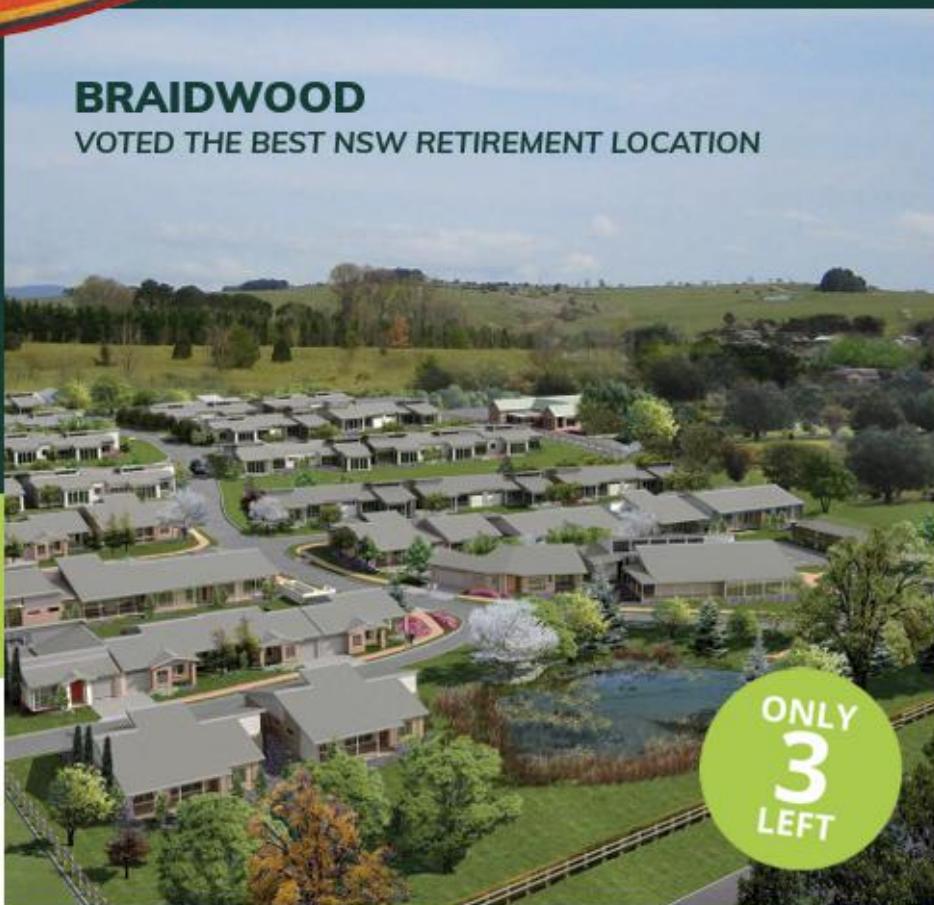
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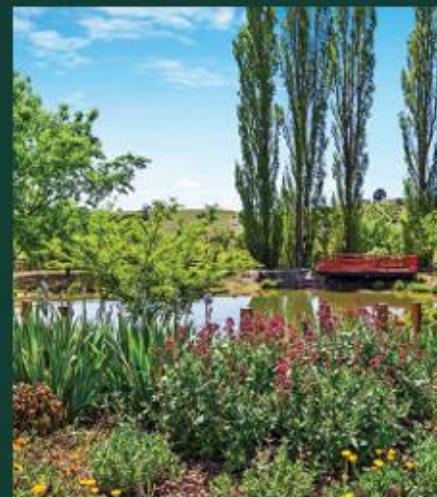


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BRAIDWOOD MENS SHED - A BRIEF HISTORY

Our "expressions of interest" meeting was held in 2008. An encouraging rollup quickly led formalizing the group's existence.

Application to The Australian Mens Shed Association and the creation of an incorporated body were completed by first secretary, Ed Gardner, as the search for premises started.

After attempts were made for an area of the scout's block followed by discussions with the shire for land in Lascelles Street, the SES came to the rescue offering space which we still occupy.

Grants from Braidwood Community Bank and Veolia Mulwarree Trust enabled us to commence building the shed.

Built in 2011 by local builder, Frank Selles, our first task was to fit the shed out and start saving for the machinery required.

As these jobs progressed, we attained our registered charity status, registered with the tax office to reflect our status and obtained our insurance through the AMSA.

We needed to make sure that OH&S issues were addressed and that members were aware of the OH&S practices that needed to be followed.

It became obvious that we needed more space, so in 2017 we built a smaller shed opposite our original premises. Once again, our local Community Bank came to our aid financially. More recently we obtained a grant from the local gold mine at Majors Creek to put on solar panels, our electricity bill falling from \$300 to \$60 a quarter.

Since 2012 we have averaged 25 members annually with the majority turning up each week.

The local men's shed are always looking for new members. To give you some idea of our activities we've compiled a list of many of the activities we've been involved in over the last few years.

- Bench seats in the war memorial section of Ryrie Park.
- Bench seating for the Bombay Road walking track.
- Portable wooden Bar for the servicemens club.
- Signs for the Anzac Day march.
- A quality arbor.
- Several outdoor garden settings.
- Restored many outdoor garden chairs and tables.
- Restored antique furniture.
- We've decorated Ryrie Park every Easter with large (and small) Easter Bunnies.
- We've decorated both Ryrie Park, the town churches and the servicemens club with a Christmas sleigh, stars, reindeers and nativity scenes.

- Refurbished CWA chair.
- Made shelving for the local life Centre.
- Grown and sold potatoes and swedes.
- Provide a safe place for some men who were suffering with dementia.
- Reconditioned a church pew.
- Mentored over two dozen boys from the local Central School.
- We made many nesting boxes for native birds whose environment was affected by the bush fires.
- We provide a sharpening service for knives, scissors, tools, thicknesser blades, chisels, wood turning tools, serrated edged knives, hair clippers etc.
- Made over five hundred coffins for babies who didn't go full term. These were made at no charge.
- Refurbishing display cabinets for the local Show Society.
- Manufacturing timber rest for the Show Societie's chain saw competition.
- Provided a meeting place for men to simply sit and have a yarn over a cuppa and biscuits. This has gone a long way to helping some men with their mental health.
- When making the coffins we were fortunate enough to have a co2 laser cutter donated. Since receiving the laser cutter we've been able to diversify some activities to include:
- Making farm signs.
- Making street signs.
- Made a memorial sign for Majors Creek.
- Making plaques during the fire recovery.
- Etching on glasses for many sporting clubs and other organisations.
- Making signs for the Bungendore football clubs.
- Making bedside tables and other small tables.
- Providing catholic primary school in the ACT with Xmas reindeers and trees.
- Making coasters for several businesses.
- Making model cars.

We provide an interesting environment with a "have a go" attitude.

We'd love to see some new members and we're always here to try and do things for the local community.

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What to do in the garden for April

- Trim evergreen shrubs so they recover before winter
- Choose trees for autumn colour
- Good time to plant or move Camellias, Rhodo's & Azaleas
- Look for Lilium, Hippeastrum & Sprekelia Bulbs
- Complete planting of spring bulbs
- Tidy leaves of Hellebores, Winter Iris & Aquilegias
- Sow Asian Greens, Broad Beans & Peas
- Plant all Brassicas (cover with fine netting against white butterflies, old lace curtains ideal!)
- Remove all old leaves from Strawberries (put in garbage)
- Remove 3 year old Strawberries & replace with new stock
- Repot herbs and pot plants with new potting mix
- Pick up any fallen fruit & dispose of if diseased

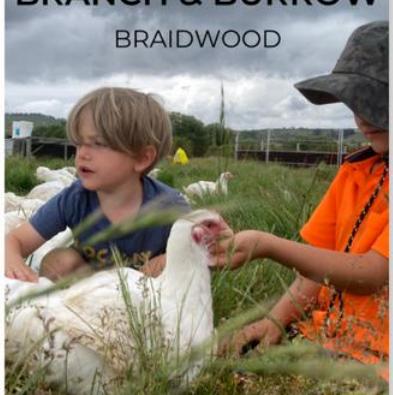


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A new tomato has been crowned the best tasting heirloom tomato in Australia



Tomato 'Black Cherry' *Solanum lycopersicum L.*

The Diggers Club & Foundation

Black Cherry has been crowned the best tasting heirloom tomato in Australia tonight by a panel of gardening superstars and food experts at Heronwood House and Gardens, the home of the Diggers Foundation on the Mornington Peninsula.

The well known heirloom variety - Black Cherry - was a stand out for the official taste test panel who were brought together to taste and rate the best heirloom tomatoes in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the first Diggers Great Tomato Taste Test.

Blayne Bertoncello from O.MY Restaurant (Good Food Guide Best Restaurant of the Year 2024) joined this year's official taste test panel, alongside gardening royalty Jane Edmanson and Costa Georgiadis, acclaimed organic gardener Phil Dudman, author of Preserving the Italian Way Pietro Demaio, VicHealth CEO Sandro Demaio, and three of the participants in the very first Diggers tomato taste test in 1993 - garden writer Peter de Waart and co-founders of the Diggers Club and Foundation Penny Blazey and Clive Blazey.

Diggers Club and Foundation CEO Tim Sansom said that over 65 heirloom tomato varieties had been grown in preparation for the event, before the top varieties in three categories (beefsteak and saucing, cherry, and salad) were selected for the panel to taste and rate.

"The panel have rated heirloom varieties of tomatoes for their taste, texture and appearance. It's been great to see some of our tried and trusted varieties come through as clear favourites," Mr Sansom said.

"The best tasting tomatoes are often the smallest and Black Cherry was a standout in the Cherry Tomato category. They are highly productive, easy to grow and work in salads, lunch boxes and as garden snacks straight from the vine in gardens around Australia." "Sweet Cassidy was the winner of the Salad Tomato category - a mid-sized fruit that boasts the same sweetness of a cherry tomato. A new addition to our range and a discovery from our seed vault, we knew this tomato was something special.

"Nonna Pepina was the winner of our Beefsteak and Saucing Tomato category. Beefsteaks are the large meaty tomatoes that can be sliced or used in sauces, while the saucing tomatoes offer more flesh and less seeds - which makes them incredibly versatile for cooking."

Mr Sansom said that the celebration was as much about preserving the diversity of tomatoes as it was about crowning a winner.

"These heirloom varieties represent an important cultural heritage that we're in danger of losing if we allow supermarket hybrids to totally take over," Mr Sansom said.

"Everyone can play a role in preserving open-pollinated, heirloom seed varieties of vegetables, just by making more informed decisions about the seed we decide to plant in our gardens. It's one of the ways we can keep control of what we grow and serve up on our plates - so those decisions remain in the hands of gardeners and not large corporations.

"The Diggers Foundation is preserving biocultural treasures like heirloom seeds to ensure they don't disappear. By growing and saving seed of these precious heirlooms we can make sure that they will be accessible to future generations."



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Real Winter Seedlings

Spring is the time most folk get out and about in the garden. After the long cold it makes sense, if you didn't bother with a winter garden. Growing in summer can be tough at times, and the season can be so short you are left wondering was it worth it. Tomatoes are the king of the summer crop, but what about winter vegetables, what is the prize in the garden?

Everything I grow in winter is the prize in my garden. Cauliflowers, broccoli, cabbage, lettuce, spinach, snowpeas and root vegetables. All equally awesome. Root vegetables make great use of a tired bed, winter or summer, so they go last in the rotation with onions and garlic.

Local is best

Where your winter seedlings come from, and how they were nurtured, will play a big part in your winter gardening success. Obviously, we don't want seedlings from Queensland, as they are started in a climate not at all like our anticipated winter. The ability to survive -10C, snow and frost is not required up north and therefore not a key breeding feature.

Seeds grown and collected in Qld will obviously thrive when grown in a garden in the sunshine state, or somewhere at sea level. However, if planted in a Highland Garden, absolute opposite growing conditions will be experienced, and therefore your gardening success will likely be reduced.

The same can be said for greenhouse seedlings for winter gardens. The environment inside a greenhouse would be analogous with Qld, hot and humid, the opposite of our winter. Even if seedlings were grown in a greenhouse in the highlands, the effect will be similar to growing in Qld.

If seedlings have never experienced extreme winter weather conditions, the seed collected from them will have no need to hold onto the genes that allow it to handle the cold, keeping the bulk of the DNA focussed on other traits.

Hardening off

I've been 'educated' by a local market gardener, in an interesting public display, that expensive greenhouses are the way. He was unable to comprehend the logic, if only my grandmas, grandma was here to explain it. Imitation will only bring success if you are in a similar climate. Skills learnt at sea level don't often translate well to the Highlands.

Hardening off is the process of taking the seedling from a high humidity, wind free, heated, stable (artificial) environment and exposing the fat juicy seedling to the elements, so it can adjust to life in the outdoors.

The greenhouse seedlings need to be introduced to the real world gently, a little at a time so they don't go into shock. If they are fully exposed to life outside the greenhouse, without increments, they will surely wither and die. As the seedlings go through the adjustment period they will slow down and focus on holding water during the transition, rather than setting roots or growing vigorously.

The hardening off process takes about 2 weeks, if done correctly. It can be effective but adds extra steps. It is labour intensive; it takes extra real estate and infrastructure to manage the process. In a commercial situation, sometimes this happens faster than desired to keep up with demand, reducing the plants vitality when sent out for sale.

And then you buy it, have mixed results over years, and start to think you are not a good gardener. It's not you, it's the seedlings and the seed you are starting with. Bombay Seed Traders avoid the hassle, cost and infrastructure, by growing in the wild with seed collected from our Unpredictable Highland Climate. This means that you will have the best chance of success in your winter garden, because we do.

Timing

Getting the timing right for your winter vegetable garden is another key to your success. Planting before it gets too cold is my number one tip. The late heat has really stunted the growth of our winter seedlings as they are bred to grow in the cold, not 30+C. You can get cauliflower that is touted to be grown all year round. Great breeding, but in summer, you will have to contend with cabbage moths.

The cabbage moth is prolific in summer as some farmers improve their paddocks with beneficial brassicas, creating the perfect place for breeding and feeding. The newly hatched moths will cruise for new territory and end up in your garden. They will eat different plants with little evidence, unlike a brassica. They provide benefit to summer gardens as they are one of the many unsung pollinators, so I give them space to be. The frost stops their breeding cycle and winter gardens are better for it.

Winter is the best time to grow in our Unpredictable Highland Climate, but some of the community are still not sure. I have lost count of the conversations I've had with gardeners who don't bother growing winter crops, with comments like; 'It's not worth it', 'they just don't grow', and 'they don't seem to survive the cold'.

For me, winter is the best time to grow vegetables. I need to pay less attention than in summer. There is less evaporation, so the Skywater hydrates for longer. There are also less pests resulting in more success.

First frost

Summer gardens are fading and the first frost is on its way. When it arrives is anyone's guess. The heavy dew has created powdery mildew on most of my pumpkins and zucchinis and they have withered from lack of light, but the harvest has been bountiful. It feels a little like last year, but the signals from nature suggest winter is coming early. Don't quote me, just pay attention to the markers in your area.

Tomatoes are still ripening in the late heat, so more passata. Brassicas are a natural progression after a summer feeder crop, utilising different nutrients. I will interplant with snow peas to replace some of the nitrogen removed by the feeder crop.

This week

The early morning birdsong has changed a lot in the past few weeks. The grey shrike thrush, the most notable sound, has joined the winter team. Their call has changed, and the travelling group is growing.

There are always plenty of new visitors at the changing of the seasons, resting on our hill on their way through. Our growing oasis has been a hit with the travellers providing permanent water and food to eat. The summer residents are gathering to depart and some confused juvenile birds are nesting.

I will be preparing an old, tired bed with my No Weed Veggie Bed Preparation as outlined in [ed 173](#), but I will be using a variation on the theme and will cover that in next weeks article.

Keep an eye out at your favourite stockist as BST winter seedlings start to arrive.

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The Majors Creek CWA Showbags sold out in record time. The customers were lined up at 8.00am before the stall opened just after 9am. "We greatly appreciate the support of our community. It has been a cycle of paying it forward it was a win win for everyone. All the funds go back to worthy causes Items were made by the members, some were purchased or donated from local businesses, that gave us enough of the good stuff and help to be able to put together the bag" said Helen Farley.

Braidswood Show Results

Wool

Champion Merino Fleece – Scarlett Bunn
Champion Fleece any other Breed – J & H Waters
Edward Bunn Cup – Scarlet Bunn
Most Successful Exhibitor Braidwood District – J & H Waters

Dairy Produce, Vegetable & Fruit

Champion Farm & Dairy Produce Exhibit – Ollie Worsley-Deacon
Champion Pumpkin – Troy Harrison
Champion Vegetable Exhibit – Troy Harrison
Champion Vegetable Collection – Troy Harrison
Champion Heaviest Pumpkin – Align King 57kg
Champion Fruit Exhibit – Marilyn Carle
E.O.&M. Roberts Trophy Most Successful Exhibitor- Troy Harrison

Jams

Champion Exhibit (Lemon Butter) – Noeline Sturgiss
Enie Kennedy Memorial Shield Most Successful Exhibit from Jams and Cakes – Elaine Ison

Cakes, Foods & Food Decorating

Agriculture Show Council Rich Fruit Cake – Alison Havadjia
Champion Cookery Exhibit (Steamed Pudding) – Di Izzard
Champion Decorated Cake – Di Izzard
Youth Cookery
Champion Youth Cookery 12-18years Emma Lyons
Champion Youth Cookery 11and under Leo Ebejer
Special prize "have a go" Alpha Dixon

Bread

Grand Champion Bread Exhibit – Tiana McNamare

Flowers

Champion Rose – Michael Coleman
Champion Dahlia – Rachel Farley
Champion Other Flower – Cath Harrison
Grand Champion Exhibit – Cath Harrison
Shoobridge Nursery Trophy – Samara Zeitsch

Potted Plants

Champion Potted Plant – Matt Darwon
Best Youth Exhibit – Lawry Richardson
Grand Champion Exhibit – Matt Darwon
Floral Art
Champion Floral Art & Decorative Arrangement – Kirrin Sampson
Best Youth Arrangement – Milly Coe

Knitting & Crochet

Champion Pair of Knitted socks – Elaine Ison
Champion Knitted & Crochet Exhibit – Leonie Wood

Needlework & Fancy Work

Special Prize – Youth Encouragement Award – Frankie Doherty
Champion Needle work – Leone Moffitt
Best piece of Traditional Work – (Cross Stitch) – Katie Lyons

Quilting

Champion Quilting Exhibit – Marie Rubie
Most Individual Piece in Quilting – Di Izzard
Grand Champion Exhibit in Knitting, Crochet and needlework – Leonie Wood

Arts, Handicraft, & Woodworking

Champion Woodwork – Bruce Keeley
Champion Youth Woodworking Exhibit – Frankie Doherty
Champion Handmade Toy – Jack Lyons
Champion Youth Handicraft Exhibit – Skelton Pharaoh
Champion Open Art Exhibit – Tate Doherty
Champion Open Handicraft Exhibit – Anais Grant
Grand Champion for Arts handicraft & Woodwork – Tate Doherty
Champion Youth Art Exhibit – B Stephenson

Photography

Champion Coloured Photograph – Kathy Toirkens
Champion Black & White – Kathy Toirkens
Champion Youth Photograph – Mack Vardanega
Grand Champion Exhibit – Kathy Toirkens

Dolls & Bears

Champion Youth, Soft Toy or Bear – Christine Jerrers

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Troy Harrison

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Jack Lyons.



“If you can walk, you can dance”

BRAIDWOOD SOCIAL DANCING –

By Carolyn Mueller

I teach social dancing – no partner required – in small groups on Sunday afternoons 3 – 4 pm and Thursday evenings 6 – 7 pm at the Braidwood Servicemen’s Club. Private/semi-private lessons are also available.

Social dancing is easy. It’s a great way to stay active and meet new friends.

Learn the basics of Jive, Foxtrot, Waltz and Swing dances just for fun. Perhaps you’d prefer the Latin styles like Cha Cha or Rumba.

Or learn for a special occasion ... weddings are a specialty. You’ll learn to dance to a variety of music, on different sized dancefloors and with different partners if you wish.

Learn in a small, friendly group or book a private/semi-private lesson.

Although Carolyn took classical ballet as a child – until a love of horses took over – she didn’t start ballroom dancing until well into her forties. She was soon hooked and trained as a teacher at Canberra’s premier social dance studio, Danzón. As well as teaching social dancing, Carolyn performed and competed with her students. She particularly enjoyed teaching wedding couples, or sometimes entire wedding parties, for that special dance. Many continued social dance classes after the wedding. Now comfortably ensconced with her husband and dog on a small property in the picturesque hills of Harold’s Cross, Carolyn is reunited with her beloved dancing and is excited to share that love with the Braidwood region. Carolyn also runs a personal styling and training business, helping those living in rural and regional areas make the daily transformation “from gumboots to business suits”. Carolyn hopes to expand Braidwood Social Dancing to the surrounding villages and offer classes in Bungendore and Captains Flat.



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Aged Care Taskforce report misses the mark

The **NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association** (NSWNMA) is disappointed by the recommendations made in the Aged Care Taskforce's final report and is urging the federal government to rethink its approach to the aged care system.

The 23 recommendations fail to adequately address quality of care and workforce issues within the system which are the fundamental concerns that need urgent attention.

NSWNMA General Secretary, Shaye Candish, said there needs to be greater financial transparency from providers.

"We are yet to see independent evidence of aged care providers being universally financially unsustainable, especially when the Royal Commission evidence demonstrated so many examples of aged care being significantly profitable, often at the expense of vulnerable residents and workers," said Ms Candish.

"Until providers come clean and show transparency, the federal government and residents in these facilities should not be topping up their bank accounts.

"These recommendations will not improve the workforce shortages being felt across aged care, nor will it address the quality of care being received within the facilities. We are still seeing providers failing to comply with mandatory care minutes which were introduced as a result of the Royal Commission.

"We are concerned providers will stand to gain more power and be less accountable if these recommendations are introduced.

Despite 75% of aged care being funded by taxpayers, current reporting requirements are still too opaque to see where this funding is spent.

"NSW has the highest number of privatised residential aged care facilities in Australia and many of these recommendations sound alarm bells for our most vulnerable community members when they need aged care services.

"We already see significant cost shifting to our public hospital system when residents without the means to pay a bond are not able to secure a residential aged care placement. These recommendations will only worsen this situation, placing the burden on our state hospitals.

"The aged care system needs to protect our most vulnerable in the community, not alienate them. It needs to deliver the care Australians deserve in their final years."

The NSWNMA is urging the government to critically analyse the recommendations of the Taskforce with a view to properly addressing the systemic issues within aged care.

New reports show NSW emergency departments are busier than ever but most patients remain positive about their care

The Bureau of Health Information (BHI) has today released two reports showing NSW emergency departments (EDs) continue to see record numbers of patients needing the most urgent care and revealing what patients told us about the care they received.

The latest results of the Emergency Department Patient Survey reflect the experiences of more than 21,000 people who attended one of 77 large EDs in NSW from July 2022 to June 2023.

BHI Chief Executive Dr Diane Watson said the majority of patients were positive about their ED care in 2022-23. Almost nine in 10 patients (87%) said, overall, their care was 'very good' (60%) or 'good' (27%).

"Despite EDs being busy, patients' ratings for most survey questions were similar to the previous year," said Dr Watson. "However, there was significant variation in results for individual hospitals."

Of the 77 large EDs included in the survey, 41 are in rural areas and the report includes special insights into the experiences of patients who visited those hospitals between January and March 2023. Around one-third (34%) thought, at the time of their visit to a large rural ED, their condition could 'definitely' (15%) or 'to some extent' (19%) have been treated by a GP or other health professional.

Of those 34% of respondents, the most common reasons given for not seeing a GP or other health professional were: those services were closed; or they couldn't get an appointment within a reasonable time.

Also released today, the latest Healthcare Quarterly report shows that during the October to December 2023 quarter demand for ED services in NSW remained high.

"Hospitals are treating more patients with the most urgent clinical conditions, with a record number of triage 1 and 2 presentations to NSW EDs in October to December 2023," said Dr Watson.

Despite this, there has been continued improvement in the time patients waited to start treatment following record long waits in mid-2022. However, patients continued to spend a long time in the ED with just 58.1% leaving within four hours. Healthcare Quarterly also shows that in October to December 2023:

- Ambulance demand reached a new record of 379,705 responses, up 9.5% on the same time a year earlier. Despite the increase, response times were better than in October to December 2022.
- The elective surgery waiting list was down to 88,618 patients at the end of 2023 and is now similar to pre-pandemic levels. Of those, 2,133 patients were waiting longer than clinically recommended, a significant decrease (87.5%) compared with the same time a year earlier.
- There were 497,870 admitted patient episodes, up 1.5% from pre-pandemic levels. That includes 230,643 acute same-day episodes, up a notable 5.9% from pre-pandemic levels.

Given the sustained high numbers of admissions and longer average length of stay for NSW, this issue of Healthcare Quarterly includes a Special Reporting section presenting potential opportunities to reduce average length of stay by examining four common clinical conditions across public hospitals in NSW.

Detailed results for Healthcare Quarterly and the Emergency Department Patient Survey 2022-23 are available at bhi.nsw.gov.au



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Driving a cleaner future: Vehicle Emissions Star Ratings

The NSW Government has launched a new Vehicle Emissions Star Rating website to help drivers consider sustainability when making their next vehicle purchase.

A simple six-star rating system will allow consumers to compare the carbon dioxide emissions of new and second-hand cars, utes and vans. The more stars a vehicle has, the lower the vehicle's CO2 emissions.

The rating applies to vehicles across Australia and was developed in collaboration with Commonwealth, state and territory governments.

The Vehicle Emissions Star Rating website has launched with ratings for light vehicles dating back to 2004. Consumers can compare more than 16,000 different models and variants. The website has fully customisable calculators that allow consumers to input the actual price they pay for fuel or electricity, and consider annual costs based on the distances they drive, rather than just being offered information based on averages that can vary widely.

The information on emissions and efficiency is provided in a simple, visual format to help consumers make choices.

It is supported by useful articles and information on vehicle emissions, how different vehicles are powered, and how driving style and maintenance may reduce emissions.

The Vehicle Emissions Star Rating website also provides information on electric vehicles, including locations of charging infrastructure, battery recycling and the differences between electric vehicles, hybrid vehicles and internal combustion engine vehicles.

Minister for Climate Change and Energy Penny Sharpe said "The Vehicle Emissions Star Rating website offers information on emissions and efficiency in a simple format so consumers can choose a new or used car which reduces their emissions.

"This is both good for their hip pocket, and good for the environment.

"Battery EVs are the cleanest light vehicles, receiving a six-star rating because they do not produce any tailpipe emissions. The NSW Government is supporting their uptake by growing the network of EV chargers across the state."

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Braidwood Evening VIEW Club News



L to R. Vicki - Publicity Officer with meeting guests Jillian and Sue.

It was wonderful to see 29 ladies, including 8 guests and one new member, Liz, attend the Braidwood Services Club on Thursday evening 7th March. Business matters were discussed, and it was pleasing to hear our treasurer has funds in order and the ongoing support toward our student Alexia will continue during this year. We also noted the celebration of International Women's Day this year as our invited guest speaker for the evening was herself a very successful businesswoman.

There were lots of stories and laughter shared among the ladies including one international visitor, Prairie, from Canada who is currently enjoying her experience working with cattle on the Bulloch family property.

We all enjoyed a lovely Chinese banquet with meal selection thanks to Kerrie, before the informative guest Rachael MacDonald, arranged by Gay and Lou was introduced by Lou. Rachael is a proud Wiradjuri Woman, living here in the Yuin Country. Her career, spanning 25 years in both the public and private sector, has been anything but dull. She reported commencing her varied and exciting working life as an Elephant carer in a circus then later as a trainer of Camels for racing in central Australia before soon realizing she wanted more in her life. Soon after Rachael applied for and gained a traineeship within the public sector, forging her way to Senior Executive levels involved in amazing technological advances working in some of the largest international software companies. This determination and hard work took Rachael to all corners of the world.

With this strong desire and a belief in herself Rachael's journey has her now owning four companies ranging from civil engineering to data analytics and horse trail riding experiences for riders of all levels in the Majors Creek area.

Her fourth the "Giilang Foundation" is one of passion with 10% of her company's profit being put into community programs helping her Indigenous community as well as creating an AI Platform to help count brumbies in the Kosciusko National Park.

Rachael has also commenced a Not-for-Profit business with another young Indigenous woman in Moree, The Yinnar Foundation, which helps promote woman's healing and woman's business in remote areas.

Members are also reminded to bring along a gift to the value of \$20 as a donation to be added to the raffle lucky dip.

Evening VIEW club provides women from all walks of life a chance to join a supportive, social and fun group. Come along, we'd love to meet you. Braidwood Evening VIEW Club meets at 6.45pm on the first Thursday of the month at the Braidwood Services Club.

For further information, please give our President Ros Bulloch a call on. 043 789 5276.

Until next month: Look out for each other. Vicki Walcott -Publicity Officer.



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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

This, it seems, is the pivotal year. The moral war has been launched. By December 25 we will have learned whether George Orwell's 1984 was an accurate prediction of the future or just a scary tale of what might have been.

2024 has already been billed as the Year of the Democracies since there are so many nations going to the polls. But some are dark gestures – vile shadows of the process – Russia, for instance, where Vladimir Putin murdered or jailed his opponents yet still conducts a farcical poll and boasts of the result. Xi Jinping continues his act as pretend Emperor and the little dictators trail along.

The good guys are such as us, most of the Scandinavians and Europeans, the Kiwis and the Canadians. The top dog in that happy pack for many years has been the USA and this year their election is of enormous consequence. That is really where the future of humankind will be decided, and we won't know the answer until a certain Tuesday in November.

We got off to a pretty good start with the peaceful election of the 72-year-old former General Prabowo, supported by his predecessor, the popular Djoko Widodo. And after Joe Biden's State of the Union address he made a very good case for four more years. America's electoral college will make the final decision, but my money is on Joe. Trump is a clown, and enough American voters will see him as such.

What does worry me, however, is the decision of our own former PM Scott Morrison joining the Trump motorcade with his new boss, Michael Pompeo, Trump's former Secretary of State, now a weird believer in the 'Rapture' – a kind of Judgement Day where the 'elect' run the whole kit and caboodle.

You will recall Morrison's attendance at a Trump 'rally' during a Washington visit as PM and his boast that 'I believe in miracles; I have always believed in miracles.'



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Well, so have the rest of us...until a better explanation came along. I believed in the miracle of the tooth fairy until I saw my mother swapping my little brother's baby tooth for a coin. I believed in Santa Claus until I only pretended to be asleep as the Mum and Dad put the pillowslip on the end of the bed. (Why they fool kids like this I'll never know.)

From Sunday School I believed in the Jesus fable till I decided to write a biography of him (Pan Macmillan, 1990). The reality is too complex for a Gadfly column but it's at the heart of the real battle in the US – belief versus scientific fact. Science gave us civilization but there's still a long way to go in our adventure of discovery. Quantum mechanics, dark energy, Black Holes, gravity, astronomy, consciousness itself – all seem like miracles until we find out how they all work together. What a joy awaits!

Not so with Scomo.

An ambitious man, he's chosen the Rapture gang to be one of the elect.

Perhaps those five secret ministries in his own government will do the trick. Either way, the fabulists can have him.

I just wish he wasn't Australian.

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Sew-along is on Saturday 16th March, 20th April, 18th May. Time: 10am to 2pm

Projects will be offered but if you prefer to bring something of your own to do that is okay.

If you would like to learn quilt making, simple dressmaking or need help with something you are working on, please come along and we will help you sort it out.

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You are also invited to join the Quilters on their regular sewing days

The Quilters meet every Tuesday weekly 10am to 2pm. Everyone is Welcome to come along and join us.

Workshops Offered for Saturday Sew-Along are:

Saturday 16th March - A Japanese Apron – A full length Apron suitable for beginner to make

Saturday 20th April - Fabric Painting – Make an interesting wall-hanging or use the piece as the front of a bag.

Saturday 18th May - Revolutionary Rotary Cut Block – Learn to cut fabric quickly and join fabric to make an interesting design. The Block would make a nice placemat centre, or perhaps make it into a potholder.

The cost is \$5.00 per day.

Note: Tea & Coffee provided. BYO lunch.



A Beer with Bazz #149

With
John
Longhurst

Bazza sipped his schooner and scrolled his iPad for news.

He was in earshot of various conversations and tuned into the debate about the over hyped NRL launch in the USA.

There was a pause as Know All Ron cleared his throat and pontificated about Sam Kerr being charged with 'racially aggravated assault' in Las Vegas.

Ron's audience shook their heads and his chest swelled before he concluded.

"Her actions have completely undermined the launch of the National Rugby League season."

Bazza tuned out before the corrections cut in.

To his right, a conversation about a ute tax raged but was cut short when the pub wag stated, "Fair enough if it is used for purpose... but in most cases, and particularly in the city, the biggest challenge these monstrous utes such as RAMS face are the speed humps at the supermarket car park. Anyhow, these emissions standards are not a ute tax and are the norm overseas. We are just dragging the chain, once again, on anything to do with climate change. But... rest assured I am pretty certain Peter Dutton will trounce it anyway, with a policy on nuclear powered utes."

Bazza grinned and took a decent sip and looked up at the television news. Property prices, hospital waiting times, a minor earthquake in the Blue Mountains and the ongoing contest to take the USA to a November retirement home had the newsreader punctuating, and occasionally editing, each story with his eyebrows.

Bazza gritted his teeth and shook his head.

Above the din, Bazza could overhear a Mick led discussion on the whereabouts of Catherine, Princess of Wales. The fact four international picture agencies had issued 'kill notices' of a family photo released by Kensington Palace for UK Mother's Day, prompted furious debate and much 'tut tutting'. Conspiracy theories from a possible kidnapping by Vladimir Putin to her being under lock and key in the Tower of London stoked the conversation to fever pitch.

Mick took a decent sip and raised his voice to restore order.

"Let's just keep an eye on things for the moment. Without doubt, it is the biggest news story doing the rounds at this time, but let's just hope and pray that things work out for the Royal Family. They are facing problems on a number of fronts with the King's recent cancer diagnosis and a wayward son off living in California."

Murmurs of agreement.

Bazza half smiled, took a generous sip of his schooner and searched the internet on his iPad for some time before landing on the fact 30,000 people killed in the war on Gaza now matched the 30,000 people killed in the war in the Ukraine.

He searched in vain for a corresponding news story.

Have a beer with Bazza at
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Braidwood Film Festival

On Sunday 17 March Braidwood's First Comedy Festival will be screening

10:30am. Malcolm Australia 1986, 85 minutes, directed by Nadia Tass, starring Colin Friels, John Hargreaves, Lindy Davies. Classified PG.

Malcolm is a chronically shy mechanical genius exhibiting many traits that are characteristic of someone with high-functioning or Asperger's syndrome, including a peculiar walk, poor social skills and a deep-focus, obsessive interest (in this case, trams). When we first meet him he has been sacked for building his own tram and running it on the Melbourne trams tracks. He gets Frank, who has just been released from jail, to move in to help pay the bills. Soon, Malcolm develops a symbiotic relationship with Frank and turns to a life of crime. Hilarious! Music by the Penguin Cafe orchestra.

1:00pm. Death in Brunswick Australia 1990, 109 minutes, directed by John Ruane, starring Sam Neill, Zoe Carides, John Clarke. Classified M.

Carl Fitzgerald (Sam Neill) is down-on-his-luck until he gets a job as a chef and meets Sophie, a beautiful Greek girl (Zoe Carides). A misunderstanding, a result of drug related violence results in him accidentally killing a fellow worker. Fortunately his unscrupulous best friend Dave (John Clarke) a grave digger is there to help dispose of the body. Dark comedy. David Stratton described the film as "a black comedy which isn't afraid to take risks, to shift moods, to push to the limit".

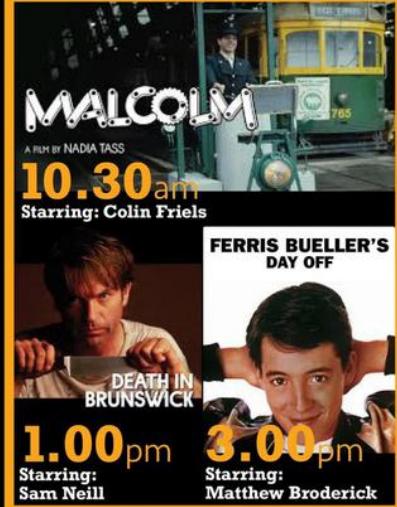
3:00pm. Ferris Bueller's Day Off USA 1986, 103 minutes, directed by John Hughes, starring Matthew Broderick, Alan Ruck, Mia Sara

High school student Ferris Bueller wants a beautiful spring day off from school. He's developed an incredibly sophisticated plan to pull it off. He talks his friend Cameron and his girlfriend Sloane into heading to Chicago for the day in Cameron's father's rare 1961 Ferrari 250 GT California Spyder. While they are taking in what the city has to offer, school principal Ed Rooney becomes convinced that Ferris is, not for the first time, playing hooky for the day and so is hell-bent to catch him out. Ferris has anticipated that, much to Rooney's chagrin. A caper film, it regularly breaks the fourth wall with Ferris explaining his techniques and inner thoughts. Well received in the US where it became the 10th highest grossing film of 1986.

You must be a member of the Braidwood Film Club to be admitted to the Festival, however it will be possible to join at the door. Children will be admitted if accompanied by an adult who is a member or buying membership, subject to film rating

The Braidwood Comedy Film Festival

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Braidwood Folk Music Club News

Folk Club Music Session events have recommenced for the new year, after a fun Christmas celebration with singing/ playing session and floor spots by the Tunes Group and the entertaining 'Back Creek Road Rabble' band. We are now starting to plan for our next Folk Club Concert around May, featuring two artists from our wider region (more details next month).

The folk club's **Annual General Meeting** will be held on Monday 18th March, 6pm at The Royal Mail Hotel (middle dining room) - Please come along if you can make it on the night, to catch up with other folk music lovers and chat about plans for 2024-25... The Royal's kitchen will be open for meals.

Here are some diary dates for March-April:

- Monday 18th March:** Braidwood Folk Music Club AGM from 6pm at Royal Mail Hotel
- Friday 22nd March:** BRAG Open Mic Night from 7pm at BRAG building (45 Wallace St) - Event run by Braidwood Regional Arts Group... Great fun for all, whether audience or performer!
- Sunday 24th March:** Braidwood Folk Club Tunes Group 3-4pm + Big Sing 4-5pm at Royal Mail Hotel... NOTE: We have adjusted our session times to finish earlier than usual on this date, to allow people to attend the Soundscapes event below if they wish...
- Sunday 24th March:** Soundscapes Music+Visual Experience, 5pm at the National Theatre - Original music from local musicians Stephen Rosenberg & Steve Maher coupled with big-screen images by photographer Virginia Lavarack. See <https://events.humanitix.com/soundscapes> (pre-booking required)
- Thu 28th March - Mon 1st April:** National Folk Festival in Canberra over the Easter Long Weekend - Pop over to 'the big festival' for a day or all long weekend - Car share options may be available between club members. Festival details: <https://www.folkfestival.org.au/>
- Sunday 7th April:** Braidwood Folk Club Tunes Group 3-4pm at the Braidwood Life Centre
- Sunday 21st April:** Braidwood Folk Club Tunes Group 3-4:30pm + Big Sing 4:30-6pm at Royal Mail Hotel

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Within Reach - A solo exhibition by Isobel Rayson

Suki & Hugh Gallery in Bungendore will open an exhibition of new wood carvings by local artist Isobel Rayson on Saturday 16 March 2024. The exhibition of new work is Rayson's third with the gallery.

Within Reach introduces a shift in Rayson's practice as she broadens her field of exploration to address a growing curiosity in human experience.

Driven to look beyond observations made in natural environments, this new work looks outward, as Isobel begins to contemplate the complexity of human relationships and the importance of connection, shaped by the ways in which we relate to, and interact with, objects and individuals in our surroundings.

These wood carvings depict long, wandering lines, weaving, and intersecting across the surface of the work, alluding to interactions or conversations, and inviting reflection on notions of time, memory, and change.

Rayson is known for her exceptional attention to detail. The works are precise and crisp in their finish with the meticulous carving and wood tone adding softness. Isobel Rayson is a graduate of the Australian National University, School of Art where she completed a Bachelor of Visual Arts with First Class Honors.

Since graduating a decade ago, Rayson has exhibited widely within Australia and achieved an International residency in Canada.

Opening drinks with the artist will be held on Saturday 16 March 2024, 3-5pm. All welcome. An online catalogue will be available from Friday 15 March.

IMAGE >>> Isobel Rayson_Passing by_wood carving_41cm x 41cm framed media



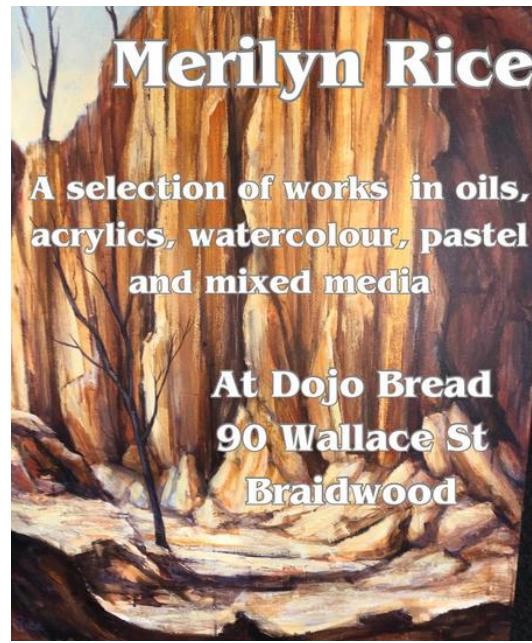
Tika Robinson Fungi Growth

Water Through Reeds Gallery, Bungendore is excited to exhibit Tika Robinson's works with ceramics and ink mediums. Join us for a glass of bubbly and enjoy the artworks.

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Tika is interested in the contrast that can be created and explored with diametrically opposing ideas. Through her work she explores ideas such as life and death, and decay and growth. In particular the decay to regenerative process that fungi produce. Tika looks at the contrast of humans and nature through the lens of a human trying to delve into the depths of natural ecosystems. The gallery is open Friday to Sunday, 10am to 4pm. The exhibition will end on the 28th April.

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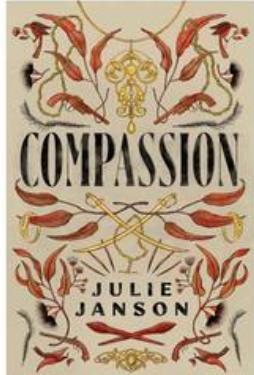
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New Creation

The Resurrection of Jesus, celebrated on Easter Day, opened the doors to God's new creation. The New Creation is completely new, brought about from nothing, just as the whole universe was created by God ex nihilo, from nothing. Only the Creator could accomplish such a feat. The old things of our human nature died on Good Friday, nailed to the cross. The whole face of nature seems to us to be changed, and we seem to be in a new world. The heavens and the earth are filled with new wonders, and all things seem now to speak forth the praise of God. There are new feelings toward all people—a new kind of love toward family and friends, a new compassion never before felt for enemies, and a new love for all humankind.

No one reaches perfection in this life except Jesus, but redeemed Christians are being made holy day by day, sinning less and hating it more each time they fail. Yes, we still sin, but the difference is that as the New Creation we no longer are slaves to sin, as we formerly were. We are now freed from sin and it no longer has power over us (Romans 6:6-7).

The Resurrection of Jesus, and the changes it brought, guarantee our own eternal life. This New Creation is a wondrous thing, created by God's power for his glory. He is Risen, The New Creation, has begun. Alleluia (I am indebted to a podcast by Nathan Miller)

Rev Des McGuire

Join us this coming SUNDAY 17th March, 10am at St Andrews Anglican Church, Elrington St, Braidwood for a Holy Communion service, followed by a welcoming cuppa and chat. Check out our Facebook page: Anglican Parish of Braidwood for updates. Parish contacts: 0497 486 233 email: admin@braidwoodanglican.org.au

St Bede's Parish

Reflection on the Gospel of John 12:20-33 by Greg Sunter

This week's first reading from Jeremiah is a very powerful image and a foreshadowing of the message and ministry of Jesus. In the Jeremiah reading, the Lord announces that (yet again) a new covenant will be made between the people and their God. This time, however, the covenant will not be a collection of rules written in stone as was the case with the covenant of the Ten Commandments after the people had been led out of slavery in Egypt. The people have demonstrated that they are not able to uphold that covenant. This time, God declares that the covenant will be 'planted deep within them' and 'written on their hearts'. This is a wonderful image: I will write my covenant on your heart! It is the message that Jesus tried to convey over and over again – the Law of God is not to be found in a multitude of rules and regulations but it is a Law of the heart, calling for compassion and love.

This message is no better demonstrated than in this week's gospel passage. Jesus declares that, 'unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.' He is speaking of course about his own life, but he is speaking also to those around him and those of us who read the words today. Unless we are prepared to let go of our ego, our status, our 'reputation', for the sake of others and respond to them from the heart then we can never experience the breadth and depth of what it means to belong to a community. When we are prepared to let go of our hang-ups and reservations to make a difference in the lives of others then the 'harvest' that will be gathered from those actions will be great indeed!

New Weekend Mass time of 5pm

Holy Week services in Braidwood
Palm Sunday: 24th March at 5.00pm
Holy Thursday: 28th March – time to be advised
Good Friday: 29th March – Stations of the Cross at 10.00am; Passion at 3.00pm
Easter Mass: 30th March Vigil Mass at 5.00pm

Elegant Associates at The Royal Mail Sunday 17th March at 5pm. Tickets \$20
Family fun & market day at Nerriga Hotel Sunday 17 March, 10.30am – 3.30pm

Braidwood Uniting Church

Letting go

I have friends who are pioneering the use of hallucinogenic drugs under medical supervision. Personally, I think hard about whether I'll take Panadol so I'm not a candidate for this treatment any time soon. Nevertheless, I have friends, including bankers in pin-striped suits, undergo such treatment and rave about the experience. Generally, they talk about the liberation of having to, 'let go' of everything. Even the very foundational ideas that define us, are loosened in this treatment of radically, letting go. OK so let's move this discussion outside of the medical model. For me a trip to church is to behold the crucified Jesus. It's an image that contradicts every definition I've ever made when I used the word, "great". All my ambitions are confronted when I behold the crucified Jesus. The image of this fella, my model, the one I profess to follow, confronts my image of myself at every point. It's an image of a guy who is broke, homeless and publicly shamed. It's the image of a bloke, betrayed by a kiss and abandoned by his closest friends. And I'm supposed to follow him; really? My medical friends and my banking friends tell me that to radically 'let go' isn't a depressing business but rather its liberating. Clearly, it's a scary process but my friends tell me that it is to discover that so much of what holds us back from life, is all programmed from within. It seems we strenuously hold on to non-life. So it is for me when I behold the crucified Christ. I've spent many years making my own case to anyone who will listen or at least not run away. Wasted years. In the crucified Christ I find a love in the raw. It's scary but liberating for me to be exposed as the insecure fraud that I too frequently am.

Inside the communion table at The Wayside Chapel, I had an old bikie carve an image of Jesus crucified; mouth open, screaming in agony. It's confrontive; it's in poor taste; but several times I've sat with a broken human being in that chapel who gazed on that image and said something like, "Well if that's God, I get him." grahamlong@mac.com

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Minister welcomes rebound in ag value

ABARES latest forecasts, released last week, show that Australia's agriculture industry remains in good shape, with production levels expected to rebound by up to 6% in 2024-25.

These forecasts would bring the gross production value of Australian farms, fisheries and forestry to \$90.8 billion in 2024-25, the third highest on record.

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Murray Watt welcomed the improved figures during his speech to the ABARES Outlook Conference in Canberra.

"These forecasts are a testament to the hard work of Australia's farmers, fishers, foresters, the workers in those industries and the whole ag supply chain," he said.

"From a government perspective, I'm pleased that the Albanese Government's policies are underpinning that effort. "The next 12 months will be key to building on the work we've already done and delivering on our priorities."

Minister Watt also said it was pleasing to ABARES forecasting that farm incomes will rise as well.

"With cost-of-living pressures rising across the country, the more money in people's pockets the better.

"We're doing our part by delivering a tax cut for all Australian taxpayers and boosting the wages of workers around the country.

"Broadacre farm cash incomes are also forecast to rebound to an average of \$192,000, after significant falls last year.

"The forecast improved growing season climate conditions and the expected turnaround in livestock prices in 2024-25 will drive increases in farm income."

The ABARES Agricultural Commodities Report contains ABARES forecasts for the value, volume, and price of Australia's agricultural production and exports, as well as forecasts for farm cash incomes.

Estimates include a detailed analysis of 2024-25 and 5-year projections for commodities outlook under two possible scenarios for domestic and global production and macroeconomic conditions.

The Australian Crop Report is released quarterly and includes forecasts for crop area planted, expected yields and production levels in each relevant Australian state.

The most recent Agricultural Commodities Report can be read on the ABARES website: [Agricultural commodities - DAFF \(agriculture.gov.au\)](http://Agricultural commodities - DAFF (agriculture.gov.au)).

The Australian Crop Report can be read on the ABARES website: [Australian Crop Report - DAFF \(agriculture.gov.au\)](http://Australian Crop Report - DAFF (agriculture.gov.au)).

Food security at stake in supermarket inquiry

Australia will be unable to feed itself and farmers will be driven out of business unless radical action is taken to reform the supermarket retail sector, NSW Farmers has told a Senate Inquiry on Tuesday.

As a Senate Select Committee investigates the factors driving soaring supermarket prices, NSW Farmers Vice President Rebecca Reardon said ultimately Australia's food security was at stake, continuing calls for meaningful competition reform until fair prices for farmers and families were achieved.

"It's farmers – not the supermarkets – who are the real fresh food people, and if the market dominance of these big two supermarkets means farmers struggle to make a living, we could very well see a future where Australia can no longer feed itself," Mrs Reardon said.

"This would be terrible not only for Australian farmers and for families right across the country, but also for the tens of millions of people overseas who rely on the food we grow and export.

"We can't afford to miss the opportunity to solve this problem that has been in the 'too hard' basket for too long."

Six recommendations to the inquiry for reforming the supermarket sector were put forward by NSW Farmers ahead of the hearing, which was held at Orange in the state's central west on Tuesday.

"We have proposed a constructive, considered approach to overhauling the sector, starting with making the Food and Grocery Code of Conduct mandatory and more enforceable with real penalties for its breach," Mrs Reardon said.

"Increasing price transparency, developing options to add new supermarket competitors, and introducing divestiture powers to correct gross market power imbalances are just some of the other recommendations we have put forward.

"The gross profit margins of supermarkets are only continuing to increase, so there must be controls in place to not only identify any unfair pricing practices, but actually bring these to account."

As the inquiry continued, Mrs Reardon said significant changes to competition law and policy were essential if effective outcomes for farmers and consumers were to be secured.

"In recent times, we've seen governments in Canada and New Zealand drive significant competition reform within their retail sectors – and we must do the same if we want healthy, home-grown food on Australian dinner tables," Mrs Reardon said.

"Unless there is real and complex reform to how we govern these supermarket superpowers, we will continue to lose farmers and Australia will one day wake up to discover it can no longer feed itself."

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NSW Government takes action to make communities safer and support young people in regions

The **NSW Government** has announced a \$26.2 million package of reforms and initiatives to support community safety and wellbeing, particularly in regional NSW, with a focus on strengthening early intervention and prevention programs for young people. Data from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research shows that crime rates in regional NSW remain higher than in metro areas.

There are also reports of an emerging phenomenon of offenders posting recordings of their offending behaviour on social media, particularly in relation to motor vehicle offending. This type of 'performance crime' may encourage others, specifically young people, to engage in similar criminal behaviour.

It is clear the current status quo is not working for young people who are re-offending and being caught up in this cycle, and it's not working for those communities who don't feel safe. The reforms announced yesterday aim to address the increased rate of offending and community safety concerns through three key elements:

1. Legislative Reform

The NSW Government will introduce considered legislative changes to strengthen bail laws and introduce a new offence for disseminating material to advertise an offender's involvement in or the commission of targeted serious offences.

- Amending the Bail Act: The NSW Government will amend the Bail Act 2013 to include a temporary additional bail test for young people between 14 and 18 charged with committing certain serious break and enter offences or motor vehicle theft offences while on bail for the same offences.

This means that a bail authority such as police, magistrates and judges will need to have a high degree of confidence that the young person will not commit a further serious indictable offence while on bail.

This approach is a targeted and measured change that is designed to stop specific offending behaviour by certain young people who repeatedly engage in serious break and enter and motor theft offences.

The amendments will be subject to a 12-month sunset clause so that any future action or changes can be made with evidence to assess the efficacy of the new laws.

- A new offence for "posting and boasting": The NSW Government will introduce legislation that will create a new offence in the Crimes Act 1900 (NSW) imposing an additional penalty of 2 years' imprisonment for people who commit motor vehicle theft or break and enter offences and share material to advertise their involvement in this criminal behaviour.

This new provision will be the subject of a statutory review that will take place 2 years after it commences.

2. A place-based response in Moree

3. Broader regional crime prevention initiatives

The NSW Government will invest \$12.9 million to fund a new range of state-wide regional crime prevention initiatives including:

- Expansion of Youth Action Meetings (YAMs) in nine Police Districts.
- Expansion of the Safe Aboriginal Youth Patrol Program (SAY) to an additional five Closing the Gap (CTG) priority locations (to be determined in consultation with communities), reducing the risk of young Aboriginal people being victims of crime, and the risk they will become persons of interest in relation to a crime.
- The Government will also continue the roll out of \$7.5 million in Justice Reinvestment grants with grant funding available to recipients as early as June 2024.

These reforms will help protect the community and significantly lift support for young people and disadvantaged communities and were informed by months of engagement with regional communities across NSW.

Farmers welcome youth crime reforms

Farmers have welcomed the Minns Government's \$26.2 million package of reforms to address young offenders as regional youth crime rates continue to soar.

On Tuesday the NSW Government announced a series of sweeping reforms to address youth crime in regional NSW, including a \$13.4 million pilot program to tackle crime in the northern NSW town of Moree, and a further \$12.9 million in regional crime prevention initiatives for the rest of the state.

NSW Farmers Rural Affairs Committee spokesman Garry Grant said the new reforms had come as welcome news to regional and rural communities as socioeconomic disadvantage deepened, and rural crime rates soared.

"These young offenders are often violent and reckless in their behaviour, and they are also costing landholders and businesses millions of dollars every year, through both loss of goods and increased insurance costs," Mr Grant said.

With city dwellers now less likely to be a victim of crime than those living in the bush, Mr Grant said rural and regional NSW needed all the resources available to shift the dial on crime moving forward.

"In 2020, a survey found 81 per cent of farmers* had reported being a victim of farm crime – whether that's trespass, vehicle theft, or worse," Mr Grant said.

"We need boots on the ground and real, considered initiatives in place to combat these rising rates of crime, and concerningly violent crime, in rural and regional areas of the state, or else the problem will simply spiral beyond the point of no return."

Youth justice package a missed opportunity

A twelve month 'experiment' to tighten bail laws for children and young people prioritises a drive for political action instead of evidence-based, well-considered reform.

President of the Law Society of NSW Brett McGrath

welcomed the funding initiatives in the youth justice package announced today by the NSW Government, but warned a failure to consult with experts on bail and crime amendments risks flawed legislation.

"The Law Society acknowledges the importance of community safety and recognises the Government's desire to address community concerns about youth crime in certain parts of NSW," Mr McGrath said.

"We are, however, disappointed that legislation to introduce a 'temporary' tightened bail test for certain offences will be introduced in the absence of any meaningful input from experts with daily experience of these issues on our Criminal Law, Children's Legal Issues, and Indigenous Issues Committees." Children are vulnerable in their interactions with the criminal justice system. The Law Society has consistently advocated for measures that support children, including through diversion programs that deal with the underlying causes of offending.

"Tightening the test for bail will result in more children being sent into custody. In circumstances where youth justice centres are often many hours from child defendants' families and communities, this change has the potential to do a great deal more harm than good," Mr McGrath said.

"The Government intends to collect evidence over the next 12 months on the operation of the new bail provision before deciding whether it should continue. Governments should ordinarily seek an appropriate evidence base before legislating significant reform. The Law Society will consider in detail the legislation once it's available and provide our feedback directly to the Government."

Mr McGrath said elements of the package that strengthen diversionary approaches to youth offending represent positive steps towards addressing youth offending across the state.

"We encourage the Government to examine opportunities in communities across all regional NSW to mirror the initiatives foreshadowed today's announcement. Six months of additional judicial and DPP resources for Moree are welcome, but should be made permanent," Mr McGrath said.



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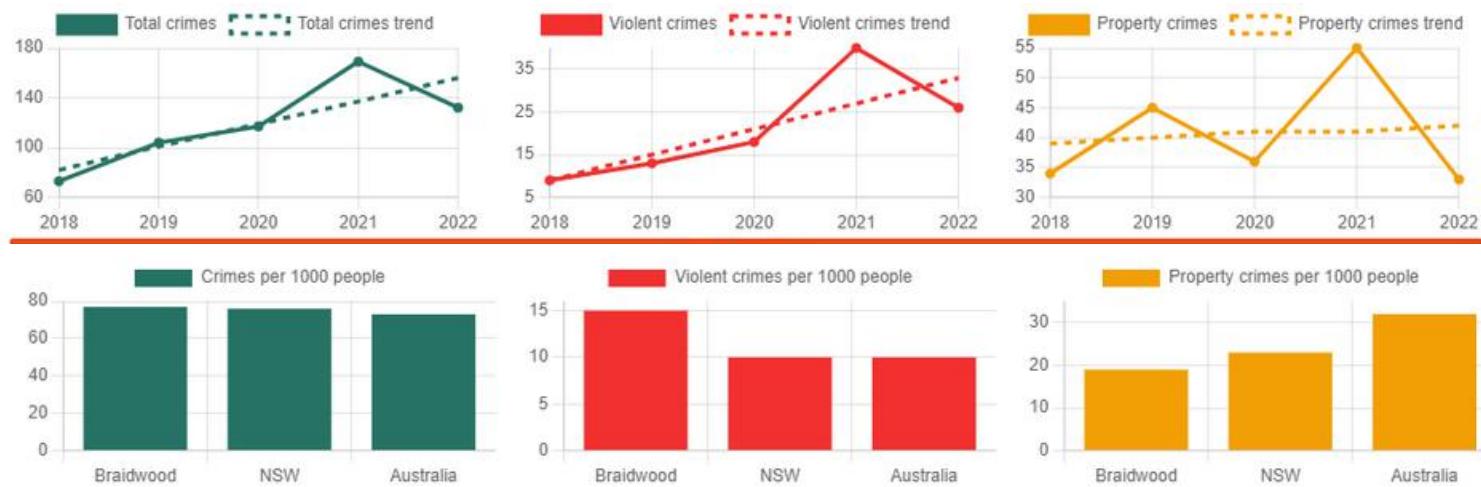
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First Steps Pregnancy Support is a community organisation that provides a central contact point for pregnant women in crisis. Pregnancy can be a time of great joy, but for many it brings significant distress without any clear pathway through. We are here to ensure that all pregnant women can access the vital support and resources they need to enable them to continue with their pregnancy and to become capable and confident mothers.

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- **Captains Flat regional Market** 10 - 2pm
- **every 2nd Sat**

The Braidwood Waste Transfer Station hours

10am-4:30pm Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Braidwood Folk Club AGM - Monday 18th March, 6pm at Royal Mail Hotel

The Folk Club will hold their AGM on Monday 18th March at the Royal Mail Hotel. Come along at 6pm to support the club and discuss plans for folk-style and community music events for 2024-25. More info/ RSVP: braidwoodfolkclub@gmail.com

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Did you know that you can collect your own sample for the Cervical Screening Test?

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- **Braidwood Campdraft** 15 - 17 March
- **The Machine Show** 5-6 April
- **Daylight saving ends** Sunday, April 7 at 3am.
- **2024 Heritage Festival** 18 April to 19 May. Queanbeyan-Palerang will participate with a program of activities being developed. Council will be holding our annual Heritage Awards.
- **Made in Araluen Market** 27th April.
- **2024 NSW Local Government elections**
- Saturday, 14 September 2024

BCS P&C AGM

followed by an Ordinary Meeting

Wednesday 20th March

Braidwood Serviceman's Club

5pm for a 5.15pm start

All Committee positions to be filled

All Welcome

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Braidwood Servicemen's Club

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Find out more and submit your entries by 31 July 2024 on the

[Keep Australia Beautiful NSW website](#).**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.

BCS P&C AGM

5pm Wednesday 20th March

at the Club followed by an Ordinary...

Meeting- All Welcome!

All committee positions to be filled

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3rd Prize

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DRAWN WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH 2024



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"One woman's journey from ecological despair to finding hope in the soil beneath her feet".

Sunday 24th March at 2pm
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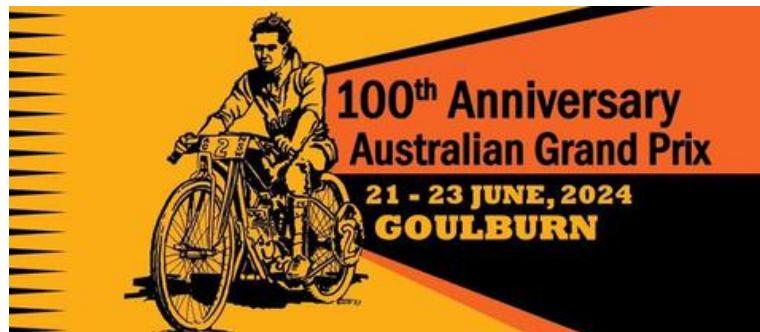
Afternoon tea and Q&A opportunity after the screening with our local regenerative farmers.
Ticket/Registration details coming soon!

About the film:

<https://theregenerators.org/rachels-farm/about/>

Official trailer:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ozdoFp1Ra_E





Soccer Registration for the 2024 miniroos season is open!

This year registration has been reduced to \$50 thanks to our fantastic sponsors. Games are held at the Rec ground on Saturday mornings of terms 2 & 3. Please register by Wednesday 20 March 2024 to allow uniform ordering to open shortly thereafter. (Late registrations will miss out on new uniforms for 2024!)

Register at: [HERE](#)

Join the facebook group for updates [HERE](#)

JSPD fundraising with Canberra Marathon Festival

Many members of our local JSPD Braidwood marital arts group have been training for the Canberra Marathon Festival in April. While we are training, we thought we should turn our efforts into a worthwhile cause, so are participating in the March Charge, raising much needed funds for the Cancer Council. Our goal as a team is to raise \$5000, cover a distance of over 1000km, and create awareness of the vital services the Cancer Council provides.

You can watch our progress or sponsor our team or an individual participating by checking out [The March Charge - JSPD](#) (donations to the Cancer Council over \$2 are tax deductible)

REPRESENTATIVE SWIMMING

Last Thursday, St Bede's sent a squad of 25 students to a very hot Boorowa to compete in the rescheduled Northern Region Swimming Carnival. Our children were fantastic on the day, showing great determination with their swimming, and excellent sportsmanship and team spirit. Our relay teams started the day off well, with a first placing, two seconds and a third! Congratulations to Hamish (Senior Boys) and Charlotte (Intermediate Girls) who were named Age Champions; and Jolyon (Intermediate Boys) who was runner up Age Champion. Overall, 15 students qualified to represent the Northern Region at the Archdiocesan championships, held on Monday back in Boorowa. Congratulations to the Junior Boys relay team of Leo, Luca, Jake and Teddy who placed 2nd and will now head to the MacKillop Championships in Sydney. What an outstanding effort boys! We wish you the best of luck in a few weeks.

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Braidoobugle Golf Club News

MEN'S PENNANT REPORT

Last Thursday our men's pennant team continued their great, late season form with a 5.5 matches to 0.5 matches result against Federal at Yass.

Spiro Agnew was the star in his 1st game for the season and our other winners were Tom Duffy, Keith Morgan, John Harb & Michael Toirkens. Brendan Booker had the squared match. There is only one round left in the season, and that big win means the team now has a small mathematical chance of making the grand final. Next Thursday the team plays the undefeated competition leaders, Gungahlin.

WOMEN'S PENNANT REPORT

Our team won handsomely at Belconnen last Friday with wins to Michelle Henry, Margy Gardner, Donna Kuhn and Robin Tennant Wood and a square on the 18th for Virginia Groot Obbink. It was a sweet win over Royal Canberra in hot conditions and we expect another hot day at Gungahlin Lakes next Friday against RMC.

MONA CUP

This year the Mona Cup is on Saturday March 30 and will be a 3 Person Irish Medley with everyone to organise their team before play please. Hit off will be at the normal time.

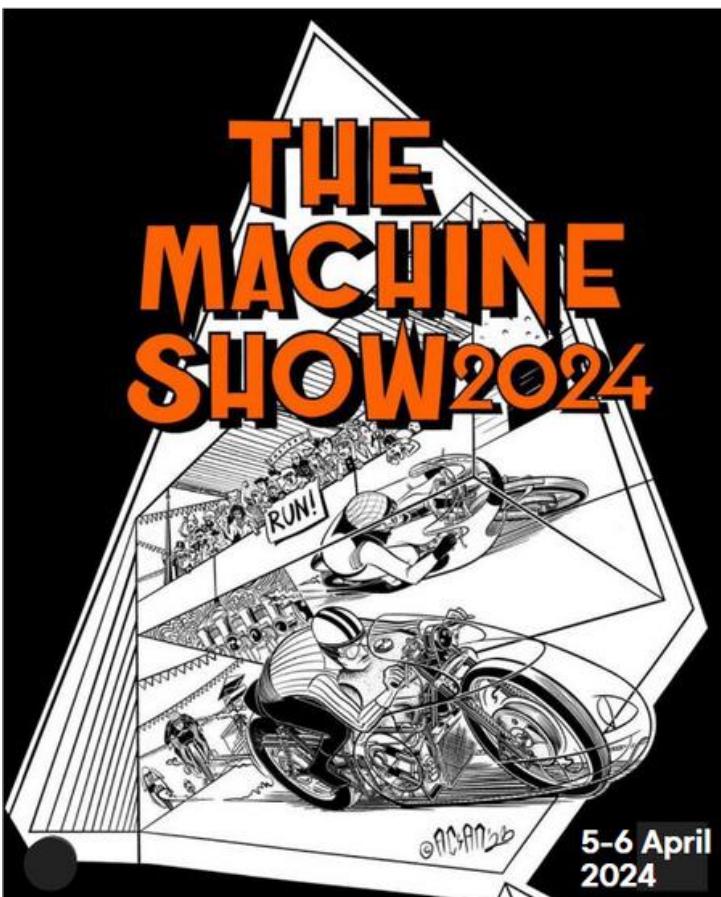
RESULTS-Saturday March 2 Single Stableford- Jim Lindwall Trophy. We thank Teresa Lindwall for her continued support. Winner: Will Sanders 39 nett, Runner Up: Tom Duffy 35 nett c/b, Men's NTP 3/12: Gordon Scott. Jackpot (1m) 8th \$70: Not Won. Ball Comp: Michael Toirkens 35, Leigh Curtis 34, Ted Emmett 33, Roger Hovey 33. Handicap Changes: Will Sanders down 1 to 21, Tom Duffy down 1 to 28, Terry Hughes out 1 to 31, Michael Fitzgerald out 1 to 25. Birdies: 4

Women's Results Single Stableford – Durran Durra Truffles Trophy. Many thanks Virginia for your sponsorship. Winner: Donna Kuhn 39 pts, Runner Up: Margy Gardner 37 pts, NTP 3/12: Carmen Byrne, Ball Comp: Robin Tennant Wood, Carmen Byrne, Handicap Changes: Donna Kuhn down 1 to 31, Margy Gardner down 1 to 28. Pars: 6.

Coming Events

- **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

The updated Fundraiser Board sponsored by Bendigo Community Bank.





RACING NEWS WITH THE JEMBAICUMBENE PUNTER

A crowd of over 8,472 attended the \$1,000,000 Black Opal Stakes Day in Canberra last Sunday. The Black Opal Group 3 over 1200 metres was won by Peter Snowden trained Holmes A Court ridden by Tommy Berry. Second money went to Fully Lit (Hellbent) ridden by Regan Bayless and Amazing Eagle(Capitalist) and Tyler Schiller. This is the fifth time Snowden has won a Black Opal. His first win was in 2012 with Epaulette (Command) then in partnership with his son, 2016 Deacon (Chlsr), 2020 Barbaric (I Am Invincible) and 2021 with Kalashnikov (Capitalist).

Fangelo was saddled for Race 5 Seears Workwear National Sprint over 1400 metres. However, he didn't go well at all and Brendan Ward was unnecessary using the whip in the straight when it was evident that he had no chance at all. He finished third last in a field of 10.

Impending Harmony ridden by Jack Martin started in Race 2, TAB Federal Rihanna Thompson over 1200 metres but was never in the hunt.

Champion Sire Exceed and Excel (Danehill) have been retired after twenty years at stud. Last Spring season he covered 56 mares. He has sired 16 Group One winners including Guelph, Bivouac, Helmet Sadler's Wells, Dubacol, Deep Impact, More than Ready, Danebell. He has been reverse shuttled for sixteen consecutive years. Prizemoney for his progeny exceeds \$200,000 million from over 1800 winners and 215 Stake winners.

In Queensland apprentice jockey Alisha Donald rode a winner at each of three meetings. She rode at Toowoomba at 11.49am first winner, Esk second win at 3.10pm and Ipswich third win at 6.36pm. She doesn't have a chauffeur and did all the driving herself. She didn't ride on Sunday. She did strapping duties for the Corey and Kylie German trained Skater, who was only just beaten by All's Fair, in a stride for stride battle to the line.

Bad luck for Imperatriz when she was beaten on Saturday by Cylinder (Exceed and Excel) in Race 5 at Flemington in the Newmarket. She was found to be suffering cardiac arrhythmia following her gallant second carrying 58kgs. Cylinder was ridden by Jamie Kah, who featured in Saturday's Telegraph where there was a great story about her. It is twelve months since her horrific fall and how she was due to ride in this particular race. The ride was taken by the late Dean Holland, who was killed in a race fall. Following her win on Cylinder she joined Dean's mother, his wife and three children for hugs. She certainly is a true champion. Tae Akau has confirmed that Imperatriz will be closely monitored and is expected she will recover quickly. She is expected to come to Sydney for the TJ Smith Stakes after competing in the William Reid at The Valley.

In Race 8 at Randwick on Saturday Punter put her money on Tom Kitten ridden by Nash Rawiller, However, Tom was unable to take out the honours and came in fourth place. The Race was won by Celestial Legend ridden by Kerrin McEvoy, then Militarise and James McDonald with Cafe Millennium in third place and Tom Kitten in fourth. Celestial Legends is trained by 85 year old Les Bridge. Mr Bridge has trained for over 60 years and declared Celestial Legend is his "best horse ever". Some of the horses that he has trained over the years include Sir Dapper, Hot Danish, Kensei and Classique Legend. He will now be set for the Doncaster Mile at Royal Randwick on April 6. His rival Militarise is likely to head to Rosehill Gardens. Until next time.
Happy Punting.

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Saturday 13th April 2024

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You only get one brain: Wally Lewis joins 20-strong delegation to Canberra calling for CTE services, education and awareness raising

Dementia Australia

Rugby league titan, Wally Lewis AM has joined a 20-strong delegation of people living with probable CTE, (chronic traumatic encephalopathy – a form of dementia) carers and researchers who will meet with parliamentarians in Canberra to share their experience of CTE.

“You only get one brain,” Mr Lewis said. “I’m sharing my experience of living with probable CTE and proudly working with the Concussion and CTE Coalition, calling for the Federal Government to fund support services and a national awareness and education program.

“We need to teach the players from the grassroots level to play the game more safely and we need to equip the parents and teachers around them with the confidence and information they need to support our kids. It’s the subconcussion risk that needs to change as much as concussion.

“We have come a long way since back when I played, but I think we still have a long way to go.”

“We are passionate about raising awareness with all politicians and advocating for change to help others – for now and for future generations,” Kayleen Doyle, delegation representative and Founder and Director, Connecters Australia said.

The Concussion and CTE Coalition (Dementia Australia; Brain Foundation; Connecters Australia; Queensland Brain Institute, The University of Queensland and Dr Rowena Mobbs, Mater Hospital Sydney) have developed a joint Position Statement and have called for federal support in the May budget. In a pre-budget submission the Coalition is calling for a national program of support services for people impacted by CTE and a national awareness raising and education program in schools to protect the brains of Australian children.

Carl Cincinnato, Brain Foundation said a national awareness and education program was needed in our schools to increase awareness and understanding about concussion, CTE and brain health.

“Teachers and parents must have access to reliable information and resources, ensuring they feel well-equipped, supported, and confident in making decisions regarding the brain health of Australian children,” Mr Cincinnato said.

Maree McCabe AM, CEO Dementia Australia said the Coalition budget priorities were developed as a response to some of the recommendations in the Senate Inquiry report, ‘Concussions and repeated head trauma in contact sports’ handed down in September last year.

“It’s not just a sports issue. There are several different populations at risk of CTE, including domestic and family violence survivors, and military personnel.

“People impacted by CTE tell us there isn’t enough support available, so we are calling for the Federal Government to back a national support program,” Ms McCabe said.

Chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE) is a type of dementia that was first identified in 1928, when a group of boxers were described as having ‘punch drunk syndrome’, also referred to as ‘dementia pugilistica’. The condition can be provisionally diagnosed by clinicians but can only be definitely confirmed by tissue examination after death. CTE may affect brain function over time and can result in changes in mood, personality, behaviour, and cognitive function. Research has identified an increasingly strong causal link between repeated head injuries and chronic traumatic encephalopathy.

For support and information please contact the National Dementia Helpline 1800 100 500, dementia.org.au; Brain Foundation brainfoundation.org.au; Connecters Australia connecters.org.au.

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Saltwood Estate Rosedale Maiden B Final

1st = buckle plus service to Nethaway Purple Haze (S&A Equine); prizemoney to 6th place; McGlone Homes top cut out trophy

Saturday 15th March - 7am start

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1st = buckle; prizemoney to 6th place; McGlone Homes top cut out trophy

ECM Livestock Juvenile

1st = buckle; prizemoney to 6th place; McGlone Homes top cut out trophy

BDN Lawyers Novice A Final

1st = trophy rug; prizemoney to 6th place; McGlone Homes top cut out trophy

Armpell Civil Novice B Final

1st = trophy rug; prizemoney to 6th place; McGlone Homes top cut out trophy

Willinga Park Open for Open

1st = Angus Barrett Saddle Pad; prizemoney to 6th place; McGlone Homes top cut out trophy

Willinga Park Open for Open Final

1st = Angus Barrett Saddle Pad; prizemoney to 6th place; McGlone Homes top cut out trophy

Sunday 16th March - 7am start

Braidwood Butcher's James Clarke Memorial Open (open and novice)

Braidwood Butcher's James Clarke Memorial Open Final

1st = trophy plus service to Crokers Stud the Jackal (Hannaford Stud); prizemoney to 6th place; McGlone Homes top cut out trophy

Daniel Walker Nutrien Ladies

Daniel Walker Nutrien Ladies Final

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Braidwood Rural Mitre 10 Encouragement

1st = Buckle; prizemoney to 6th place; McGlone Homes top cut out trophy

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for Lunch & Dinner!

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Members draw \$600.
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- **Bridge** every Tuesday 1pm
- **Poker** 1st Sunday of every month
- **Trivia** - First Wednesday of the Month