



Braidwood women take the local lack of long childcare issue to the top: Member for Eden Monaro Kristy McBain MP, Kate Harris and Millie, Bridget Bradley and Ashleigh, and Melissa Knight and Abigail, and Anne Aly Federal Minister for Early Childhood Education and Minister for Youth. Story page 3

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On average, the first frost here occurs on 24th March. We average 0.9 frosts in March. The lowest March minimum temp. was minus 1 degree in 1967. The latest first frost for the year was 19th May in 2022.

Day	Min	Max	Rain
Wed	16	23	7.2
Thurs	5	18	0.2
Fri	4	22	
Sat	12	18	
Sun	12	28	0.6
Mon	11	30	
Tues	10	28	0.2

Grassland SDI (soil moisture deficit) 48.5mm

Total rainfall so far:

- this month 38.2mm - this year 204.2mm

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QPRC MAYOR'S COLUMN

with Cr Kenrick Winchester

Thanks to all the volunteers in Braidwood who helped us plant trees in the Judith Wright Gardens along Flood Creek a couple of weekends ago! We were able to plant around 150 native trees, grasses and shrubs. This project received funding from the Australian Government's Planting Trees for The Queen's Jubilee Program.

The QPRC and Bendigo Bank Art Awards are back for 2024! The Braidwood and Bungendore community branches of the Bendigo Bank are generously supporting this year's awards with a total prize pool of \$17,500. This year we have expanded the Emerging Artists category age range, making it available to 16 and 17-year-olds for the first time. Registrations open next week so make sure to start putting your works together to have them ready for registration between 2-30 April. The Art Awards are a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the outstanding artists in our community and I'm looking forward to seeing all of this year's entries. Learn more about the Art Awards and the different categories you can enter at qprc.nsw.gov.au/Community/Culture-and-Arts/Annual-Art-Awards

Our new Draft Cemeteries Strategy aims to provide high level direction for our cemeteries over the next five years. Cemeteries are an essential social and cultural service and Council's practices must respect the emotional impact that death and dying has in the community. This means accessibility, affordability and the physical management of cemeteries must reflect community need — and that's why your feedback is so important. Read the strategy and have your say before 11 April at yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au/draft-cemeteries-strategy

During the Easter period there will not be any bin collections on Good Friday. This means some areas that are normally collected on a Friday have collection changes. Majors Creek and Araluen will have their bins collected tomorrow Thursday 28 March. Make sure to put your bin out the night before your collection and put the right things in your bins. You can download the QPRC Waste Info app for Android or iOS to be notified about collection changes and to learn more about what goes in your bins.

This Wednesday 27 March, the Council Meeting agenda includes reports to Council on the lease of the current Bungendore Swimming Pool, NSW Flood Recovery and Resilience Grant Program, and a development application for the Albion Hotel in Braidwood. Read the full agenda, find out how to make a submission and watch the meeting online at bit.ly/MinutesAgendas

Service NSW is returning to Braidwood with their Mobile Service Centre on Wednesday 17 April from 8:30am to 2pm at Ryrie Park on Wilson Street. For more information on the services the Mobile Service Centre provides, visit service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/mobile-service-centres

Cr Kenrick Winchester, Mayor

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The struggle for Braidwood's children ramps up

By Melissa Knight

The result of the closure of Wallace Street Early Learning Centre continues to be disastrous for Braidwood and the surrounding community with many families being forced to take drastic action to deal with the lack of long day care for their children. Women are resigning from their current employment, delaying their return to work, relocating to towns 100kms away to maintain employment, seeking flexibility from their employers to maintain existing employment and seeking further assistance from family. Children are suffering too – they miss their friends, their chance to socialise, to learn and develop skills and participate in education in their most crucial learning years.

We've taken this problem to Canberra. We can do our best to plug this hole in the education and care of our children, but we can't do it on our own. It will take political intervention to fix the big underlying problems that lie at the heart of this and why Braidwood is now without access to a long hour's early childhood education centre.

Doors opened to us across Parliament. Long-time campaigner for Early Childhood Educators, the Hon Sue Lines – now the President of the Senate – was our host. She got us in to see the Minister for Early Childhood Education, the Hon Anne Aly. Our own local member, Kristy McBain turned up at that meeting and really went into bat for us. After those meetings, we de-briefed with Senator Tony Sheldon, Senator for NSW and he has promised to follow up.

It was a powerful lobby. (No politician can resist three baby girls – all of whom were on their very best behaviour. They bravely put up with being cuddled by half the staff of Parliament House!). Their three Mothers laid out the problem and explained the impact this disaster is having on the community and the children.

Kristy McBain spoke with authority about this not just being a Braidwood problem. Right across the electorate of Eden Monaro, communities were struggling to find ECEC services for their children. Indeed, as the Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories, she saw this problem across every regional area.

The Minister listened to us carefully. She was right across the issue of sub-standard wages for Early Childhood Educators. Our local centre had fallen over largely because it couldn't be staffed. Qualified educators are simply not prepared to work for the low wages on offer.

The Minister was waiting for a report from the Productivity Commission on what's wrong with the system as it is. With reports from both the ACCC and the Productivity Commission commissioned, her aim is to ensure every child in Australia – no matter where they live, has access to quality and affordable early childhood education.



Melissa Knight, Bridget Bradley and Kate Harris with their babies and Michael Crosby, a member of our working group, at APH.

The Working Group support the increase of professional wages for early childhood educators. All educators deserve to be acknowledged and paid accordingly to reflect the responsibility and skill set they require to educate our children.

Since the community meeting held on Monday 4 March, a Working Group has been formed and has been trying to work out how to reopen a long hour's early childhood education centre in Braidwood. The Working Group has been working closely with QPRC to investigate whether a Council run short-term interim solution is feasible. A community owned, not-for-profit model is also being investigated, with an incredibly generous donation being offered that will help to achieve this. Investigations are ongoing and we hope to provide an update shortly.

In the meantime, QPRC are holding an information session for people interested in becoming Family Day Care providers, on 10 April at the Old Library, further information can be found on their website.

The Working Group will meet with Steve Whan, Member for Monaro in the next few weeks before we meet again in mid-April.



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Decisions from tonight's Council meeting

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- Council is now hearing from 7 members of the public who are making presentations about items on tonight's agenda, item 9.1 Albion Hotel development application and item 12.1 Bungendore Oval fences.
- Council grants conditional consent to development application for partial demolition, alterations and additions to structures associated with the Albion Hotel at 119 Wallace Street, Braidwood with the T-shaped metal sheds to be retained on the subject site. 1/2
- 2/2 A plan showing the proposed new location is to be submitted to Council for approval prior to works commencing.
- Council appoints all nominees and forms the Affordable Housing Working Group and nominates Cr Willis as the representative and Cr Wilson as alternate
- Council endorses discussion of a variation with JJ's Waste and Recycling to extend contract for a further 18 months to 27 October 2026 and will receive a further report once negotiations have been completed.
- Council endorses the application for funding through the NSW Flood Recovery and Resilience Grant Program for the Bungendore overflow channel project and will commit funding from General Fund of \$750,000 over financial years 2024-25 and 2025-26.
- Council authorises the General Manager to sign and execute the funding agreement for \$2m from the Australian Government's Investing in our Local Communities Program for the Jerrabomberra Traffic Campaign and will include in draft 2024-25 budget.
- Council accepts offer from NSW Department of Education to extend lease of Bungendore Swimming Pool until 31 March 2024, authorises General Manager to execute addendum, will budget for operating pool in 2024-25, will request NSW Government contribute to operating costs.

- Council receives the Investment Report for February 2024, noting return of \$1,422,800.
- Council receives information report about the use of Aero Ranger system for parking enforcement.
- Council receives information report about a review of Rural Area Developer Contribution Plans.
- Council receives information report with an update on the Affordable Housing Strategy.
- Council receives information report with the July-December 2023 Delivery Program update.
- Council receives information report with responses to Questions With Notice on the Bungendore Heritage Study.
- Council receives information report with responses to Questions With Notice on Braidwood water leaks.
- Council receives information report on Councillor Workshops held between 22 Feb – 20 March, including Cemeteries Strategic Plan, Jerrabomberra Pump Track, Consolidation of Rural Section 7.11 Contribution Plans Project.1/2
- 2/2 Restricted Assets Policy, Market Needs Analysis for QPRC Crawford Street properties, Aero Ranger Pilot Update, Bungendore Office, and Bywong/Wamboin Greenways.
- Council notes the minutes of the QPRC Heritage Advisory Committee of 22 February 2024 and notes recommendations from the meeting.
- Council notes the minutes of the QPRC Access Committee of 12 February 2024.
- Council notes the minutes of the QPRC Sports Council of 5 February 2024.
- Council will write to Dep Premier and Minister for Education and Member for Monaro raising community concerns about legality and necessity of fence on Bungendore oval, noting unkempt nature of grounds and banners, and request removal of fences until work can proceed.
- 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.



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Lions up & about

Braidwood Lions members are delighted to announce the induction of a new member. Steve Prott, who has recently retired from a long paramedic career, has moved to Braidwood and is keen to become involved in the community. Welcome Steve, we look forward to breaking you in!

Every year on the 3rd Sunday of March, Black Dog Ride Australia hold "1 dayer" rides in every state and territory across Australia, ensuring mental health and suicide prevention is spoken about right across the country. On Sunday 17 March the Canberra Blackdog group came through Braidwood on their way down to Batemans bay. Over 50 men and women parked their impressive array of bikes around Ryrie Park and enjoyed a chat and a cuppa provided by Lions Club members.



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Lions Club members Peter van Rijswijk and Jamie Reynolds welcoming Steve Prott.



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Aurelia Community Grants



Dargues Gold Mine reports: Congratulations to all the recent Aurelia community grants winners. An afternoon tea was held at Braidwood Servicemen's Club to celebrate the grants going to a diverse range of organisations. The winners were : Braidwood Life Center, Braidwood Bowling Club, Braidwood Show Society, Braidwood Central School, St Bedes Primary School, S355 Braidwood Common Committee and The First Thursday Lunch Group. We also welcomed Braidwood District Education Fund who are previous recipients of Dargues Sponsorship. Sorry to those applicants who missed out on funding this time, we were inundated with applications...Look out for the next round of community grants which will be announced in the next 2 months or please get in touch.

SES Awards



Award winners from NSW SES - Braidwood Unit awards: Julie Reynolds 5 Year service award, Suzanne Given- Best what the... Vicki Page - Member of the Year, Vicki Page - Commander's certificate of appreciation., John Donnelly, Sunita Kotnala, Carmen Byrne and Sarah Heine- Most improved training., Matthew Talbott - Most call outs. Congratulations to all members!



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New Vehicle Efficiency Standard tailored for Australia

Australian motorists will soon be able to choose from a wider range of more efficient, modern vehicles, and be able to save at the bowser.

Legislation for the **Federal Government's** New Vehicle Efficiency Standard being introduced tomorrow will be good for the hip pocket and good for the environment.

This will reduce emissions from new passenger vehicles by more than 60 per cent by 2030, and roughly halve the emissions of new light commercial vehicles over the same period. And Australians will save money at the bowser because they can buy cars that use less fuel.

The New Vehicle Efficiency Standard targets for passenger vehicles catch up to comparable economies by the end of the decade.

Along with Russia, Australia has for too long been one of the only advanced economies in the world without a Standard, and, as a result Australian families are spending more on fuel than they need to be.

The Albanese Government has closely consulted with a broad range of stakeholders over the past year and engaged with the more than 9,000 submissions made throughout the latest consultation period.

The Standard will give car makers an incentive to send us their most efficient vehicles, while ensuring Australians have access to the range of vehicles they need for work and leisure.

This constructive collaboration is delivering what's right for Australia, by making improvements to the consultation option to deliver more choice of cheaper-to-run cars for motorists, while ensuring a sustainable and effective Standard. These modifications include:

- Recategorising a limited number of 4WDs from passenger car to light commercial vehicle. This acknowledges that some off-road wagons use similar ladder-frame chassis, and need comparable towing capacity above 3 tonnes, to dual cab utes. This includes models such as the Toyota Landcruiser and Nissan Patrol;
- Smoothing the emissions trajectory for light commercial vehicles. This reflects adjustments announced by the US EPA to its vehicle Standard and smooths the transition for utes, vans and 4x4s;
- Adjusting the weight-based relative emissions limits (known as the break point), recognising that heavier vehicles emit more;
- Staging implementation to enable preparation and testing of essential data reporting capabilities. To ensure we get the implementation right in partnership with industry, the scheme will commence on 1 January 2025 but manufacturers will not begin earning credits or penalties until 1 July 2025.

To help accelerate the transition, the Government will provide \$60 million to boost EV charging at Australian dealerships, under the Driving the Nation fund.

This is the right package of measures for Australia. It will transform Australia's vehicle fleet to save families money, people will still be able to buy the vehicles they know and love while getting access to the safest, most modern, efficient cars. More information on the Government's planned New Vehicle Efficiency Standard is available at www.cleancars.gov.au

CAM welcomes New Vehicle Efficiency Standard legislation

Climate Action Monaro has welcomed new legislation on efficiency standards for new vehicles introduced into federal Parliament today despite the new laws being watered down following pressure from the auto industry.

The legislation is aimed at disincentivising the use of high-polluting cars and hastening the importation of cleaner vehicles.

CAM president Ross Martin says that, while the new laws are very welcome, they are long overdue.

"Europe and the US have had strong fuel efficiency standards for years now and their cars use far less fuel per 100km travelled.

"On average, a new car sold in Australia uses 6.9 litres of fuel for each 100km compared with new cars in Europe (3.5 litres) and the US (4.2 litres).

"CAM would have liked to have seen 'Option C' implemented which would have delivered much stronger standards, ones which would have reduced greenhouse gas emissions significantly. The original 'Option B' which the government proposed wasn't too bad but this was watered down to keep the car companies happy.

"Nevertheless, it is not a bad result. Emissions will be reduced which is what this is all about.

We face catastrophic climate change and it is critical we decarbonise all sections of the economy as soon as possible, not least transport.

"This legislation will hopefully see a shift towards electric vehicles (EVs) but we also need to have incentives that promote clean public transport such as electric buses and trams."

Mr Martin says climate change is not just happening but every indicator is accelerating including air temperature, sea surface temperature, sea-level rise as well as loss of polar and glacial ice.

"This was confirmed by the recent World Meteorological Organization (WMO) report that confirmed that 2023 was the warmest year on record, with the global average near-surface temperature at 1.5 Celsius above the pre-industrial baseline. It was the warmest ten-year period on record," says Mr Martin.

"We are worryingly close to the Paris Agreement benchmark of 1.5°C warming that scientists say we must not breach if we are to avoid tipping points and possible runaway global warming.

"Much more needs to be done to reduce emissions than introducing New Vehicle Efficiency Standards, but they are a welcome milestone in transition to Net Zero."



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CHARGES AND COSTS?

Residents contribute to the overall costs of maintaining and operating the community facilities. (Please ask for a copy of the budget and levy schedule). In addition, normal household costs including rates and home maintenance will be the responsibility of each individual owner.

HOW IS SUMMERFIELD MANAGED?

All common property is managed through the community association under a community management statement which sets out the rules and responsibilities.

The community subdivision is administered by a licensed community/strata management company. Resident representatives and executive committees have been established to interface and liaise with the community and the manager to ensure the efficient and smooth running of Summerfield.

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BUNGENDORE HIGH SCHOOL**UPDATE**

Member for Monaro and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education Steve Whan issued the following statement last Thursday: *I have been briefed by School Infrastructure NSW which has advised it is currently amending the existing State Significant Development Application (SSDA) for the new Bungendore High School following last year's Land and Environment Court ruling.*

While work toward a new permanent high school is welcome, it means the community will be waiting for longer than we had hoped due to necessary planning processes.

The amended SSDA, which will keep the permanent Bungendore High School in the same location and footprint at the Majara / Gibraltar Streets Precinct, is being finalised and will be lodged with the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPCI) in May 2024. There are several additional technical reports that need to be undertaken, including further community consultation to update the Social Impact Assessment.

Over the coming weeks, there will be opportunities for stakeholders and the community to participate in the updated Social Impact Assessment process. I encourage you all to get involved and have your say.

I have also asked School Infrastructure NSW to ensure the site is maintained to a much higher standard while the planning process is finalised. As I have said several times, the former government's secrecy around its planning for the new school failed to meet the community's expectations.

I have also expressed my frustration with overly 'optimistic' advice from School Infrastructure NSW, firstly on the likely outcome of legal proceedings and then on the time it might take to for the next steps.

The project is now a long way behind where it should be.

As there will be another delay I have also asked the Department of Education to discuss with QPRC reopening access to the footpath and Council has been advised that the swimming pool will be able to be opened again for the 2024-25 summer season.

The NSW Labor Government remains committed to delivering a new permanent high school for the Bungendore community as soon as possible."

Contract awarded for design of new Bungendore aquatic facility

At the meeting on 13 March, Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council awarded the contract for the detailed civil, structural and engineering design of the new aquatic centre at the Bungendore Sports Hub to Mode Design at a cost of \$592,075.

The new aquatic facility will include an 8-lane, 25-metre indoor heated pool and splash pad. The design will include Quantity Surveyor estimates, with options to allow the project to be delivered in stages, as funding for the fully enclosed facility is yet to be secured.

'This is a really important project for Bungendore and having the new pool and splash pad at the Bungendore Sports Hub will be an excellent addition to an already impressive multi-sport facility,' said Mayor Kenrick Winchester.

'The facility will be designed to meet 5 Star Green Building rating and will include offices, first aid room, kiosk, staff room, and changing facilities,' he said. Council approved the Bungendore Swimming Pool project at the 8 November 2023 meeting and endorsed the preparation of a complete design, specifications, and plans. This approach reduces the financial risk associated with the construction phase and will allow Council to lodge more accurate grant applications for enclosing the pool.

Council is exploring with the Department of Education how we can maintain the operation of the existing pool for another summer season.

This first component of the project is funded through the 2023-24 Operational Plan budget allocation of \$5 million. Council hopes to be able to advance the project to the construction contract phase by November this year.

Information about the facility and the Bungendore Sports Hub can be found on Council's Major Works and Projects page at <https://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Major-Works-Projects/Bungendore-Sports-Hub>

Emergency responders now eligible for free EV crash course

More than 65,000 emergency responders in NSW can now access electric vehicle incident response training, with a new collaboration between TAFE NSW and Fire and Rescue NSW putting the increasingly popular vehicles in the spotlight.

The number of battery electric vehicles (EVs) sold in 2023 was 87,217, an increase of 161 per cent on 2022 figures.

The training, jointly developed by TAFE NSW and Fire and Rescue NSW, will be offered for free to employees and volunteers of Fire and Rescue NSW, NSW Police, NSW Ambulance, NSW Rural Fire Service and NSW State Emergency Service, VRA Rescue NSW, and incident response teams on major road networks and tunnels.

All Fire and Rescue NSW firefighters, including on-call firefighters, must complete the training, and will have an opportunity to do so over coming months.

Participants will learn how to identify and mitigate hazards and risks at an EV incident, safe working practices during EV incidents, firefighting and rescue techniques involving EVs, and the safe transportation and storage of damaged EVs.

The training program consists of a series of short online modules that can also be facilitated in face-to-face environments.

The Minns Labor Government is committed to rebuilding TAFE and training in NSW, and the Emergency Responder Electric Vehicle Incident and Emergency Response course is one of eight microskills courses that will be progressively released by TAFE NSW in response to the growing renewable energy sector.



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New Canberra Region Permaculture Design Course

Sustainability enthusiasts frustrated by the need for local permaculture design training will find that 2024 will be a big year. A 12-day permaculture design course is being held in May and June, presented by local and bioregional experts.

Guided by recognised permaculture elder John Champagne (Brogo Permaculture Gardens), the collective called Permaculture Education ACT & Surrounds (PEAS) is an educators' guild which includes Lizzy Smith (WorkSmith Permaculture.), Samantha Hawker (@GardenKitchenWitch'n), and Dr Cally Brennan (Canberra Permaculture Design). Local guest educators include Gürkan Yeniçeri on backyard bees and aquaponics, Jenny and Chris Curtis of Roogulli Farm on holistic management and income from acres, as well as David and Judith Watson of Millpost Farm on decades of sustaining a permaculture-designed farm and growing trees in this region; along with other contributors.

The course will be held in Canberra and Queanbeyan venues and include visits to regenerative and permaculture-inspired enterprises including Queanbeyan Hive (Creative Collective); Millpost Farm (Bungendore); Roogulli Farm (Bywong); Ainslie Urban Farm with Fiona Buining, a Churchill Fellow who manages an urban farming enterprise, and visits to Lyneham Commons; Canberra City Farm; as well as suburban gardens and more.

The course will showcase the domains of permaculture at all scales in the region, from very small to very large. The participants will experience a balance of theory and practical demonstration, across gardens, enterprises, and community initiatives. The course provides participants with skills to apply a design process and practical application of permaculture ethics and principles.

After completion, attendees can implement ecologically based design in their own lives, homes, and communities.

On completion of the course, the skills and recognition endorse participants to develop enterprises offering permaculture design services for others.

The course will run over four 3-day weekends, the pace allows for deep reflection and accommodates weekly workers who can take a minimum of days off to enjoy the course.

The days and dates are:

- Friday to Sunday, 10- 12 May
- Friday to Sunday, 31 May- 2 June
- Friday to Sunday, 14- 16 June
- Friday to Sunday, 28- 30 June

Information and bookings for the Permaculture Design Course via Humanitix

<https://events.humanitix.com/permaculture-design-course-canberra-region-express-your-interest> or <http://tiny.cc/51pjx2>

Government welcomes parliamentary inquiry into local government sustainability

The long overdue parliamentary inquiry into local government sustainability is good news for the sector, its workers and the communities who rely on this critical level of government.

The Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport has accepted the Government's referral, which comes more than two decades after the last such Parliamentary Inquiry into the sector's financial capacity.

It will provide an opportunity for all perspectives on issues including worker security, financial sustainability and cost shifting to be heard.

The Albanese Government encourages all interested groups to have their say on these issues by providing a written submission by 3 May 2024.

The Committee will also be travelling around Australia to understand the unique issues faced by urban, regional and remote local governments.

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Minister, Catherine King said "I thank the Committee for accepting my referral and starting the important task of working with stakeholders to understand the pressing issues facing local government. Local councils deliver the essential services our communities rely on. That's why the Australian Government is committed to partnering with local government through programs like Financial Assistance Grants, Roads to Recovery, the Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program and the Black Spot Program."

Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories, Kristy McBain said: "From day one we've brought local government back to the table as a trusted delivery partner of the services our communities rely on, which is why it's important that future funding arrangements and program delivery meet the unique needs of the sector.

"I welcome this inquiry, which will build on the extensive feedback we've received from the local government sector over the last 18 months, and help inform how we can strengthen their capacity to deliver better outcomes in our communities."

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Gadfly

The time has come for Chief Minister Andrew Barr to do the decent thing and fall on his political sword. It pains me to say so, but all the alternatives are more damaging to the National Capital's body politic.

The reason for his political martyrdom is, of course, the tram. Barr surrendered to the passionate enthusiasm of former Attorney-General and Deputy Chief Minister Simon Corbell and tied his political future to the 19th century technology. It might have been an exciting new development when the Canberra designer, Walter Burley Griffin included it in his plan. But that was 1911 and Griffin's Canberra was for a city of a mere 10,000 residents.

Corbell's enthusiasm was no doubt actuated by the threat of climate change and his advocacy was unquestionably heartfelt. Even when he retired from politics in 2015 he continued his quest for climate adaptation and defence. He remains a prominent member of the Clean Energy Investor Group whose mission 'represents institutional investors in utility-scale energy projects.'

According to their official description, 'The group represents institutional investors who have collectively funded Australian renewable energy projects with over \$10 billion. Collectively, the Group currently expects to deliver over 5 GW of Australian renewable energy projects in the near future. Our members include superannuation/pension funds, infrastructure fund managers, project developers and independent Power Producers.'

All of which are totally desirable aims and ambitions.

However, since 1911 public transport technology has made great strides in efficiency beyond the expensive tracks. Indeed, according to Peter Moore the former executive director of the International Association of Public Transport (Australia/NZ) in a letter to the local press, 'I was involved in an advocacy campaign to convince the ACT Government to build a "guided busway", network for Canberra. During the campaign a former (unnamed) ACT Urban Services Minister visited Europe with our assistance to see guided busways in action.

'The network would have looked and operated just like a "tram" and could have been largely built by modifying the existing road network. That Minister returned to Canberra convinced guided busways were the way to proceed; no doubt influenced by the cost to build such a network being "considerably cheaper" than light rail and most importantly, the ACTION bus system could have evolved into an integrated "guided busway" network.

'The legacy of the "tram decision" is a forever financial burden for almost all Canberrans [who] cannot access the tram, and a bus system in decline...the tram going south has the potential to bankrupt the territory.'

Mr Barr will go to great lengths to avoid such a bankruptcy, including the 'urban sprawl' that will turn the Capital into just another haphazard debacle like Junee or Wagga. Indeed, the process is underway with a health system in crisis, education starved of much needed funding, road repair on the cheap and horticulture suffering yet another season of neglect.

The Greens might well wish to continue to pursue the tram; but if so, the Labor Party should respond to the electorate free of the leadership that Barr represents. And if the Liberals under Elizabeth Lee wish to put an end to the whole disastrous travesty, so be it.

It is, after all, the year of democracy.

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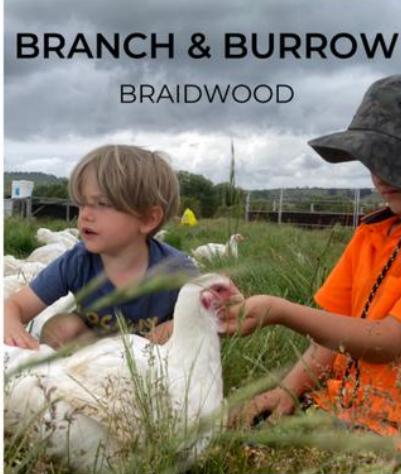


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First Frost

The first frost has arrived, Mother Nature is the most reliable indicator. It is quite early compared with recent years and only in some areas so far. Notably Braidwood town, and outlying areas like Captains Flat and Mongarlowe. Not everyone got the frost, but we all experienced the significant drop in temp that night.

It only reached 3C in my garden after being forecast for 11C, a significant variance, thank you weatherbots. Some reported car window scraping frost, as the heavy dew settled and froze before sunrise.

Pumpkins

The cold snap has been good for pumpkins, if you still had them on the vine. Powdery mildew destroyed all but one of my vines before the cold snap, with the leaves out of the way it's much easier to harvest. A light frost is fabled to harden the skin, and increase sugars, preparing the harvest for storing.

When harvesting for storage leave lots of stalk. I usually don't pick until the stalk starts to brown, it's starting to brown but the vine is done. Cutting the vine at either side of the fruit stalk is a good way to ensure the stalk dries well. Leaving them in the sun for a day or two after harvest will help to harden up the skin.

Tomatoes

There are so many tomatoes ripe for the picking, it's hard to keep up. I'm cutting out the bush as I go, making it easier to find the fruit. This will be the last harvest of the season for passata tomatoes. The eating tomatoes will stay a little longer, as they are still putting on flowers and fruit. Let's see how long they last. I generally cut off plants at the base and leave the roots in the ground, but for tomatoes I remove the root ball and let the chickens process it.

Support structures show that my efforts were inadequate for this year's plants. Most of the tomato bushes grew up to the top of the frames and then back down. So many tomatoes ripened on the ground. I will need to make better frames next year. Volunteer tomatoes from previous crops are easily pulled out, but I fear with the heavy seed load, next year the number of tomato seedlings self starting will be a bit too much to manage. I need to remove the seeds from the bed to prevent the extra work next summer.

Fortunately, there is a decent cover of sugar cane mulch under my tomatoes. The seeds and spoilt tomatoes are sitting on top of this mulch blanket. I will remove the top layer of mulch and dump it in the chicken yard. The chickens will eat the seeds and pulp, kick the mulch around, add poop to it and ultimately compost it for later use. If any seedlings do make it through, they will be dispatched as they appear in the chicken run.

Remulching

The remaining layer of mulch will be thinning after the summer and is ready for a top up. All beds that have been harvested will appreciate a top up while the beds are unplanted. Reapply a thick layer of sugar cane mulch to the beds 50-75mm as discussed in ed 178.

This new blanket will help to maintain your soil temp as the season cools and keep the frost from extracting your soil moisture. The deep mulch will nurture baby seedlings planted in the hollows. The heavy morning dew will collect and trickle down the to the base of the seedlings assisting them to do their best.

Flying friends

The cabbage moths are visible in the garden and are doing a great job pollinating a variety of plants. Surprisingly last year's cabbage, broccoli and kale appear to be mostly free of the larvae. The moths seem to prefer the new brassica seedlings after they stressed in the heat. If you find a brassica for sale at this time of year and there is no evidence of cabbage moth munching, you can be sure the seedling was grown in a greenhouse, or worse yet sprayed.

There are two reasons why the moths haven't destroyed my brassicas. 1. The plants are established and very healthy, therefore not desirable to the moth. And/or 2. The birds and praying mantis have worked out where the yummy larvae will be and are feasting accordingly. Either way, Ecosystem Growing for the win.

There have been many butterflies visit the garden this year, most notably the Orchard Swallow Tail. There have been a few sightings in the Braidwood area this year and suggests there are plenty of citrus plants around. The Swallowtail larvae prefers to eat citrus leaves, and the adult is loving feeding on the nasturtiums. So much that it will even displace bees from the best flowers. Greedy butterfly, there are plenty of flowers to share.

As our homestead oasis emerges from the middle of the woodland ecosystem we inhabit, the visitors that stop by are increasing. The extra visitors bring more mouths to feed, and butts to poop, and they teach their young about our place. The benefits to the soil health, the reduction in pest populations and our sheer enjoyment are immeasurable.

Competition Time

While the last of the tomatoes are being harvested, Bombay Seed Traders want you to show off your crop. Send a photo with a note, boasting about your most successful tomato variety this year. We want to know where and how you did it. See ad below to win a Soil Thermometer.

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The Merry-go-round that keeps on going around

By Kirsty Altenburg

When I asked at the Braidwood Men's Shed if they would restore our family's old merry go round it was no surprise as they take on all kinds of challenges. Talking with Noel Shepherd I discovered that the Mens Shed in Braidwood is full of surprises. Last Friday it was very busy with everyone getting ready to deliver the Easter bunnies to Ryrie Park. All the bunnies and Easter eggs are cut out and painted by the men in the shed and then they put up in the park and around the town.

They also create and install the Christmas decorations in the park and the churches. Last week one of the camels was getting a new coat of paint, and the three Marys, one for each church in town, have been freshly repainted. Wise men with their camels and donkey are waiting patiently in the storeroom for new adventures!

There is plenty more happening in the sheds with laser cutting in wood, metal or glass – very popular are the wooden coasters with special messages for weddings or business logos. The laser cutting machine was purchased with a donation from a generous benefactor who was so impressed with the work of the Mens Shed in making a hundred wooden babies' coffins for a Canberra hospital. In the metal section rose arbours are fabricated, and all sorts of tools sharpened – scissors, garden shears, knife blades, and more. There is always a lot happening in the big shed where the wood working is going on. Tables, benches, garden seats and chairs are being made or repaired. When the family merry go round arrived on the back of the truck everyone was surprised how well it had been made but also how much work was needed to bring it back to its original condition.

The merry go round was made in Germany in 1929 and caught the eye of our grandfather, W A Mackay who shipped it back to Sydney for his youngest daughter to enjoy. The family story is that it was designed for the World Trade Fair to be held in Dresden in 1930. The merry go round was much loved by our aunt and later was moved for the next generation, Don and Belinda Mackay's children to play on. Their daughter Margot Gatenby remembers it in their garden in Sydney before they moved to Melbourne and so the merry go round came to Jock and Janette Mackay at Mona where we four daughters played on it. It was great fun at birthday parties when we could always find a willing grown up to keep spinning us around! Our three children played on it at Mona and later moved again to Reidsdale for my grandchildren to spin gently around on its aging timbers. Now having been so carefully restored by the Men's Shed it's moving around again to Rose Cottage for Morna and Ona's grandchildren, the fourth generations to enjoy and one day maybe my great grandchildren will be the fifth generation to keep it going around.

There's lots going on at the Men's Shed in Braidwood, so if you want some coasters for a special event, your shears sharpened, a glass engraved with a loved one's name on it, or a sign with your name on it for your front gate, drop into the Men's Shed and have a chat.



Les Hart & Noel Shepherd, who together with many others, restored the merry go round.



Photos by Noel Shepherd taken to carefully document work in progress



The restored merry-go-round

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QUEANBEYAN
APR 6 - MAY 25
A STITCH IN TIME QUILT EXHIBITION
10AM - 4PM

A selection of Quilts and Textile Art from the QPRC & Braidwood Quilters Art Collections will be on show in the Q-Link Gallery for the 2024 Queanbeyan-Palerang Heritage Festival and Queanbeyan Quilters weekend. This exhibition features quilts from the 'Quilts 2000' project which brought together more than 600 quilts across Australia to raise more than \$500,000 at auction for the Sydney 2000 Paralympics. It also highlights quilted panels created to commemorate the opening of the Bicentennial Hall, and quilts created for the Centenary of Federation.



Rusten House Art Centre
87 Collett St,
Queanbeyan NSW 2620

FREE IN PERSON

FRI 12 APR
BRAIDWOOD
OPEN DAY BRAIDWOOD MUSEUM
9AM - 2PM

View tours of the Museum library archives and restoration rooms. Locals are called to bring family photos or small artifacts to show and tell. Photographs of family can be scanned for our family records archives. Copies of family trees and stories are welcomed and these can be donated to our family history files. View our hardcopies of Braidwood Dispatch and Braidwood Review (1907 - 1950s), find out about our build of the Braidwood Heritage centre and view or purchase from our extensive Local History Book Collection.



Braidwood Library
Park Lane,
Braidwood NSW 2622

FRI 12 APR
BRAIDWOOD
WRITING YOUR MEMOIRS WORKSHOP
3PM - 5PM

Come join us at the Braidwood Museum for a special event where you can learn how to capture your life stories on paper! Whether you're a seasoned writer or just starting out, this workshop will provide you with tips and tricks for bringing your memories to life. Discover the joy of reflecting on your past and sharing your unique experiences with others. Don't miss this opportunity to start preserving your legacy through the power of storytelling!

Presenter: Keith Whelan



Braidwood Museum
186 Wallace St,
Braidwood NSW 2622

\$5
EVENTBRITE TO REGISTER

SAT 13 APR
QUEANBEYAN
WRITING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOP
10AM - 12PM

Join us for a fun and informative event where you can learn how to document your family's unique story. Discover tips and tricks for researching your genealogy, organising your findings, and creating a compelling narrative. Whether you're a seasoned genealogist or just starting out, this event is perfect for anyone interested in preserving their family's history for future generations. Don't miss out on this opportunity to delve into your past and share your family's legacy!

Presenter: Keith Whelan



Queanbeyan Library
257 Crawford St,
Queanbeyan NSW 2620

\$5
EVENTBRITE TO REGISTER

SAT 13 APR
BRAIDWOOD
WALLACE STREET TOURS WALKS
10AM & 12PM

These will be walks down the main street with commentary on buildings and business history. The first walk is at 10am and the second walk is at 12pm.

Hosted by John Stahel.



Braidwood Courthouse
170 Wallace St,
Braidwood NSW 2622

SAT 13 APR
BRAIDWOOD
ARALUEN HISTORY TRAIL LAUNCH
10AM - 3PM

Celebrate the launch of the Araluen History Trail in Araluen. Bushranger country, with a rich gold-mining history and previously home to 10,000 inhabitants. The Araluen Federal Hall will host an exhibition, talks, lunch, and a free self-guided tour around Araluen that provides informative signage and imagery. Including local speakers who will share their knowledge of our local history.

BOOKING: Laurann Yen
E: laurann.yen@gmail.com
P: 0417 433 846



Araluen Federal Hall
5989 Araluen Road (26 kms from Braidwood on Araluen Road)

SUN 14 APR
BUNGENDORE
MILLPOST: BACK THROUGH TIME OPEN DAY
9.30AM - 2.30PM

Explore the historic property, Millpost, near Bungendore. This Millpost tour is a rare opportunity to see multiple historic features on a working farm. You will see a relatively intact 19th century limekiln, an ancient Stone Axe Quarry and an historic homestead surrounded by permaculture gardens. David Watson's book 'Millpost: Back Through Time' will be launched by local historian Brendan O'Keeffe.

Morning tea and lunch included.



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APR 18 - AUG 18
QUEANBEYAN
BOILING POINT EXHIBITION
10AM - 4PM

This exhibition launches the QPRC Community Collections Exhibition Series at our new Heritage Library. This unique collection of electric jugs dates from the 1930s through to the '70s and is a homage to 20th Century domestic design for the kitchen goddess.



Queanbeyan Heritage Library
253 Crawford St,

SAT 20 APR
QUEANBEYAN
THE BLOCK HERITAGE WALK
10AM - 11.30PM

At the edge of Queanbeyan's CBD sits grand homes each with their own stories of the town's past. The Block is bounded by Lowe, Isabella, Crawford and Rutledge Streets.

The walking tour looks at the contributions made by the families of the Block to Queanbeyan's European history.

BOOKING: Phillip Hawke
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P: 0467 985 770



EDDE IN DEEDEON

Halloran Dr at Jerrabomberra Hill Rd
Meet at Jerrabomberra Hill Road Carpark

BOOKING: Michelle Dover

SUN 21 APR
JERRABOMBERRA
WALK MT JERRA & MORE
10AM

Hosted by Landcare, join Tom Baker, Bill Willis and local experts to talk about the history and management of Mount Jerrabomberra, its importance ecologically and how it connects with other areas of natural bushland to create corridors and stepping stones for wildlife. The group will walk a short distance to the knoll, then take the track on the right to explore the area south of the mountain. The pace will be slow and the distance kept under two kilometres but sturdy shoes are recommended.



SAT 04 MAY
QUEANBEYAN
OPEN DAY QUEANBEYAN MUSEUM
10AM - 3PM

We would love you to visit us at our Open Day! Housed in the beautiful 1876 Old Police Sergeant's Residence, inside you will find 13 display areas showcasing our extensive blacksmith's shop, a 20m artistic mural of Queanbeyan's history and our extensive camera collection. You will also experience how grandma cooked and did the laundry plus exhibitions featuring bushrangers, businesses and hotels.



Queanbeyan Museum
10 Farrer Pl,
Queanbeyan NSW 2620

SAT 04 MAY
QUEANBEYAN
QPRC HERITAGE AWARDS
12PM

Be inspired to innovate and renovate as the winners of the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council Heritage Awards are announced and presented with their prizes. Explore the Exhibitions at the Queanbeyan Museum.



Queanbeyan Museum
10 Farrer Pl,
Queanbeyan NSW 2620

SAT 11 MAY
QUEANBEYAN
MARGARET CARMODY AUTHOR TALK
2PM

Margaret Carmody (Ed) Under the Pines: A history of St Gregory's Catholic Parish Queanbeyan NSW. St Gregory's Catholic Parish: Queanbeyan NSW, 2023.

When Catholics came to Queanbeyan, they discovered the power of their faith and they teamed together to create a community under pine trees, despite the challenges of environment, climate, distance, and poverty.



Under the Pines
Queanbeyan NSW 2620

SAT 11 MAY
QUEANBEYAN
OPEN DAY QPRC HERITAGE LIBRARY
10AM - 4PM

Come and see the new home for the Queanbeyan-Palerang Local History collection. This valuable archive holds many treasures from as early as the 1880s.

We will have two guided tours, children's reading and a talk on 'Under the Pines' history of the St Gregory's Parish. Bookings required.



Queanbeyan Heritage Library
253 Crawford St,
Queanbeyan NSW 2620

SAT 11 MAY
QUEANBEYAN
HERITAGE LIBRARY TOUR 1
11AM - 11.30PM

The Local History collection has a new home! Come and take a guided tour of the Heritage Library and a rare look into the archive treasures.



Queanbeyan Palerang
Heritage Library
253 Crawford St,
Queanbeyan NSW 2620

SAT 11 MAY
QUEANBEYAN
HERITAGE LIBRARY TOUR 2
2.45PM - 3.15PM

The Local History collection has a new home! Come and take a guided tour of the Heritage Library and a rare look into the archive treasures.



Queanbeyan Palerang
Heritage Library
253 Crawford St,
Queanbeyan NSW 2620

MON 20 MAY
BRAIDWOOD
INTO THE MOONLIGHT: BATTLE OF CRETE. POETRY & ART
10AM - 12PM

Into the Moonlit Village is a collaborative book of poetry and art about the Battle of Crete by Poli Tataraki (Sansey) and Michael Winters. You will hear selected readings by the poet as you view projections of the corresponding linocuts which form part of the Australian War Memorial's permanent collection. Both poet and artist will also share their artistic journeys.



INTO THE MOONLIGHT:
The Battle of Crete
Queanbeyan NSW 2620



Gallipoli Art Prize Finalist



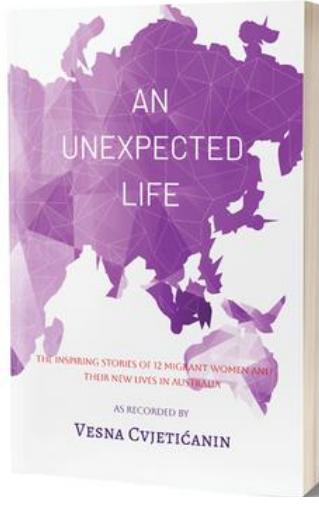
Kate Stevens painting 'Witness' is a finalist in the Gallipoli Art Prize and will be exhibited at 6-8 Aberdeen St The Rocks Sydney from April 17-May 12. The subject, Dusty Miller, is an ex-combat medic with the SAS who spoke up at great personal cost about witnessing war crimes committed by Australian Special Forces soldiers in Afghanistan. Kate says "This work continues my exploration of Australian narratives/mythologies around war, and those who are elevated to hero status in Australian cultural life over others more deserving."

Book Launch - An Unexpected Life

5 April at 4pm at Gallery 103 Braidwood

A book of remarkable, daring, true life stories by Vesna Cvjeticanin. The book presents a daisy-chain of the interlinked lives of migrant women, exposing a richness and depth of experience and achievement that often sits in the background, or out of sight. Vesna came to Canberra as an adult with little English, after already having a set life and career path in various homelands. "Each of these stories depicts an unexpected life. We all had to start anew after landing in Australia, which required a great deal of enthusiasm, energy, strength and self-belief. And we are all grateful for the opportunity."

"This book presents a daisy-chain of the interlinked lives of migrant women, exposing a richness and depth of experience and achievement that often sits in the background, or out of sight. Vesna Cvjeticanin has carefully entwined their stories with her own, resulting in a collective memoir embracing all dimensions of these women's lives, both professional and personal. They each reflect on how they have created careers and lives of worth and contribution, negotiating their needs for security, belonging, independence and self-realisation along the way. This work also reveals the web of mutual support that has sustained and supported them - and so sustained all of us in their community." Jacqui Malins Poet & Artist



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10am -2pm**

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Staging a comeback: Live music venue numbers soar

NSW is in the midst of a live music revival as the number of venues hosting live performances soared by 84 per cent since the State Government made it easier for venues to host live music. Since March 2023, 112 pubs, clubs and other live venues have joined the list of establishments that qualify for two hours extended trading in return for staging live music and backing local musicians.

The **NSW Government's Vibrancy Reforms** have doubled the incentives for extended trading hours to host live music and will prevent single noise complainants from shutting down venues. In music to the ears of live music fans and those who remember the heyday of bands coming up through the music scene in NSW, there are now 245 licensed venues claiming live music incentives from Liquor & Gaming NSW across the state, including those in the Enmore Special Entertainment Precinct.

Under the former government, NSW lost more than half its music venues, with just 133 registered across the state in March 2023. The first round of the Vibrancy Reforms, which passed Parliament in November, provide direct support to venue operators to launch and grow local music, with a cost relief focus that includes an 80 per cent reduction in the annual liquor licence fee.

Streamlined approval processes for licences and a commonsense approach to noise complaints is providing businesses in the sector with the certainty and confidence they need to invest again in hosting performance, trading later and hiring more staff.

Under the former government, there were seven agencies that dealt with entertainment noise complaints, allowing a single neighbour to close a venue. The reforms are streamlining this process by making Liquor & Gaming NSW the lead agency in managing noise complaints about licensed venues.

Easter Open Studio



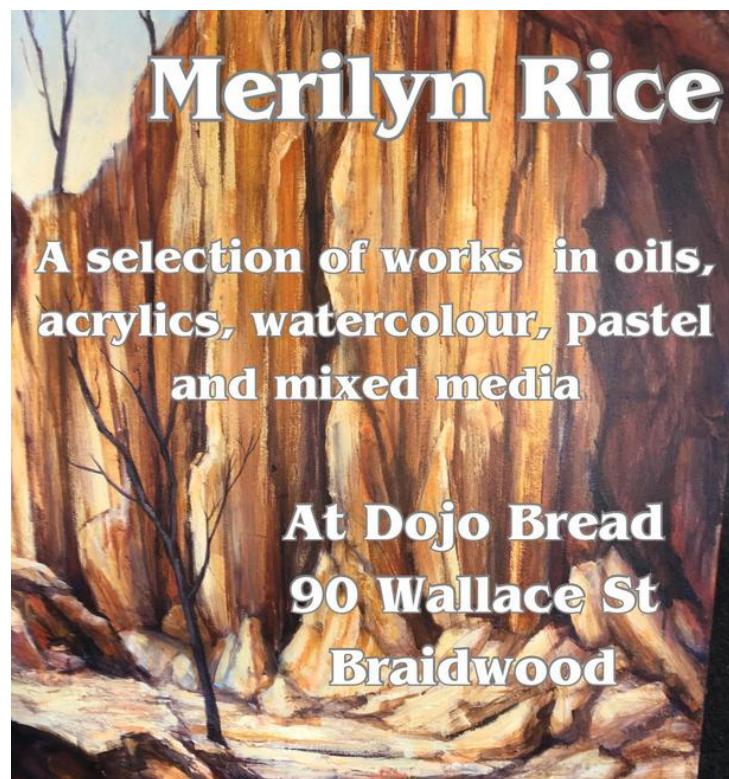
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The take up of extended hours for live music has been evenly spread statewide, with 40 venues across regional NSW from Newcastle to Bathurst and right down to Queanbeyan and Narooma.

Under the reforms, venues approved as a live music venue with Liquor & Gaming NSW can trade for an extra two hours on nights when they provide live entertainment for at least 45 minutes after 8pm.



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Arts in Brief

A Little Bit of Blue - Puppetry

Friday 19 April 2024 - Braidwood National Theatre

A Little Bit of Blue is an interactive detective story, told with puppetry. As well as unravelling a mystery, it involves learning about the extraordinary habits of the Australian Satin Bowerbird, and their fascination for the colour blue.

Jenny Ellis, a puppeteer of more than twenty years, weaves the whole mystery together, sometimes playing three characters at once. The children's role is to help solve the case...

Join Little Wing Puppets and book into the Puppetry of Paper Workshop after the show to learn about making your own simple puppets from paper and bringing them to life!

This project is part of the Backroads Initiative and is proudly supported by Arts on Tour and the NSW Government through Create NSW.

10:30am Show 11:30am Workshop

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Tickets \$11 or \$38.50 for four people (plus booking fee).

Recommended for ages 3 + More info:

www.littlewingpuppets.com

Congratulations to Surya Bajracharya is a finalist in the Darling art prize

The Darling Portrait Prize is a biennial national prize for Australian portrait painting honouring the legacy of Mr L Gordon Darling AC CMG (1921-2015). The winner of the cash prize of \$75,000 will be announced on 21 June 2024. All finalist artworks will be exhibited at the National Portrait Gallery from 22 June to 22 September 2024.

A Journey with Grief

...exploring loss through photography and poetry

Photography and poetry by Liz Jakimow, from a three-month period following the death of a loved one. This exhibition takes visitors on a journey with grief, helping them to explore their own emotions regarding grief and find solace in shared experiences.

25 and 26 May, 10am-4pm.

Book launch and poetry recital: 1:30pm, Saturday 25 May.

Art Fashion Parade and Exhibition

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Escape From Plastika Workshop

MONDAY 15 APRIL 2024 FROM 10:30-12:30

Braidwood Services Club & Braidwood Rec Park Playground

Tickets

events.humanitix.com/escape-from-plastika-in-braidwood

Escape From Plastika is coming to Braidwood on April 6 and April 15! Come along to the show on the 15th, or to workshops aimed at different ages! Or to both! These shows and workshops are FREE to attend, bookings required.

Saturday 6 Apr Contemporary and choreographic workshop aimed at ages 10+ lead by Alison Plevey and Sara Black

Where: Braidwood Services Club **When:** 12-2pm

Monday 15 Apr Show: 10:30am at Braidwood Rec Park Playground

Workshop: 11:45am-12:30pm at Braidwood Services Club. This workshop is a creative dance workshop aimed at infant / primary aged kids + families and is run by Alison Plevey and Olivia Wikner Inspiring sustainable behaviour and creative participation from kids and families, Escape From Plastika is a 40 minute, place based, dance and theatre work that takes audiences on an imaginative and active mission for the future - exploring the problem of plastic! With the help of their mission recruits (that's you), Alpha, Delta and Pi time travel to the year 2109 to planet Plastika – formerly known as Earth, and otherwise known as the playground or parkland in your neighbourhood or community. With the important task to lessen a most unwelcome makeover to beloved planet Earth, audiences discover their own power to change the future.

At GALLERY BODALLA until Sun 21 April.

Annie Franklin | Deb Johansen | Anneke Pajjmans | Tanja Riese

"N U N N O C K sponge country conversations."

Nunnock (Nanook) is a montane swamp perched on the edge of the escarpment in the South East Forest National Park. It is a shallow depression of around 100 hectares of sub alpine bog - full of peat and sphagnum moss . Sponge country. It is an incredibly valuable environment, it is a critically endangered ecological community, and it is beautiful. Four artists from the south coast have developed a deep respect for this important location. This relationship has grown and flourished over the last 6 years through regular art camps, day trips and guided walks. Annie Franklin, Deb Johansen, Anneke Pajjmans and Tanja Riese have approached the Nunnock theme from their own individual perspective, creating works that come together in Gallery Bodalla to form a conversation about this unique place.

GALLERY BODALLA is open Thursday to Sunday 11am – 4pm

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By Pauline Coady

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Anglican Parish

The New Creation
The Resurrection of Jesus, celebrated on Easter Sunday, 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 GOOD FRIDAY 29th March 10am for a meditative service at St Andrews Anglican Church. We will leave the church in silence following the service. Then on EASTER SUNDAY 31st March, 10am at St Andrews Anglican Church, Elrington St, Braidwood join us for a celebratory Holy Communion service, followed by a welcoming cuppa and easter eggs. Check out our Facebook page: Anglican Parish of Braidwood for updates. Parish contacts: 0497 486 233 email: admin@braidwoodanglican.org.au

Braidwood Uniting Church

A lecture or a wrestle

"Do you mind if I question or disagree with you?" This question came to me this week from someone who had endured one of my recent sermons. I'm sure they couldn't have anticipated how their question would bring relief and delight to me. I'm used to preaching in Kings Cross where people would challenge me every week, mid-sermon. Some of our interjections came from mental illness but we had a culture that would value such contributions. Some of our interjections were a gift from heaven. I think God is more likely to speak through a homeless person, struggling to survive just one more day than through me or any other supposed "reverend" person. Many questions and interjections were sufficient to show that I had been busy trying to answer questions that no-one is asking. What a relief and mercy it is to hear people and to respond to the questions that are on their hearts.

Maybe over time I can encourage the folk at Uniting to interject, asking questions that speak to real world issues. To now, they've all been a bit too well behaved. In our Order of Service, we don't use the word, "sermon". I think we use the phrase, "engaging the word". I'd be delighted if we called it, "discussion starter". Yes, I have a lifetime of scholarship and lived experience. Yes, I'm competent with the original languages of the bible but it's all dead if we're not talking together, wrestling with the issues that might help us live better in the context of 2024. I know what it is to muck life up in a monumental way. I know the struggle of choosing to live when you're at the bottom of the pit and all is lost. Also, the older I get, the less I know. I need the wisdom of those around. If you're in the mood, show up some time and test the process. Bring your questions and you'll probably be surprised how your questions turn out to be more helpful than whatever our plan was for the day.

Join us Good Friday @ 10 am if you can. The roof won't fall in. It will be a short perhaps 30-to-40-minute service as we ponder the mystery of Good Friday. On Sunday, Easter Day, if you've ever been knocked down, discouraged to the point of giving up, if you've ever pondered if life is worth the effort but then somehow, found yourself standing up, dusting yourself off and heading for life again, in an action that says, 'yet will I live again – yet will I love again', then come Sunday too. You'll get it and you'll love it.

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St Bede's Parish

Reflection We Are Witnesses

(Mark 16: 1 - 7) GPBS 26/3/2024

Mary runs to the tomb, heart racing at the sight of a stone rolled away. She imagines Jesus has been taken by enemies, and the thought propels her through the darkness. Next it's Peter and another disciple who are running, on fire with the idea that the tomb has been defiled. All of the characters in this story anticipate the worst, their hearts set on bad news. But what they find, when they lift their eyes, is the best news ever.

John presents one of the main characters in this event in a peculiar way: "the other disciple." Why would this person remain nameless and indistinct, if he were one of only three people privileged to stand at the tomb on Easter morning? Scholars suggest John invites us to put ourselves in the silhouette of "the other disciple," for we too stand at the tomb and declare what we see from here. Is the empty tomb bad news, the work of an enemy, a sad end to a tragic story? Or do we "see and believe," finding the good news that even in the cemetery, death loses? What we see in the dark, we must speak with our whole lives. Happy Easter.

What brings life out of death in your experience?

Pray

O God, may the empty tomb remind us of the unexpected ways that justice, compassion, and healing can be brought to the most difficult and troubling circumstances. With the Spirit of Christ we hold these things open. Amen.

Ponder

Don't be afraid. Feel free to be astonished. Jesus is risen, angels are singing, and death just lost its sting. There's nothing to lose now. We can be as brave as we dare, risk all that we have. No matter what they tell you, the tomb is empty. The reign of death is over. We can go now. Become an Easter witness. Carry light into the darkness of someone you know, with a word of hope, a warm meal, an answer to prayer. When Christ (your real life, remember) shows up again on this earth, you'll show up, too – the real you, the glorious you.

Kids' Corner

You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. (Mark 16: 6) Early in the morning, the women set out to anoint Jesus' body. I'm not sure I'd have the courage to go with them. After all, they're going to a tomb. That's where dead people are. And Jesus has died a terrible death on the Cross. I think I'd be scared. But when the women arrive at Jesus' tomb, they find nothing dead there. Instead, an angel is waiting for them! The angel tells them that Jesus is risen from the dead. Jesus is alive. Of course! With Jesus, there is no reason to be afraid. With Jesus, there is life and joy forever!

Glory to God! Jesus is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please join us for our services in St. Bede's Church this Easter

Holy Thursday: 28th March – 7.00pm. Prayers with Holy Communion

Good Friday: 29th March – Stations of the Cross at 10.00am;

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Historic Macquarie Perch stocking of the Mongarlowe River

The Mongarlowe River near Braidwood has been stocked with adult Macquarie Perch for the first time in 130 years.

The historic stocking of a small number of adult fish is the first in a number of planned stocking events to boost the numbers and genetic diversity of the endangered Macquarie Perch in the Mongarlowe River.

The Friends of the Mongarlowe River group raised the alarm about declining Mongarlowe Macquarie Perch which prompted **Local Land Services and DPI Fisheries** to partner on a project funded through the Australian Government's National Landcare Program to bring back the Macca to the Mongarlowe River.

Macquarie Perch were first translocated to the Mongarlowe River from the Murray-Darling system in the late 1800s. The population developed into a highly productive self-sustaining fishery, until it began to sharply decline for unknown reasons in around the 1970s. Today, with the severe decline of Macquarie Perch across its natural range in the Murray-Darling Basin, a river like the Mongarlowe River poses great opportunity as a refuge.

Senior Fisheries Manager Luke Pearce said the population had become one of the critical remaining populations of Macquarie Perch left in NSW, with declines being experienced across entire range of the species.

"The Mongarlowe River Maccas are now an important insurance population. We hope to be able to build the numbers back up through slowly increasing the genetic diversity by bringing in fish from different areas such as the Murrumbidgee River and Cataract Dam, where similar stocking events were undertaken in the early 1900s," Mr Pearce said.

"These Maccas were translocated from the Murrumbidgee River in the 1880s and thrived in the pristine conditions of the Mongarlowe.

Cataract Dam currently has an abundant and functioning population of Macquarie Perch that have now become an important resource for supplementing other populations in NSW.

The Reaching for Recovery project also supported the translocation of a few hundred fish from Cataract Dam to the Murrumbidgee River at Cooma for the last three years, to bring in new genetics for the Macquarie Perch population there.

The community in Cooma were excited to welcome the Cataract Dam Macquarie Perch, which local school students took part in releasing.



"It's always great to see our local communities getting involved in the work our teams do to conserve threatened species like the Macca," Mr Pearce said.

Macquarie Perch is listed as an endangered species so targeting them is illegal. If any Macquarie Perch are caught incidentally, they must be promptly returned to the water. Any incidental captures or sightings can be reported at the Threatened Species Reporting Form online, which will help DPI Fisheries to continue to manage the population. The goal of the recovery program for Macquarie Perch is to improve populations so that a sustainable fishery can once again flourish for this unique and amazing fish.

To log a sighting go to

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- Knowledge of the occurrence and demographics of suicide in Australia
- Be able to identify risk and protective factors
- Differentiate between risk factors and warning signs
- Capability to be able to implement the SALT suicide intervention strategy
- Identify national and local suicide prevention resources

“The workshop was so beneficial for me personally and professionally. It was presented with genuine authenticity and care towards everyone attending. I will be recommending the training to my colleagues.” Recent Participant

Date & Time: Wednesday, 10 April 2024, 9:30 am – 2:00 pm AEST

Location: Braidwood Servicemen's Club, Corner Coronation Ave & Victory Street, Braidwood, NSW 2262

Lunch provided



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Wesley LifeForce Suicide Prevention Program gratefully acknowledges the funding provided by the Australian Government



A stitch in time saves thousands...in the case of European wasps



A treated subterranean nest

By Donna Hazel

Have you seen many European wasps around this season? Numbers are definitely down, compared to last year. While the unusual weather and heavy downpours we experienced this Summer may have dented wasp numbers we would like to think that community efforts over the last six months trapping European Wasp queens have also played a major part.

With generous funding support provided by the Braidwood Community Bank, and assistance from Queanbeyan Palerang Council, the Braidwood European Wasp Offensive (BEWO) has been able to distribute traps and lure to Braidwood residents - resulting in a solid, collective community effort. There were 90 traps on private land catching European wasp queens through this program last Spring. Thirty of these traps were closely monitored and trapped one thousand, six hundred and twenty-three queens! Several residents reported catching well over 100 queens per trap. What a great effort!

With numbers already lowered we have an excellent opportunity this Autumn to completely smash the size of the local European wasp population. We need as many residents as possible trapping queens this Autumn, but also getting nests destroyed. You can help with this. If you have creek frontage, established fruit trees, or a backyard that offers adventure (aka overgrown) you may have a wasp nest. You can locate nests by observing the flight path of European wasps on the wing. This is because they generally don't fly far from their nest to feed and often fly in straight lines when returning to the nest. Take a moment or two with your morning coffee, or your late afternoon beer/wine, to stand near these places and take in the view. Be patient, use your peripheral vision, and look out for wasps on the wing. Their flight path will point you towards their nest. Many wasps are busy collecting fibre at the moment so palings, fences, decking and timber piles may also be good observation points. Use the same skills when you are out walking the dog or hanging out with the kids at the Rec Ground or park. Do not approach wasp nests, or enter thick vegetation in search of nests, as an upset wasp can sting multiple times and call on other wasps from the nest to do the same. Report any nests you see on public land to Council on 1300 735 025. Nests on private land are best dealt with by a pest control contractor. They can be found via the eWasp website or phone App, or search Facebook or Google for European wasp control. The contractor currently engaged by QPRC for wasp control can be contacted on 0487 870 109. Please contact BEWO if you are unable to finance the removal of European wasp nests from your property. We have funding from the Braidwood Community Bank to assist with this but funds are limited so eligibility criteria applies.

We are expecting young Queens to start dispersing from their nests very soon, looking for a suitable place to spend the winter. Every queen caught during this dispersal period reduces the number of new nests established next Summer. You can help by joining BEWO's trapping program. It's really easy – just a set and forget exercise. Contact BEWO to find out more: Braidwoodewaspoff@gmail.com

Residents who have already joined our BEWO queen trapping program can collect their Autumn lure on Wed 3rd April from 5-6pm or Sat 6th April 10am -12pm at the old Braidwood Library on Park Lane. Please bring two glass jars. Let us know beforehand if you would like to purchase more traps to add to your efforts thus far.



Queen entering a trap

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RECRUITMENT INFORMATION EVENING

Braidwood

Fire + Rescue is now recruiting in your town. Join us for an information session to learn about becoming a paid on-call firefighter and ask any questions you may have.

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- Time: 6.30pm
- Where: Braidwood Fire Station, 13 Park Lane, Braidwood.



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Finding Australia's missing tradies

Master Builders Australia

Releasing its supplementary Budget submission, Finding Australia's missing tradies: Harnessing our skilled migrant workforce, Master Builders Australia has today made recommendations to help migrants navigate complex and unnecessary barriers to work in the industry.

The building and construction industry needs more workers if we are going to build 1.2 million homes over the next five years, says Master Builders Australia CEO Denita Wawn.

"We heard from BuildSkills Australia this week that the industry needs to attract 90,000 tradies in the next 90 days.

"The domestic workforce cannot keep up with demand in the short term. Skilled migration represents a vital piece of the workforce puzzle," Ms Wawn said.

The building and construction industry has a proud history of a migrant-strong workforce. Today, workers who were born overseas make up about 24 per cent of the total workforce. However, those who arrived within the last five years only represent 2.8 per cent.

Ms Wawn added: "Australia is not alone when it comes to skilled workforce shortages which will prove a challenge in itself.

"When seeking to attract more skilled trades into Australia, it is important to look to migrants who are already in the country. "This is an underutilised cohort of potential workers who could fill workforce gaps in the short term.

"There are a number of skilled migrants already in Australia who are working in roles below or unrelated to their qualifications or work experience in their home country.

"Some are waiting on skills assessments or qualifications recognition, which, according to the Parkinson Migration Review, could cost nearly \$10,000 and take up to 18 months.

"For many, it is simply too hard to have their professional capacity recognised to work in a trade in Australia, and they are instead in roles that present fewer hurdles to obtain.

"Master Builders believes more support is needed and the Federal Budget provides an opportunity to get the ball rolling."

Recommendations include:

- Provide access to English language education to help migrants upskill, noting that this will also assist them if seeking permanent residency.
- Provide simpler and more accessible coaching for migrants on how to find a job in the industry – the higher education space is an example of success in providing support to international students.
- Subsidise the cost of upskilling or training to fill any skills or qualification gap that might exist between the migrant's home qualification and the Australian requirements.
- Allow migrant workers to access financial subsidies to complete trade apprenticeships.
- Work with state and territory governments to streamline occupational licensing requirements and ensure internationally comparable qualifications or requirements are quickly recognised without the need for long skills recognition processes.
- Ensure pathways to permanent residency are clear and enticing for skilled migrants already in the country who have building and construction qualifications and experience. Fast-track these people to permanent residency if they are working in building and construction.
- Expand eligibility for the graduate visa and graduate visa extension to all Australian Qualifications Framework Certificate III and above qualifications.

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TEAM ENTRY FEE:

- Open A Grade Team:** \$300
- Open B Grade Team:** \$150
- Open Women's Team:** \$150
- Open Junior Team:** \$90

DATE/VENUE:

- 26 April 2024** from 5pm onwards
- 27 April 2024** from 5pm onwards

at **Braidwood Showgrounds**

COMPETITION STRUCTURE:

- All chukkas are 6 minutes
- All teams will play 2 games, winners will move onto the semi finals into a knock out round and then progress into the grand final if they win!
- There will be break times for horses/players after each game
- A draw & teams list will be released on Friday, 26 April 2024

GUIDELINES:

- A team consists of 3 registered players from any club
- Point caps are as follows:
 - A grade = 22 points, B grade = 15 points.
 - Women's = 18 points, Juniors = uncapped.
- All players need to be playing in the Braidwood Club Carnival to be eligible to enter
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A poster for a Good Friday service. The background is a close-up photograph of a dark, textured surface, possibly wood or bark, with a bright, warm light source creating highlights and shadows. Overlaid on the image is the text 'A service of quiet reflection' in a large, white, serif font. Below this, the time '10AM - Friday 29 March 2024' is displayed in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. The main title 'Good Friday' is written in large, white, serif letters that are slightly tilted and layered, giving a sense of depth. At the bottom, the church details 'Braidwood Anglican Church', 'Elrington Street', and 'Braidwood' are written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

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- **Braidwood Farmers Market** April 6 & 20
- **Ryrie Park Markets** every 4th Saturday 9am to 2pm
- **Garage Sales Braidwood Uniting Church** Wed's 9-3
- **Bungendore: The Southern Harvest Farmers Market** - 9am (9.30am start time for the winter months) to 12noon Saturdays
- **Captains Flat regional Market** 10 - 2pm
- **every 2nd Sat**

The Braidwood Waste Transfer Station hours

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WEDNESDAY, 10 APRIL 2024 FROM 18:00-19:00

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council Braidwood Community Centre (Glasshouse / Old Library) If you have ever thought about joining Family Day Care come along to one of our information evenings. These are a great opportunity to hear about how the program works and ask questions from our staff.

Queanbeyan Quilters Exhibition of Quilts 2024

27 APR AT 10:00 – 28 APR AT 15:00

Queanbeyan Bicentennial Hall. Quilt display, demonstrations, sales table, quilters' market, raffle and refreshments await you. Also club challenges and assembled blocks of the month will be set up.

ANZAC DAY - Braidwood RSL Subbranch

A Jeep and MiniMoke have been donated to drive any Veteran who wants to take part in the Anzac Day Parade who is too old or infirm to march. Contact Peter Van Rijswijk on 0419431517.

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.

- **The Machine Show** 5-6 April
- **Daylight saving ends** Sunday, April 7 at 3am.
- **Bungendore Harvest Festival** 19-21 April 2024
- **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

Easter Service Changes!Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council

Our offices, Animal Management Facility, pools and libraries are closed from this Friday 29 March for the Easter long weekend and will reopen Tuesday 2 April.

Our waste transfer stations are also closed on Good Friday (29 March) but otherwise have normal hours.

Remember if your bin collection is normally on a Friday: Majors Creek, Araluen, and Sutton will have their bins collected on Thursday 28 March.

Queanbeyan suburbs (normally collected on Friday) will have their bins collected on Saturday 30 March.

For more information head to <https://buff.ly/4a5rFaP>

Conrad will be on the corner on Thursday instead of Friday this week.

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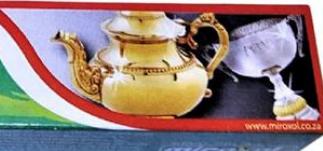
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Braidwood Golf Club News

WOMEN'S PENNANT REPORT

We had a win against Belconnen at RMC on Friday. Debby Ferguson had a good win 6&5, despite giving a shot, Virginia Groot Obbink fought hard but lost on 18, 1 down, Michelle Henry spent all day out there for a square, Robin Tennant Wood got a record 9 shots, one on every even hole and brought home a solid win 6&4, and Carmen Byrne blitzed the Belconnen Captain Marg Hardy with a 7&5 win. Well done team.

We now don't play until April 11, a THURSDAY at Royal Canberra against Bowral.

MONA CUP

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

RESULTS-Saturday March 23

- 2BBB Stableford - P.B.L. (Bruce) Hovey Trophy

Many thanks to Roger Hovey for his sponsorship in his father's name.

Winners: Chris Witt & Barry McDonald 44 pts c/b.

Runners Up: Deb Ferguson & John Stahel 44 pts c/b.

3rd Place: Barry Osmond & Michael Fitzgerald 44 pts.

Men's NTP 3/12: Brendan Sly.

Women's NTP 3/12: Deb Ferguson.

Jackpot(1m) 17th \$90: Not Won.

Ball Comp: Donna Kuhn & Andrew Clark 43, Di Freeman & Billy Lang 41,

Barb Stuart & Ted Emmett 41, Keith Morgan & John Harb 41.

Handicap Changes: Jenny O'Connell out 1 to 34, Di Freeman out 1 to 35,

Pat Woodberry down 1 to 18, Ted Emmett down 1 to 24, Barry Osmond

down 1 to 17, Craig Sloane down 1 to 43, Mark Newman out 1 to 16.

Birdies Men: 3 Birdies Women: 1 Pars Women: 5

Coming Events

- **March 30 Saturday:** Easter Weekend 3-4 Person Ambrose -Mona Cup
- **April 6 Saturday:** Men's & Women's Stroke & Monthly Medal
Daylight Saving Ends
- **April 13 Saturday** Men's Single Stableford – David Goddard Trophy
New Hit Off Times Apply Women's Single Stableford – Dojo Bread Trophy
- **April 20 Saturday** Committee Meeting 10.30am
Men's 2BBB Stableford – Rodney Royds Trophy
- Women's 2BBB Stableford – Hyland Trophy
- **April 27 Saturday** Medley American Foursomes – John Harb Trophy
- **May 4 Saturday** Men's & Women's Stroke & Monthly Medal
- **May 11 Saturday** Men's Single Stableford – Rod Coady Memorial Trophy
Women's Single Stableford – Helen Goddard Memorial Trophy
- **May 12 Sunday** Mother's Day
- **May 18 Saturday** Committee Meeting 10.30am
Men's Single Stableford – Michael Toirkens Trophy
Women's Single Stableford – Vanilla Café Trophy
- **May 25 Saturday** Medley 2BBB Drawn after play
Concept Café Trophy
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- **June 1 Saturday** Men's & Women's Stroke & Monthly Medal
- **June 8 Saturday** King's Birthday Weekend
Men's Single Stableford – Mike Fitzgerald Trophy
Women's Single Stableford – Bunyip Jungle Trophy
- **June 15 Saturday** Committee Meeting 10.30am
Medley Ambrose – Will Sanders Trophy
- **June 22 Saturday** Men's Single Stableford – Allan Walcott Trophy
Women's Single Stableford – Java Braidwood Trophy
- **June 29 Saturday** Medley 2BBB Stableford Aggregate – Majors Creek Pub Trophy

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RACING NEWS WITH THE JEMBAICUMBENE PUNTER

Aaron Clarke Racing team are certainly having a good run lately. At Goulburn last Sunday he saddled Reward for Eric for Richard Bensley in Race 3 Elected Services Maiden Handicap over 1000 metres.

Reward for Eric travelled well but was overtaken to run second in a photo with Big Opinion taking it out. It was so close the commentators calling Reward for Eric had won. Reward For Eric is a 4-year-old gelding by For Effort out of Oh So Adorable. Oh So Adorable was owned by the Late Eric Clarke and his son Garry. She was trained by Garry. Eric had been searching the Classified ads in the paper and saw she was advertised. They travelled to Sydney to see her and purchased her for \$8,000. Originally, she was sold at the 2011 Summer Thoroughbred Sale for \$2,500. She ended up winning eight races, three placings in a total of 29 starts, including Canterbury and Warwick Farm and earned nearly \$160,000 in prize-money. She is by Beautiful Crown out of Hurricane Stroller.

Race 5 Champion Thoroughbred stakes C1 over 1300 metres saw Kenseye Charmer and Richard Bensley came in 5th place. Race 7 was the big one of the programme Newhaven Park Country Championships Wild Card over 1400 metres over was taken out by Associate, second was Zouatica and third place Bon Frankie and Richard Bensley.

On March 20th at Canberra Billy Fife's Flying Flossy competed in Race 5, Tab We're On (BM65) Class 65 finished 6th ridden by Amy McLucas.

Australian Racing is certainly throwing the money into their race programmes. Australia now has 97 races worth a million dollars or more. The USA has 64, UK 7 and Europe 24.

Golden Slipper winning jockey Mel Schumacher has passed away at the age of 86. In 1958 at the age of 21 he put his name in lights when he won the Melbourne Cup on Baystone. He is remembered for an incident in the 1961 AJC Derby. He was locked in a battle to the line on Blue Era when he grabbed the leg of Tommy Hill in the run to the line, thus ruining Summer Fair's chances of winning. The result was overturned on protest. Schumacher was given a life ban but it was later reduced to ten years. He came back to have a successful career. He is the second Golden Slipper winner to die last week, following the passing of Golden Slipper winning jockey Cliff Clare, aged 93.

Leading jockey Tyler Schiller will soon be able to add the title of 'Dad' to his achievements. He has announced that his partner Alexandria is expecting. He came close to winning a group 1 when Lady Laguna ran a thrilling second in the George Ryder Stakes.

The Golden Slipper provided some surprises. It was won by Lady of Camelot ridden by Blake Shinn, Coleman and Kerrin McEvoy and Storm Boy and Ryan Moore third. Switzerland and James McDonald only managed to finish in seventh place.

Kerrin McEvoy was involved in a nasty fall at Rosehill on Saturday when Tintookie (Winning Rupert) broke down, throwing him to the ground as the race continued on. Unfortunately, the Brad Windup trained horse had to be put down. McEvoy was conscious but was taken to Westmead hospital where it was revealed that he has spinal fractures. He will not require surgery and will recover in time. He will remain on the sideline for at least six weeks.

For the record, last week I missed naming the sire of Vermillion Dragon, it is Savabeel.

Happy Casino pulled up lame in the off-hind leg from his race last Saturday at Benalla and has pulled up a little stiff and sore, but is otherwise well, with the softness not appearing too major in any capacity. With this in mind they are looking ahead and will stretch out his trip by heading to an 1850 metres race at Kyneton on April 11th. They say they are looking forward to seeing an improved performance as he gets out over a longer distance.

In the video report his trainer really blasted the jockey Jake Duffy on the way he rode him. He went completely against the trainers' instructions. Punter doesn't know what he expected of him seeing that the horse pulled up lame.

NSW Racing are looking to take over the freehold title at the Goulburn Racecourse and build eighty stables, if the members agree. NSW Racing own Moruya, Gosford, Foster-Tuncurry and Newcastle. They are offering a \$9.5 million upgrade. It will be interesting to see how it works out. The Goulburn track is 1750 metres around with a 400 metre straight. Being only 1 one hour and 20 minutes from Sydney they attract a lot of big-name city trainers. Goulburn has had a long association with racing. Records show that racing commenced in 1838 when challenge races were held in the vicinity of the Gordon Hotel.

Until next time.

Happy Punting.

WHAT'S ON AT THE BRAIDWOOD SERVICEMEN'S CLUB



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- **Poker** 1st Sunday of every month
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Yoga pose of the week with Christina Carroll



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Stage 2 - Begin in the starting position and rock the whole body backwards and forwards on the spine. As you increase momentum, when rocking forward come up onto the feet in a squatting position. On the backwards movement, extend the legs so that they come over the head. Practice 5-10 backward and forward movements.

BOWLS



Braidswood Bowls Club reports: 18 social bowlers enjoyed a brilliant afternoon of bowls. Sanders Watson and Barry Osmond teamed up to take the chocolates from Derek Tooth and Andrew Moran 17-16. Out of the four rinks 3 were decided by a single shot and the other by 3 shots. 4 great games had by all in attendance. On Friday the final of the Open Pairs was played. Suzanne and Leigh Curtis put on a clinical display of bowls to take the championship 27-14 over Kerri and Barry Backhouse. Suzanne and Leigh won 12 of the 18 ends and at one stage were up 15-0. A big congratulations to Suzanne and Leigh and also to Kez and Baz for making the final.

There are only 3 games left of championships for the 2023/2024 season. Jack Marquet, Peter Young and Heath Mathie play Kerri Backhouse, Jeanette McCullough and Barry Backhouse in the triples semi-final, with the winner to face last year's champions Cara Patton, Sanders Watson and Tom Watson in the final, and in the fours we await for Jacks teams plus John Bunn to play Jeanette McCullough, Colin Elder, Nigel McGrath and Dylan Essex in the final. Good luck all.

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Redback's 30th Anniversary Year

The Braidswood Redbacks, turning 30 this year, had their first hit out of the season at the Boorowa Rugby Festival on the weekend. The Redbacks commenced pre-season training in early February with a squad balanced by youth and experience. The Redbacks have a squad of close to 30 players and are looking for consistency and continuity in their squad this season to challenge for the South Coast Monaro silverware. Helping lead the Redbacks on and off the field this season will be Will Bennett. Will has come from Newcastle to teach at the Braidswood Central School and is an experience rugby forward who will not only play a major role with the Redbacks this year, but will also be an advocate for the Redbacks and rugby in general within the school environment.

Over 20 teams travelled to Boorowa over the weekend for a day of 15 a side rugby. Playing 25 minute games against 3 sides was an important gauge of the squads preparations and a great team building event.

The Redbacks played games against Batemans Bay Boars, Boorowa Goldies and the Uni-Norths Owls C teams and came away with 2 wins and a draw. Highlights of the day were 4 tries from Ned Jeffries, and a try apiece to veteran second rower Steve Gerlach who ran nearly 50 metres for his 5 pointer and Callum Doyle who found his way through the Uni Norths pack to score in the corner.

While the Redbacks have managed to maintain a predominately local contingent, we are being support by some experience players from Queanbeyan and Canberra who all have a connection to Braidswood in some capacity. Also included in our squad are 3 Fijian players from Goulburn who bring great character to the group. The Redback's squad is training every Tuesday evening in Braidswood and every Thursday week about in Braidswood and Queanbeyan (where the whites train on the corner of Kings Highway and Yass Road).

The Redback's next trial game will be on Saturday afternoon 6 April in Hall against the Hall Bushrangers and West Wyalong. We would love to see some travelling supporters for this trial match as we take ex-Braidswood coach, now Hall Bushrangers coach Box Hayes!

The Redbacks commence the season proper with our first game at home on 27th April against the Cooma Red Devils.

The Braidswood Redbacks are proudly sponsored by the Braidswood Servicemens Club who will be hosting the Redbacks after match functions on all home games during the season.

If you are interested in playing this year, or would like to sponsor or want further information on Redback games/activities please contact:

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