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## ANZAC Day

We will remember them



**The Hon Kristy McBain**

Member for Eden-Monaro

Authorised by Kristy McBain, ALP, 21-25 Monaro Street, Queanbeyan



Week ending 16 April 2024 **Braidwood Weather** With Roger Hosking

First frost of the year. April and May are months with the most frequent fogs: nights with high relative humidity, lack of cloud and very light wind to gently stir the air. April median rainfall is 35.8mm

Day	Min	Max	Rain
Wed	3	19	14.0
Thurs	2	20	
Fri	7	21	0.6
Sat	9	23	
Sun	9	23	
Mon	4	23	0.4
Tues	7	22	0.2

**Grassland SDI** (soil moisture deficit) 16.5mm  
**Total rainfall so far:**  
- this month 76.0mm - this year 280.4mm

**FREE CLIMATE INFO TEL 48 429 049**

## Lucky Mongarlowe Roo story goes viral

Bill Waterhouse recently told the story of the luckiest kangaroo ever on the socials, which has been picked up by the international site The Dodo.

Bill said: "Chris, a lovely chap from the ACT was prospecting out in very remote bushland north of Mongarlowe on wild bush crown land and managed to see this lucky fellow down a 3 metre deep mind shaft.

He rang NARG and, well, this led to NARG members Steve Garlick and, yours truly, heading out there with two backpacker volunteers as well as our intrepid gold prospector, Chris, to find the poor kangaroo. Les maintained vigil nearby! We eventually found him about 2km off the end of the fire trail.

How Chris ever found him in the first place is truly miraculous! We carried a 3.6 ladder as well as blankets ropes etc. in, to effect the rescue.

The pictures don't do the story justice really." Bill added "We don't have darting capability like the famous guy on the recent TV/ You tube, story so I went down the ladder, pacified the boy with a blanket and gave him sedation, then carried him up the ladder to the surface where Steve administered all the appropriate stuff to make sure he was OK.

As you can see, he eventually came good and was released in situ on his home turf. "Although he had fallen about 3 metres, he had no injuries, and was bright and breezy when we released him."

Bill gave a "A huge thanks to Steve from Possumwood Australian Wildlife Veterinary Hospital and his volunteers for coming to lend expert help, and to Chris who know to ring a local wildlife group.

We also ran into Adrian, one of our Wombat mange treaters, who was also out prospecting!" "Gotta love small towns!" said Bill. "This is why we do this!"



Mr Lucky in the mine shaft



Mr Lucky getting fluids

## ANZAC DAY 2024 BRAIDWOOD THURSDAY 25 April

### Dawn Service - 0545

Memorial Precinct - Ryrie Park

Gunfire Breakfast follows - Servicemen's Club

### Main Service - 1100

Meet at D&S Motors at 1030  
and march to the Cenotaph

### Luncheon - 1230

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All Welcome - \$20 ea -

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# ANZAC DAY

THURSDAY 25 APRIL

## GUNFIRE BREAKFAST

STRAIGHT AFTER THE DAWN SERVICE  
GOLD COIN DONATION FOR LEGACY

### TWO-UP

FROM 1.30PM

COURTESY BUS AVAILABLE 12 - CLOSE

**BRAIDWOOD  
25 APRIL**



**DAWN SERVICE 5:45AM**  
At the memorial flag pole  
in Ryrie Park

**GUNFIRE BREAKFAST**  
follows  
At Braidwood Servicemen's club

**MAIN SERVICE 11AM**  
Meet at D&S Motors at 10:30AM  
and march to the Cenotaph

**LUNCHEON 12:30PM**  
At Braidwood Servicemen's club  
\$20 per head -  
RSL members and veteran  
free of charge

**ANZAC DAY**





## Not a bushranger to be seen...



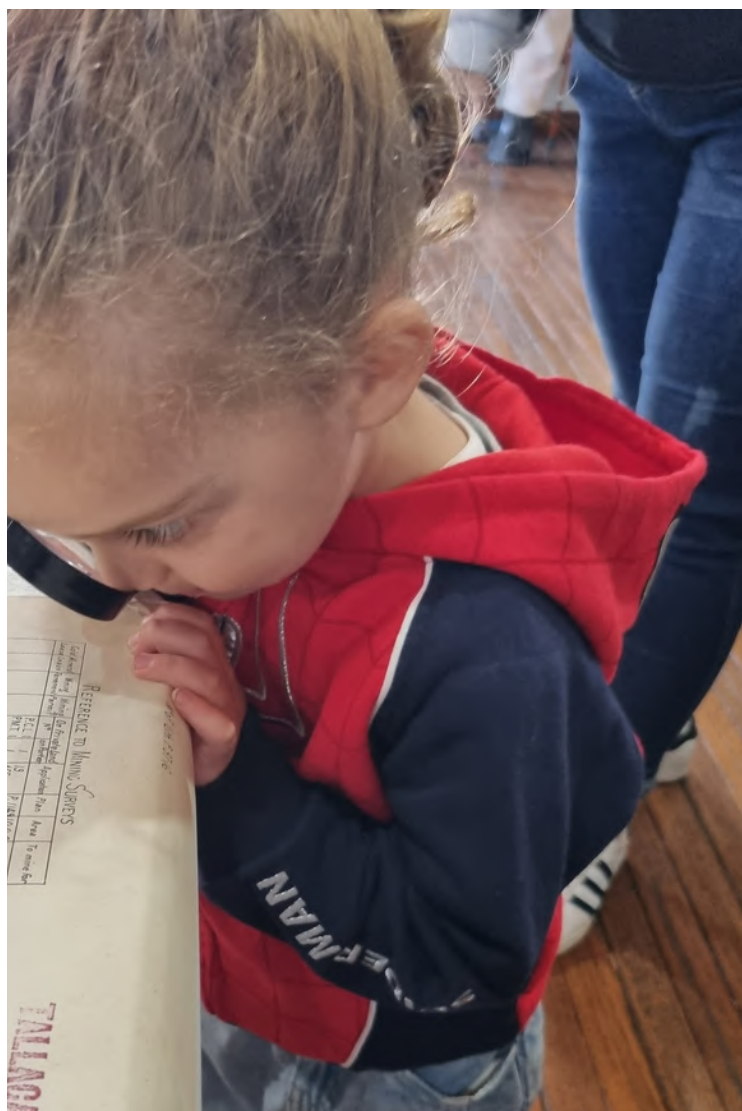
Lin Irving receiving the copy of the Araluen Star from Ari Ringe, with Laurann Yen

### By Laurann Yen

The hidden history of Araluen became clearer on the weekend when over 200 people descended on the village to launch the Araluen History Trail and the Araluen Valley History Website. The project started two years ago with a meeting in the beer garden at the Araluen pub with a group of history buffs- many of whom have been working on their own family histories for many years. The Araluen Progress Association had received funding through the Black Summer Bushfires Recovery Grants to fuel the project, and the results were celebrated on the weekend. About 80 people took advantage of the buses that tracked the new trail, from the Neringla Road, looking towards the gold fields and old townships of Crown Flat and Mudmelong on the way down the Deua; through the village of Araluen, and out to the two cemeteries on the road to Majors Creek.

Guides on the way shared their research and knowledge: Clare McArthur and Sue Ahearn have been researching the Araluen Cemeteries for a number of years, and were able to share information about the actual grave sites with many people who had not known where ancestors were buried. The information is available digitally on the AraluenValley-History.com.au website, and anyone keen to find out more can easily access it by name. Ange Casey and Ron Harrison told the amazing story of the 2 acres of machine shops that produced the dredging equipment for the gold mining in the years up to 1930, and the railway that ran down the valley- fuelled by the many trees that were cut down in the valley.

The celebration centred on the newly restored Hall, with photo displays and an opportunity to explore the website- along with damper and cocky's joy with plenty of shearer's biscuits and Anzacs to get the day started. In the emerging garden at the rear of the hall, visitors were able to explore some of the 16 signs that have been put around the village to talk about its history, designed by Sarah Peters, and manufactured by De Neeffe and Innovative Metal Work.



Junior history explorers poring over a map

The formal proceedings were headed up with an address by Chris Woodland, whose long association with the valley saw him meeting up with many old friends. Presentations of bound copies of the Araluen Star and Miners Right, the publication printed in the valley between 1863 and 1864 were made by one of our young residents, Ari Ringe, to the History Library, the Braidwood and District Historical Society and to Lin Irving, who is the editor in chief of the current Araluen Star.

The website will serve as an ongoing 'digital museum' where family histories and stories can be shared and preserved and where more of the rich history of the area can be stored and made available for future generations. The Araluen History Group will continue, and welcomes information to continue to build the collection.

For the intrepid, the map of the history trail can be found on the QPRC Treasure Trail website (<https://www.queanbeyanpalerang.com.au/?s=Araluen>)- all accessible by car, or bike, or on foot (the whole distance is around 7km from end to end).

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## Decisions from the April 10th Ordinary Meeting of QPRC

Here is the summary of last week's Council meeting.

The archived recording of the meeting is now available at:

<https://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au/archive/video24-0410.php>

- Council heard from three members of the public who made presentations about items on the agenda including Local Heritage Listings and Captains Flat Lead Contamination
- Council supported progression of a scoping proposal for rezoning and minimum lot size change on map in QPRLEP 2022 at 350 Wirreanda Road, Wamboin for initial agency consultation. No approval or endorsement of the scoping proposal forms part of this decision. Council will consider at a future date whether to support or refuse progression of a Planning Proposal to the Dept of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure for Gateway Determination
- Council received information report with responses to Questions With Notice on Captains Flat Properties affected by Legacy Mining Contamination
- Council will receive report on change to the local heritage listing of the Albion and outbuildings, made during the transition from the Palerang LEP 2014 to the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional LEP 2022 (QPRLEP 2022); the extent and values of local heritage for the Albion and outbuildings site which has been removed from the QPRLEP2022; and recommendations for reinstating the local item.
- Council endorsed register of proposed road names which will be advertised for 28 days and made publicly available for use if no objections received
- Council will allocate \$10,000 from the 2023-24 events budget as a grant to the Braidwood and Villages Business Chamber for commencing the Braidwood District Events Coordination Project
- Council approved a Cultural Grant of \$2,970 for the Rotary Club of Bungendore to pay for local Aboriginal artwork to be incorporated into playing cards for the Monopoly Bungendore Edition
- Council will place the draft Restricted Funds Policy on public exhibition for 28 days and adopt the policy if there are no objections
- Council received and noted the submission on the draft Investment Policy and adopted the policy
- Council received the capital projects status report for information and will include a budget variation of \$678,726 in the third quarter budget review for over expenditure at completion of Stage 1 of Bungendore Sports Hub.

- Council received information report on road renewal and maintenance activities from January – March 2024
- Council received information report about outstanding rates
- Council received information report with Questions With Notice and staff responses about the Waterwise Policy
- Council received information report with Questions With Notice about staff salary underspends and responses will be provided at 24 April Council Meeting
- Council received information report about Councillor workshops held between 21 March – 3 April including South Jerrabomberra Regional Jobs Precinct Master Plan, Draft Budget Water & Sewer Fund – Operational Plan, Delivery Plan and Long-Term Financial Plan, CAPEX Projects, Fees and Charges, South-East Tablelands Regional Integration Transport Plan (SETRITP) and Braidwood & Bungendore Transport Studies; Draft Budget Waste Fund – Operational Plan, Delivery Plan and Long-Term Financial Plan, CAPEX Projects, Fees and Charges
- Council noted minutes of Bungendore Town Centre and Environs Committee meetings of 22 January & 26 February and noted resolution that BTCEC does not support proposed landscape plan for Frogs Hollow without provision of public toilet and additional parking
- Council received delegate report from Mayor Winchester from the CRJO meeting on 29 February and 1 March 2024
- In closed session, Council declined the offer to purchase property at current asking price and authorised General Manager to enter into negotiations and receive further report if agreement reached
- In closed session, Council declined to accept the one tender received for Regional Sports Complex Café/Bar licence, will engage with user groups on how can be best operated. Council will develop a schedule of fees and charges for its hire, and will work with Embrace Disability Group with the intent of recommending them as a preferred caterer for events at the Major Pavilion Café/Bar
- In closed session, Council endorsed removing Paul Lyons from the Queanbeyan Sporting Gallery and will review and update guidelines related to admittance and removal from the gallery.

If you'd like more information about these matters, you can find the business papers and on our website at:

<http://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/.../Council.../Minutes-Agendas>

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# Braidwood Evening VIEW Club Meeting



Guest speaker this month Lorba Drewry.



Members enjoying the informative guest speaker.

With a cool change in the air, we had our April meeting last Thursday night at the Braidwood Servicemen's Club. Lorba Drewry our very interesting guest speaker this month kicked off the evening with her presentation as she spoke about working as an architect and urban planner in emergency, recovery, and development settings. These positions involved site planning and risk management in the event of floods, cyclones, and earthquakes in various countries around the world. Tonight, she predominantly shared her experiences living and doing humanitarian work in Guatemala for two years back in 2008 within a very Christian rural community. Lorba also spoke proudly of being able to introduce the villagers to safer cooking options among many other things. She acknowledged the joy and sense of belonging she felt while living within this isolated small community. Later Charmian, our vice president took charge and proceeded to conduct the business end of our meeting without hesitation. Members were advised of the recent meeting between Ros, Lois and the newly appointed Manager of the Braidwood Servicemen's Club, Scott Preston. Scott assured Ros and Lois there would be no changes to our existing arrangement and was very supportive of our ongoing community engagement. While enjoying our Chinese banquet served by the dining room staff, 21 ladies enjoyed each other's company and congratulated Marjorie; our winner of the lucky door prize. Just a reminder to members, more donations for the raffles would be appreciated – Value \$15 to \$20 and can be given to Kerri at the meeting.

Evening VIEW club provides women from all walks of life a chance to join a supportive, social, and fun group. Come along, we'd love to meet you. Our Braidwood Evening VIEW Club meets at 6.15 for a 6.45 pm start on the first Thursday of the month at the Braidwood Servicemens Club. For further information, please give our President Ros Bulloch a call on 043 789 5276. Until next month: .... Look out for each other. Vicki Walcott

## QPRC Your Voice page.

QPRC have one new project open for feedback, the draft Restricted Funds Policy, and a survey about the Mobile Library service. Visit [yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au](http://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au) to find all the projects open for comment.

### Draft Restricted Funds Policy

This is a new policy. The aim of this policy is to establish policy objectives for the reserves Council holds which restrict cash for specific purposes, and comply with legislative obligations. Submissions on the draft policy are open until 9 May 2024. [Read the policy and have your say.](#)

### Mobile Library feedback

QPRC are reviewing Mobile Library services and are interested in feedback from both those who use the mobile library and those who may never have used the service before. The survey is open until Sunday 19 May 2024. [Complete the survey here.](#)

## ANZAC DAY MESSAGE

On each ANZAC day I honour the courage of those who serve, those who did not return home and those who return bearing the physical and mental toll. I think about the need to honour and support veterans and their loved ones, just as they supported us with their service.

ANZAC day is a day for our whole community to think about the sacrifice and why it is made. To value the free democratic and tolerant society it produces.

This year I look forward to joining many of you, our veterans and families at the dawn service in Cooma and march in Queanbeyan.





## Community members invited to join new Southern NSW Local Health District community engagement committees

Southern NSW Local Health District's (SNSWLHD) is looking for enthusiastic community members to join two new Network Community Engagement Committees (CECs) – one for the Coastal Network and one for the Inland Network.

The CECs will help SNSWLHD to deliver on one of the six strategic priorities of the NSW Regional Health Strategic Plan for 2022-2032: keep communities informed, building engagement, seeking feedback.

SNSWLHD launched its Strengthening Community Engagement framework in January this year – developed with input from a broad range of community members and partner organisations. The framework outlines how SNSWLHD will connect with communities at local, network and District levels.

SNSWLHD's Coastal Network covers the south eastern coast from Batemans Bay to Eden. The Inland Network includes Goulburn, Queanbeyan, Yass, Cooma, Jindabyne, Braidwood, Crookwell, Delegate, Bombala and surrounding towns.

SNSWLHD Chief Executive, Margaret Bennett, encouraged community members from all walks of life to consider joining the Coastal or Inland CEC.

"Our new Coastal and Inland committees will drive community engagement priorities and activities that align with the way regional health care is delivered across networks, rather than as individual hospitals.

Ms Bennett said the new committees will build on the wonderful work of 10 existing local community engagement committees.

"The Network committees will work closely with our current local community engagement committees, to ensure we are staying connected with local issues and concerns," Ms Bennett said.

"The Network Community Engagement Committees will bring a wealth of new ideas and diverse perspectives to the way we plan and deliver services across Southern NSW Local Health District.

How to apply: Apply via online application form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/Efi6n9eSJT>

Applications close: 30 April 2024

## Seniors encouraged to get moving this April Falls Day

Older people in Southern NSW Local Health District (SNSWLHD) are being encouraged to get physically active this April as part of April Falls Day, to help build their strength and maintain their independence.

Better Balance for Fall Prevention is the theme of this year's April Falls Day, an annual event held throughout April supported by the NSW Fall Prevention and Healthy Ageing Network to encourage older adults to become more active and reduce falls.

To mark April Falls Day, SNSWLHD is launching 'Standing Strong', a new, locally developed falls and frailty prevention program for older adults. A pilot program is underway in Goulburn, and will be rolled out throughout the district in coming months.

NSW Fall Prevention and Healthy Ageing Network Lead Advisor Professor Cathie Sherrington said staying physically active is the single most important thing we can do to stay independent as we age.

"As we get older, our bodies lose muscle strength and coordination, so the more active we remain, the better chance we have of maintaining our physical function," Professor Sherrington said. "Improving strength and balance in our legs allows us to complete regular daily activities more easily, including getting up and down stairs, in and out of cars, negotiating uneven surfaces and reducing the risk of falling.

"Older people benefit from regular tai chi, group exercise programs, gym sessions, community-based falls prevention programs such as Stepping On, or simple exercises at home to improve muscle strength and balance.

"Research has also shown that regular exercise can reduce falls in older people by 23 per cent, but slowly building up high-challenge balance exercises can increase the effects of exercise by up to 40 per cent."

To find local physical activity and healthy lifestyle programs, including fall prevention programs, visit the Active and Healthy exercise directory. Information and advice to support older adults to be more active is also available on the Active and Healthy website. This includes home-based exercise circuits designed for beginners to follow along at your own pace from the comfort of your own home.

# Dargues Mine Open Day

## 19 May 2024



You are invited to come along to experience an operating gold mine and enjoy a day of family fun!

Step into the rich history of this iconic mine with a guided tour. Fun for all with stalls, BBQ, activities and underground mine vehicles on display.

Buses will be departing every 15 minutes from Majors Creek Recreation Reserve where free parking is available.

Gold fever awaits!

TO SECURE YOUR TICKETS  
SCAN THE QR CODE  
OR FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW  
<https://tinyurl.com/mwafpefn>



# Flu Vaccination

## 2024 Flu shots have arrived!

Available for everyone 5 years and over

**No appointment necessary - just walk-in!**

NIP vaccines available for eligible people



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our pharmacist  
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**flu shot**







## Stoney Creek Bridge update

QPRC advises: Following the 2023 Boxing Day flood event this bridge was damaged and required repair. Work started last week and the bridge was initially closed during work hours.

The bridge was further damaged over the weekend of 5-7 April and has been closed until repairs are completed. LiveTraffic NSW has been updated with the bridge closure:

<https://www.livetraffic.com/incident-details/189594>

Work began Tuesday 2 April 2024 and is expected to be completed Monday 22 April 2024. Work will take place Monday to Friday, 7am to 4pm.

A detour is in place along Kain Cross Road/ Jerrabattgulla Road. The 15T weight limit signage is still in place, though some heavy vehicle travel will be required on this detour. Local vehicles, including semi-trailers, will be allowed to use this road to ensure cattle trucks can still make sales. B-Doubles will not be accepted on these roads. To ensure safety of other vehicles, a pilot vehicle can be arranged by contacting Council.

The bus service has made arrangements for students from the southern side of Stoney Creek Bridge to be collected and brought to the bridge where they will walk across and be collected from the other side of the bridge. There will be temporary fencing in place to ensure the safety of students crossing the bridge. Community members should liaise with Braidwood Buses for details on this arrangement.

Council and contractors will be undertaking works on detour roads to improve road conditions following the wet weather of 5-7 April. Council also plans to improve site lines by controlling vegetation on this detour.

The emergency repairs of the abutments on Stoney Creek Bridge are being funded under the Disaster Relief Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

## \$6000 scholarship from the Community Bank



Imogen Dixon who is a recipient of a \$6000 scholarship from the Community Bank. Imogen is studying Nursing at Charles Sturt University. Should Imogen receives Credits at the completion of her first year studies, the Community Bank will contribute a further \$6,000 towards her studies. By chance, Imogen's Grandmother, Maureen Faviell was caught walking outside the branch just prior to the photos. Maureen was an original Community Bank board member in 2002 so it was only fitting that Maureen be included in the photos. Congratulations Imogen from the staff and Directors of the Community Bank.

## Ticketless Parking

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council maintains a number of car parks as well as monitoring several private car parks, each of which you are welcome to make use of. There is also timed on-street parking in different areas of the Queanbeyan-Palerang Local Government Area. As always, pay attention to any parking-related signs so that you do not get a penalty notice and always respect other drivers and pedestrians whenever you are in your car.

Council employs Transport Rangers to monitor compliance with parking rules within the Queanbeyan-Palerang area. The Rangers are also responsible for monitoring behaviour in school zones (excluding speeding), parking on nature strips, abandoned vehicles and more. Council has developed some information sheets regarding some of the matters mentioned above: Common parking infringements brochure Parking in school zones brochure Drop off and pick up in school zones brochure Changes to parking notifications

We are now using a ticketless system for parking enforcement. This means that if you park illegally you will receive an infringement notice in the mail from Revenue NSW. To help keep people informed and aware that our rangers are out-and-about we will also be using notification cards that let you know to expect a letter. Our parking rangers will leave a notification card where practical and safe to do so. If you receive a notification and need further information, please contact Revenue NSW after 48 hours to discuss the fine and seek a review if necessary. If you have received a parking infringement, you can view it [here](#).

Council has adopted a Car Parking Strategy for the Queanbeyan CBD. You can download the [download the Car Parking Strategy document here](#)



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

- **Monday to Wednesday Happy Hour** from 5.30 to 6.30pm \$6.50 Schooners \$5.50 Middles
- **Thursdays chocolate wheel & members draw** 6 - 6.30pm
- **Saturday 20th April Jamie Aguis**
- **Anzac Day Pipe Band**



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## PLANT OF THE MONTH

### APRIL - *Mespilus Germanica* - Medlar >>

#### Large shrub or small tree to 6m

- Dull green leaves are felt underneath
- Leaves turn red and yellow in Autumn
- White flowers in spring followed by round brown fruit
- Astringent fruit only edible when slightly rotted
- Prefers a good soil sheltered from strong winds
- Good ornamental tree
- Propagate from seed in Autumn or grafting in late summer
- Good cultivars – “Breda Giant”, “Dutch” & “Large Russian”

#### What to do in the garden for April

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

Join the garden club [www.braidwoodgardenclub.org](http://www.braidwoodgardenclub.org). Positions are available for new committee members. We would love to hear from you.



## Braidwood Film Club

Next screening is next **Saturday April 20** and is preceded by our usual shared meal for Film Club members and their guests. Times are 5:30pm for 6pm meal, and Film at 7pm

**Joe Cinque's Consolation** Australia 2016, crime drama, 102 minutes  
Engineering student Joe Cinque died in Canberra, ACT on 26 October 1997. Cinque's coffee was laced with rohypnol, a sedative, at a dinner party, after which he was injected with a lethal dose of heroin by his girlfriend Anu Singh, who was a law student at the Australian National University at the time. Singh was convicted in 1999 of manslaughter. She was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment, but was released early in 2001. Since her release, she has undertaken criminology research. The crime was portrayed in Helen Garner's non-fiction book *Joe Cinque's Consolation* (2004), which in 2016 was adapted to a feature film by Sotiris Dounoukos who was a contemporary student in the same law faculty. This moving story, seemingly too bizarre to be true, is told with the accent on the main characters – Joe, his girlfriend Anu Singh and her obsessive friend Madhavi Rao – rather than the criminal trials in 1998 and 1999 in which Singh received a minimal sentence for manslaughter and Rao (strangely) was acquitted completely. The issues of culpability, responsibility and the need for punishment to be appropriate to the crime resonate to this day.

## Over 60 years service with community bank



**Craig Pettit : Teller 1 - 22 Years   Helen Farley: Teller 2 - 22 Years   Nick Fry : Teller 3 - 17 Years**



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## CSIRO report sows seeds for Australia's farming future

Australia must act now to accelerate agricultural innovation to achieve productive, resilient and sustainable farming systems by 2050, according to a new report released by Australia's national science agency, **CSIRO**.

While Australian farming - including forestry and fisheries - has seen several years of high yield as of early 2024, some key challenges threaten ongoing prosperity.

The challenges already impacting farming systems include climate change, emissions reduction needs, supply chain disruptions, workforce access, changing consumer preferences, maintaining market access, and long innovation timelines.

In response, through consultation and co-design with over 100 industry stakeholders, CSIRO has delivered the Ag2050 Scenarios Report. The report explores a range of significant trends, risks, opportunities and actions needed to support Australian farming systems into the future and presents four future pathways for the sector.

Dr Katherine Wynn, CSIRO Futures' Agriculture and Food Lead, said the report underscored the critical need for proactive measures, and should serve as a call to action for the agricultural sector.

"The decline in farm profitability over the last two decades is a stark warning sign, with projections indicating decline by up to 50 per cent in some areas by 2050," Dr Wynn said.

"However, our research offers an optimistic outlook, and indicates Australia can achieve productive, sustainable and resilient farming systems if we act now to facilitate long-term transformative change in agricultural innovation."

The four evidence-based future scenarios, paint a picture of what Australian farming systems could look like by 2050 and include:

1. Regional Ag capitals - a consolidated and technologically advanced sector, thriving and prioritising food and fibre security.
2. Landscape stewardship - a forward-thinking sector embracing new opportunities and novel technologies, allowing the environment to flourish.

3. Climate survival - a sector focused on climate adaptation and incremental changes allowing it to survive.

4. System decline - a sector failing to address growing challenges and at a tipping point.

"The four scenarios are designed to prompt collaborative conversations among industry, researchers, and other stakeholders to envision, deliberate, and plan strategic actions for the future of farming we aspire to achieve," Dr Wynn said.

Dr Rose Roche, CSIRO's Ag2050 Lead, highlighted the work CSIRO is doing to support the agricultural sector through its Ag2050 program.

"We're actively collaborating with industry and stakeholders to tailor these scenarios to local and regional contexts and work out what specific technologies and innovations are required," explained Dr Roche.

"Our goal is to make cutting-edge scientific solutions accessible to our stakeholders to help them achieve their desired future."

The Ag2050 Scenarios Report is the first phase of CSIRO's Ag2050 program, a disruptive multi-year initiative aimed at identifying interventions, innovations, and support necessary for a productive, resilient, and sustainable future for Australian agriculture.

Download the Ag2050 Scenarios Report.

The Ag2050 Scenarios Report was led by CSIRO with financial and in-kind support from the Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF).



CSIRO Australia's National Science Agency

### Ag2050 Scenarios Report

2024



Save the Dates  
Wed 21 August  
Wed 13 November

BRAIDWOOD CENTRAL SCHOOL

## YEAR 7 2025 TASTE OF HIGH SCHOOL DAY

First taste of high school day:  
Wednesday 29 May 2024

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION :**

- ✓ Students should wear their current school uniform
- ✓ Bring recess, lunch & a drink for the day
- ✓ Bus travel to & from BCS available
- ✓ Please contact the school for more information

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# The Bombay Trail Horse Riders Group March Ride

On our March ride we had the pleasure of a tour around Majors Creek with village locals Craig Sheridan and Rachel Macdonald providing insights into the gold mining and Bushranger activities of the area.

South Coast Riders from the Wanderers Adult Trail Horse Riding Association (ATHRA) group joined in for the exploration of the country lanes around the village. Although we only rode approximately 12 kms we really enjoyed the historic cottages along the way and the beautiful view from Clarke's Lookout overlooking the Araluen Valley.

It was named after the notorious Clarke Brothers who regularly robbed coaches making the slow ascent from the valley.

As midday approached the group headed for our planned lunch break at the Majors Creek pub. The delicious lunch, thanks to Jackie and her staff, was well received and enjoyed by all.

The horses munched down on the lush grass under the shade provided by the old pines in the pubs park.

After lunch we saddles up again and headed down a bush track to be shown the beautiful old Eucalyptus Stills and areas that were intensely mined back in the days when gold was first discovered in the district. The land remains dotted with old shafts, water diversions and mounds from the excavations. Carefully riding around these areas, we were soon back onto the road and to the completion of an enjoyable ride.

Thankyou Michelle for the ride report and Wanda for some of the photos.

Bombay Riders have a planned ride on the last Sunday of each month.

New riders are always welcome, and our rides vary in terrain and time in the saddle.

If you are interested in joining THE BOMBAY TRAIL HORSE RIDERS group, please email- [bombayriders1@gmail.com](mailto:bombayriders1@gmail.com) or contact our President Jillian 0448001278 to discuss MEMBERSHIP with our group.

From the saddle,  
Vicki Walcott, Publicity Officer.



Some of the riders enjoying the sights of Majors Creek.



Old mine shaft.



## Ticketless Parking

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Council has developed some information sheets regarding some of the matters mentioned above:

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Changes to parking notifications  
We are now using a ticketless system for parking enforcement. This means that if you park illegally you will receive





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

## Gadfly

It was Deputy Prime Minister Richard Marles who first suggested that the inclusion of Japan in the AUKUS group was a natural 'evolution' of the pact. As such it was risible if understandable; Marles is not the sharpest knife in the Cabinet drawer.

But when it was adopted by Prime Minister Anthony Albanese – and then the American president Joe Biden – there is cause for concern. With the addition of Japan, AUKUS ceases to be a device to supply nuclear powered submarines to Australia several decades in the future but a stark reminder of the oppressive powers that abused Chinese sovereignty in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Japan's membership could hardly be more provocative to a country that suffered the indignity of Japanese control of its Taiwan province for 50 years from 1895 and its invasion of the mainland throughout the second world war. The notorious Massacre of Nanking – where the atrocities included 200,000 murders and 20,000 rapes of the civilian population – was but one of hundreds of outrages visited upon the Chinese people. Succeeding Japanese Governments have apologised for their past atrocities, but the scars have yet to heal.

The Australian POWs in Changi and on the Thai-Burma railway had a taste of the cruelty of Imperial Japan, but the intervention of the first of our official Deputy Prime Ministers, John 'Black Jack' McEwen produced a new dimension to our relations with that country. McEwen was a very different figure from the pedestrian Marles. In the decade following the war he and his Departmental Secretary John Crawford, realised that Britain would no longer be our major trading partner and turned instead to Japan.

As it happened, I joined McEwen's small staff as Press Secretary in 1967 – shortly before Harold Holt took his fateful swim – and heard many times of the struggle to pass the 1956 Japan trade agreement against a united Labor opposition. When we visited Tokyo in 1968, he was feted by the Japanese government as a national hero. His proudest boast, he responded, was that since signing the Agreement, neither side had cause to refer to its written articles.

This congenial relationship, added to the American 'supervision' of post war Japan, meant that our promise, 'Lest we forget' was filtered through a financial prism. The Japanese 'economic miracle' even brought protests in the 1980s that Japan was 'buying Australia'.

Throughout that postwar period McEwen also maintained a lucrative wheat trade with Mao Zedong's China despite his government's warning of 'the downward thrust of Chinese communism' via the Vietnam War. However, the China redux of Xi Jinping on the one hand, and on the other a combination of the snide provocations from the zealot Scott Morrison, the militaristic 'exceptionalism' of the United States and the clownish cunning of Donald Trump, has produced a highly delicate diplomatic challenge.

To describe Japan's introduction to the equation as a natural 'evolution' is inappropriate at best and ignorant at worst. And to accuse China of seeking to limit freedom of shipping through the South China Sea – the gateway to China's trade with the world – would be laughable were it not made by the US Navy and its Australian sycophants.

It also makes a mockery of the sensible formula for peaceful coexistence articulated by both Albanese and Foreign Minister Penny Wong, that 'we will cooperate where we can, disagree where we must and engage in our national interest.'

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## Passive Land Hydration Pt 5 Secret Swales

Every time there is a good drop of rain, I look for new opportunities to increase my use of the heavenly bounty before it leaves my property. I first mentioned Basic Passive Land Hydration back in February [ed 191](#). So far, the structures have been for use in the broader landscape. This week I will add my name to the list of Australians working to get the most out of the available Skywater, specifically in small spaces. My contribution to Passive Land Hydration is the Secret Swale.

As with previous structures a Secret Swale is a trench on contour, designed to capture runoff and spread it across the garden to soak. The spoils of the trench can be laid downhill as a small mound, or the subsoil can be used elsewhere.

All the Passive Land Hydration concepts I've previously mentioned, are design elements for use where appropriate. As in Nature there is no one solution, but a complex assembly of elements combined to create the basis for a functioning ecosystem. This platform allows the space to flourish and compound itself.

### Construction

The trench is dug along the chosen contour. The trench is lined with geotextile fabric to prevent erosion of the trench walls. A slotted ag pipe is placed in the bottom of the trench to allow water to flow freely across the level surface. The rest of the trench is filled with 20mm+ pebbles.

Round river pebbles have more capacity than crushed aggregate. The crushed aggregate can get clogged easily and has less airgaps reducing capacity. The trench is about water holding capacity, so the bigger the air gaps the more water can be held for soakage.

Once the trench is full of pebbles, the geofabric is wrapped around the top and secured, like a big sausage. Soil can be added to the surface to completely hide the structure, and have the topsoil built on top. You can't plant on it, but you can plant around it. The trick is getting them to flow into the next one downhill discreetly.

### Foundations for Success

Without water, your garden will surely die, therefore getting your watering system setup is the first step. The first few years are crucial to the establishment of your garden plants. Watering is key but water loss is just as critical. Mulch is a great way to prevent water loss, as are ground covers, but the king of the garden when it comes to preventing water loss is shade.

This will be provided by the canopy trees over several years and the pressure on other elements will be lessened. Shrubbery will reduce wind speed across the ground and provide shade in the morning and afternoon. Most vegetables will thrive in some shade especially in the afternoon.

### What's the Secret?

You can build soil directly on top of the Secret Swale, but I generally use the top of the Secret Swale as a path. It is well hidden underfoot and nobody would know it was there if it wasn't pointed out. But your plants will know. They will have water slowly moving through the soil whenever they need it. Growth rates will be improved and new plants will establish faster than you might expect.

The first few years are crucial to the establishment of trees and shrubs. Deep penetrating roots are the key to long term survival in our Unpredictable Highland Climate. Surface watering as discussed in Hand Watering [ed 185](#), rarely translates into deep root penetration.

### Best use

I use Secret Swales extensively in my Ecosystem Designs for suburban homes and around homesteads. I look to capture extra runoff from roofs and hard surfaces to distribute it across the yard for soaking. I'm looking for sheds, lawn lockers and especially the roof of the home. Sometimes these roofs already have tanks, so the overflow of the tank is the source.

Starting at the top of the system I create Secret Swales across the yard, where practical. This is the first element I design, because it is the first opportunity to utilise the water and feed the soil. All the plantings then occur around the watering system. Wet spots and dry spots are created within the ecosystem providing opportunities for different plantings, to feed you, the soil, to play with solar access, to create privacy or produce a specimen tree to marvel at.

### Path Toppers

Using the Secret Swale as a path means that it is always visible in the garden. Future placement of new plants will be easier. There are two options for topping the paths for maximum benefit. More pebbles on top allows for better infiltration of falling rain and allows the trench to breathe. Usually, a pebble top is an aesthetic choice.

For full function, I choose woodchips on top of the Secret Swale. The wood chips are excellent as a path. They steal nitrogen from the surrounding area to start the breakdown of the woodchips. No food for weeds to grow in the path for several years. Once the wood chips start to breakdown they will become habitat for a fungal network. This network is the basis for the food web in your living soil [Ed 188](#), and will exist best where there is moisture.

### Drawbacks

There are a couple of things that a Secret Swale can't do. There is no habitat created in the trench with grasses or reeds and there is no accumulation of nutrients in the trench from leaf fall or windblown debris. This work needs to be done with your mulch and plantings. A Secret Swale is designed primarily to deliver water across the garden, quietly, passively.

Use the best option for your situation, and perhaps combine them into a more complex system. Water is the source of all life so ensure you make the most of it on your patch of earth.

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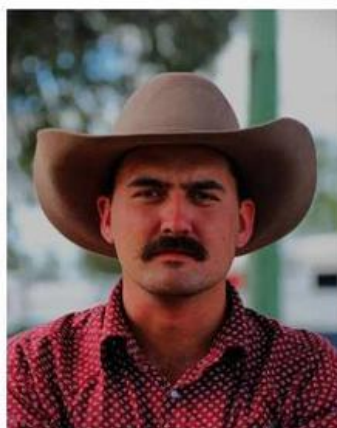
## Entertainment Lineup Announced for Willinga Park Ringers Western Gold Buckle Campdraft Championship 2024



Felicity Dowd



Sara Berki



Wade Forster



Ringers Western Gold Buckle Campdraft

The Ringers Western Gold Buckle Campdraft Championship 2024 at Willinga Park, Bawley Point is gearing up to be an exhilarating event, combining the excitement of elite-level campdrafting with a star-studded entertainment lineup. Taking place from 1 to 4 May 2024, this event will showcase a diverse array of talent, from acclaimed musicians to thrilling trick riders and freestyle motocross daredevils.

### Friday, May 3rd:

The festivities kick off on Friday evening with a performance by Felicity Dowd, a rising star from the NSW South Coast. Felicity Dowd has wowed audiences across the country, from main stages at Australia's most prestigious events (National Folk Festival, Wanderer Festival and Cobargo Folk Festival) to support slots with music royalty, the Bushwackers, Josh Cunningham (The Waifs), Felicity Urquhart, Fanny Lumsden and Tex Perkins (The Cruel Sea). Inspired by an eclectic and ever-changing landscape of genres her music is diverse, drifting between the boundaries of Folk and Country. She has always believed a song is only as good as its story, sharing stories of depth, heart and humour that intertwine the experiences of the world around her. This ideology and passion have been noticed by industry professionals, having already earned this young songwriter 4x Tamworth Songwriting Association Salute Awards, including the 2023 New Songwriter of the Year at the Tamworth Country Music Festival.

### Saturday, May 4th:

Saturday brings a day filled with adrenaline-fueled entertainment. Prepare to be amazed by the lightning-fast and action-packed displays of trick riding, guaranteed to keep spectators on the edge of their seats, from the team at R.A.C.E Entertainment. Spectators will be treated to awe-inspiring displays of skill and daring as riders execute a variety of daring manoeuvres on horseback. From standing upright on the horse's back to executing flips and spins while in motion, trick riding promises to be a must-see attraction! With two performances scheduled on Saturday, witness jaw-dropping stunts and gravity-defying manoeuvres as the Airtime FMX Team pushes the limits of what's possible on two wheels, promising an adrenaline-pumping spectacle for all in attendance. Regularly thrilling crowds at Australia's major events including Sydney Royal Easter Show, Ekka, Adelaide, Melbourne and Canberra Royal Shows, Supercars, NRL and many more, it's an incredible show for all ages, and one not to be missed! As the sun sets, the entertainment continues with performances by two exceptional artists: Wade Forster and Sara Berki. These talented musicians are set to take the stage individually, promising an evening of unforgettable entertainment for attendees of the Ringers Western Gold Buckle Campdraft Championship. Hailing from North-Western Queensland, country artist and Professional Rodeo Circuit Cowboy Wade Forster is no stranger to the spotlight. With a passion for music ignited during his travels around Australia competing in rodeos, Wade's journey led him to release his debut album, "The Beginning," in 2022. This album garnered both international and local acclaim, solidifying Wade's reputation as a rising star in the country music scene. Wade's talent was further recognized when he became a part of The Academy in 2023, where he honed his skills and had the opportunity to perform at the opening concert of the 2023 Tamworth Country Music Festival on the main stage.

Rising star Sara Berki, born in Bundaberg, Queensland, and raised in the Southern Highlands of New South Wales, brings her fiery vocals and compelling songwriting to the stage. In just over eighteen months since the release of her debut single, Sara has established herself as one of the most exciting and prolific new artists in Australian country music. Her latest single, "Favour," has become her second Top 3 hit on the CountryTown Hot50 airplay chart, following the success of "A Boy That's Into Trucks," which earned Sara her first Golden Guitar Award nomination for New Talent of the Year. With her dynamic performances and modern storytelling, Sara continues to captivate audiences and solidify her place as a rising star in the Australian country music scene.

"Willinga Park is thrilled to present a prime lineup of entertainment at the Ringers Western Gold Buckle Campdraft Championship," said Nadine Young, Sales and Marketing Manager at Willinga Park. "We take great pride in offering a diverse range of performances that will captivate spectators of all ages. This year, we're excited to welcome new entertainers to Willinga Park, ensuring an unforgettable experience for all who attend."

In addition to the thrilling entertainment lineup, the Ringers Western Gold Buckle Campdraft Championship 2024 boasts a prestigious competition featuring top-tier riders from across the region. With a prize pool exceeding \$400,000 in cash, along with coveted trophy buckles and saddles up for grabs, the stakes are high for competitors who will vie for glory in various events over the four days.

The championship program includes Junior and Juvenile Drafts, Ladies Dash for Cash, State of Origin, Cut Out Competition, and the highly anticipated Ringers Western Gold Buckle Championship.

Entertainment is included in admission tickets, ensuring that attendees can enjoy both the thrill of the competition and the excitement of the performances.

Beyond the thrilling Campdraft competitions and spectacular entertainment, Willinga Park offers a unique experience for spectators," said Nadine Young.

"Set against the picturesque backdrop of Bawley Point, Willinga Park provides a stunning setting, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Visitors can explore the beautiful grounds and discover the world-class equestrian facilities that make Willinga Park a renowned destination. Whether you're cheering on your favourite riders, enjoying the live music, or simply taking in the natural beauty of the surroundings, Willinga Park is the perfect destination for a memorable day out with the family."

Don't miss your chance to experience the excitement of the Ringers Western Gold Buckle Campdraft Championship 2024! Tickets are available now at [www.willingapark.com.au](http://www.willingapark.com.au).

**EVENT DETAILS: 1 – 4 May 2024**

**Willinga Park, 134 Forster Drive, Bawley Point NSW 2539**





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### A Sweet Sunday Session @ The Queanbeyan Hive:

Celtic Melodies- Sunday, 5 May from 1:00- 4:00pm

Come and experience the magic journey these experienced and accomplished musicians will take you on, as they share their love and passion for Celtic music.

In the glorious setting of The Queanbeyan Hive's sunny backyard garden this Sunday afternoon session is not to be missed.

Humbug has been one of Canberra's best known and most accomplished Celtic bands for many years. It is now a trio featuring Simone Dawson on vocals, flute and whistles, Rachel Antone on vocals and percussion and Mal Bennett on vocals and guitar.

With 5 popular CDs to its credit and countless performances at festivals near and far (including a number at the National Folk Festival), Humbug's lush 3 part harmonies and imaginative instrumental backing, the band is playing and singing better than ever.

Their vast repertoire of well and lesser known Celtic songs, range from poignant Irish and Scottish ballads to rousing, toe tapping songs and lively tunes.

Humbug will be supported by David O'Neill & Jo Creswell from Queanbeyan.

Together, Dave and Jo create a musical experience which captures the passion, poetry and power of the Celtic tradition, spiced with flavourings of French music and jazz.

Dave O'Neill is widely acclaimed as one of Australia's finest multi-instrumentalists. As a pivotal member of Eric Bogle's band, he has thrilled audiences all over Australia and the USA. Dave has an impressive list of recordings to his credit and is in much demand as a session musician and teacher.

Jo Creswell has established a national reputation as a concertina player and innovative interpreter of Irish music. She is well known from line-ups with Lachlan Green, Sarah Davies, Ruth Lee Martin, Rita Woolhouse.

Booking online

### Join us at the Goulburn Wetlands at 12pm, Saturday 27 April for a Cyanotype workshop with PhotoAccess

When 12pm Saturday 27 April at Goulburn Wetlands to forage and Goulburn Regional Art Gallery to create.

Who: Participants 16 yrs + Cost: \$30.00 + booking fee

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Taking inspiration from James Tylor's solo exhibition Turrangka...in the Shadows, we're teaming up with Photoaccess to explore the camera-less photographic technique of Cyanotypes. Created through a process that engages objects directly with UV light to create stunning dark blue images, Cyanotypes are a wonderful way to gain appreciation of the world around us, and the power of the sun.

Meeting at the Goulburn Wetlands and then back at the Gallery to create, this workshop is open to participants aged 16 years and up. Participants are responsible for their own transport from the Wetlands to the Gallery.

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## Connecting past and present through Art

During April and May, Rusten House Art Centre will host exhibitions as part of the Queanbeyan-Palerang Heritage Festival.

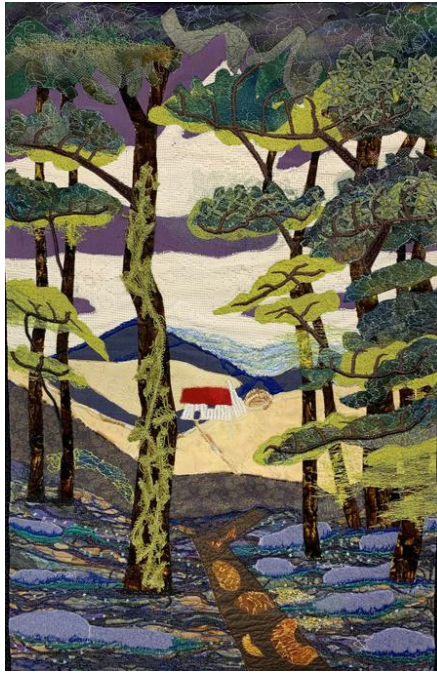
The three exhibitions on show connect the past to the present through art. These creative objects are a record of what once was... be it a past portrait, a view of the landscape that is forever changed or a quilt made by a local artisan to commemorate an important event. They are tangible connectors to the past through the hand of a maker, physically imbued with emotion and care.

### A Stitch in Time – Quilt

**Exhibition** is a selection of quilts and textile art from the collections of Council and the Braidwood Quilters. This exhibition features quilts from the 'Quilts 2000' project which brought together over 600 quilts from around Australia and raised over \$500,000 at auction for the Sydney 2000 Paralympics. It also highlights quilted panels created to commemorate the opening of Queanbeyan's Bicentennial Hall, and the Centenary of Federation. These textile artworks celebrate the connections of both our regional heritage festival and the Queanbeyan Quilters Exhibition weekend being hosted at the Bicentennial Hall from 27 to 28 April.

**Highlights of the QPRC Art Collection** showcases the excellence of local artists. Take an intimate look at a selection of past winners and awardees of the Queanbeyan-Palerang Annual Art Awards.

**Community Connections – A Portrait Story** presents over 90 portraits created by members of the Queanbeyan community in 2008. It includes portraits of local artists, past mayors, and school children from the region, it is a time capsule of the community. It connects the past and the present together by inviting community members who took part in this creative project, to view and celebrate the rediscovery of these portraits.



*BlueBell Wood by Lois McKenzie*

An eclectic range of mediums, techniques, and skill levels are on display from the multi-generational artists represented in this show. It beautifully reflects the diversity of creativity that can be found in the community. All works have now been digitally scanned and for inclusion in our archive. We invite artists and community members who took part in the original project to celebrate this exhibition and claim their portrait at the end.

Exhibition dates: 6 April – 25 May 2024

Celebration Event: Saturday 27 April 2024– from 2pm

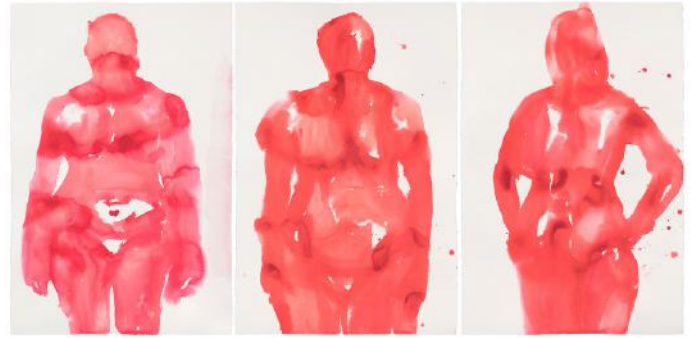
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### APPLICATIONS OPEN for Bundanon's 2025 Artists in Residence program.

The major Artists in Residence program is for visual and performing arts, literature, dance and music, and environmental and scientific research. It provides important career opportunities for artists and researchers to develop their work in an inspiring environment. Artists and researchers are hosted in purpose-built studios and rehearsal spaces on the organisation's secluded Homestead site.

Everything you need to know to apply [bundanon.com.au/residencies/](http://bundanon.com.au/residencies/)  
Applications close Wednesday 15 May 2024.



### Lee Crisp from Ballalaba, has a new show at Belco Arts called Life Drawing (Drawing Life) until May 19.

This follows her very successful recent show at CCAS Manuka of lockdown watercolours, dealing with drought, fire, flood and staying put with beautiful contemplative forms.

Lee explores the agency, power, sensuality, sexuality and wisdom of mature women. Four of her subjects are in their 80's. Many of her friends from nearby properties became subjects in a project full of great conversations and celebrations of women who don't fit the usual stereotypes. "These are the wise women of our community." Some younger friends were also subjects and ages ranged between 38 and 86.

Lee says "The show was great fun to make over 4 months with a flood in the middle on boxing day!! feel grounded in the company of these terrific, generous people. The drawings are very large watercolours on paper and there is a great catalogue with inspiring quotes about the lives of women. I think we learnt a lot from each other."

The show is at Belco arts till May 19 and the catalogue can be viewed on the Belco arts website.

### NATIONAL GALLERY OF AUSTRALIA LAUNCHES NATIONAL SCULPTURE GARDEN LANDSCAPE DESIGN COMPETITION

The National Gallery of Australia's iconic sculpture garden is set to undergo a \$60 million revitalisation with the launch of the Sculpture Garden Design Competition today.

The National Sculpture Garden in Kamberri/Canberra is one of Australia's largest and most distinct sculpture gardens.

The National Gallery will conduct an open-call, two stage, competition to select a design team who can create an innovative design incorporating a public place for experiencing art, education, cultural and social events, while respecting the garden's original design intent and heritage values.

The winner of the competition will lead a major redevelopment to revitalise the three-hectare garden surrounding the National Gallery, reinforcing its position as the most significant sculpture garden in Australia. The National Sculpture Garden project will be realised through philanthropic support.

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## Regarding dreams as water moons

At Suki & Hugh Bungendore

An exhibition of paintings by Peter Jordan & Sara Freeman Suki & Hugh Gallery will open an exhibition of paintings by local artists Peter Jordan and Sara Freeman on Saturday 20 April 2024.

The exhibition title 'Regarding dreams as water moons' references a poem by the Buddhist teacher Longchenpa (Tibet 1308-1364), reminding us that ultimately everything is as ephemeral as a reflection of the moon in the water. The exhibition features new works in egg tempera & wax by Freeman.



The artist is well-known for her detailed and mesmerising works in this medium. She has previously spoken about her art practice as a restorative process where colour is used to purge or embrace emotion and the repetitive nature of mark-making becomes meditative and soothing.

'The process of making, and the quiet energy that it generates, is done with the hope to draw the viewer into a more contemplative space with a possibility to feel the world around us in a more expansive and receptive way.' – Sara Freeman Jordan's abstract works, some in oil paint and others using acrylic on board are powerful in colour and content. The titles of the works offer an intriguing insight into the creator's mind and open more questions than they provide answers.

Examples are; The first principle, Postern Gate, and Stand before it and there is no beginning. Freeman alludes to the influence of Buddhist principles on her work through titles such as The defeat of Mara - Mara is considered the negative quality found in human's egos and psyche, and Things Seem to Have Beginnings - relating to the Buddhist value that everything is cyclical, there is no beginning and no end.

Peter Jordan and Sara Freeman divide their time between studios in Canberra and the Far South Coast of New South Wales.

They have each exhibited widely in Australia and find inspiration from extensive overseas travel.

Opening drinks with the artists will be held on Saturday 20 April 2024, 3-5pm. All welcome.

An online catalogue will be available from Friday 19 April.

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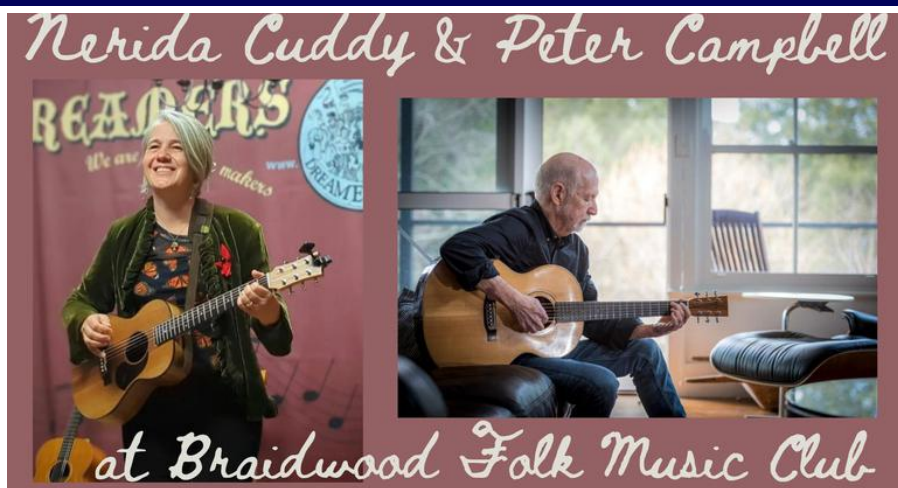
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## Braidwood Folk Club afternoon concert with Nerida Cuddy & Peter Campbell - Sunday 5th May

Braidwood Folk Club brings you a concert afternoon on Sunday 5th May, from 3:30pm at the Royal Mail Hotel (rear dining room). The concert will feature two accomplished folk artists from our neighbouring regions:

- **Nerida Cuddy** lives in Canowindra and has been playing and composing music for over 25 years. She has released five albums and performed widely at folk clubs, festivals and other events in Australia and the UK. Nerida has shared songwriter concerts with artists such as Enda Kenny, Bruce Watson, Fred Smith and George Mann. and is freshly home from her own 'Strength of Stories' tour of regional NSW. An engaging performer and prolific songwriter, Nerida is known as "a composer & musician with not only an ear for music, but a social conscience and a sense of humour" (ABC Central West). Nerida previously ran the "Folk at Canowindra" music club and is passionate about supporting rural wellbeing through music and life in regional NSW.

Nerida's Website: <https://nerida.info/> & original song 'For the Trees':

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eoSe1i23yPU>

- **Peter Campbell** lives in the Moss Vale area and has musical roots deep in the socially conscious 60's and 70's. His musical career has spanned 50 years and includes decades of performing and touring within Australia and overseas and four albums of music. One of his more recent original songs "Waited Too Long" was adopted as the anthem of the UN International Summit on Domestic/ Family Violence in 2020. Peter is an intelligent and witty songwriter who delivers an array of uplifting, challenging and often hilarious indie folk songs. After a break of some years, Peter has recently returned to the stage, receiving enthusiastic receptions at venues such as the Bundanoon Folk Festival and Hornsby Folk Club.

Peter's Website: <https://petercampbell.au/> & appearance in Stories from the Studio:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=md0Gc05l46s>

Our concert will also allow time for some floor spot performers - Please contact us if you would like to contribute a couple of songs/ tunes/ poems on the day to an appreciative audience.

Concert tickets will be \$20/ \$15 concession and folk club members, pre-booked online at <https://events.humanitix.com/autumn-concert-featuring-nerida-cuddy-and-peter-campbell> or cash at the door. We do hope you will join us for this special concert event!

### Braidwood Folk Club Committee

P.S. And for musicians and singers, don't forget we also have a Sessions Afternoon coming up this Sunday 21st April, 3 - 6pm at the Royal Mail Hotel - Tunes Group instrumental session 3 - 4:30pm and Big Sing singing session 4:30 - 6pm. All welcome, music/ song words and guidance supplied. Come along and have some fun making music!

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## Anglican Parish

### One flock, one shepherd

The other day I was driving from my home in Reidsdale into Braidwood. Coming over a rise, I noticed two young steers on the road, looking a bit dazed and lost. I texted my neighbour, asking if he owned them. Some time later, he called back, telling me that they were indeed his. Somehow, 'the little Houdinis' had found their way out onto the road, and he had now successfully returned them to his pasture.

Two steers. There were many more cattle on my neighbour's property. Had these two got away and run off into the Monga National Park, he had plenty of others. I'm not a farmer so I've got no idea what they're worth, but surely they wouldn't have cost him that much. What did they matter? But they did matter. I suspect that's what farming is all about.

In this week's gospel passage (John 10:11-18), Jesus describes himself as 'the good shepherd'. 'I'm not just a hired man,' he says. 'You are my sheep, and I know you, I care for you.' He also tells us that 'there are other sheep that aren't in my fold'. But these too, he says, will be brought into his fold, so there will only be one flock, and all will belong to it.

Some people seem to me to waste an awful lot of time trying to tell us who's out of God's attention, rather than who are in it – the flock, I think, is a lot bigger than they think it is.

There's an old joke about the man who dies and goes to heaven. St Peter says to him, 'Well, there are a lot of residential areas in heaven, and you get to choose which one you'd like to live in. Let's take a look.' They pass the Buddhists meditating, the Muslims praying, the Catholics at mass, the agnostics debating with each other and then they pass a high wall with barbed wire and broken glass at the top. St Peter turns to the man and motions him to be quiet as they sneak past the wall. 'Who's in there?' asks the man. 'Shh!' replies St Peter, 'keep your voice down! That's the Anglicans. They think they're the only ones here!' One flock. One shepherd. Held together by love.

John Foulcher, parishioner.

Join us this coming SUNDAY 21st April, 10am at St Andrews Anglican Church, Elrington St, Braidwood for a Holy Communion service, followed by a welcoming cuppa and chat. Check out our Facebook page: Anglican Parish of Braidwood for updates. If you'd like to know more about Men's Coffee, Crafty or Not group and other activities, please contact Parish: email: [admin@braidwoodanglican.org.au](mailto:admin@braidwoodanglican.org.au) or 0497 486 233. You can join the Parish mailing list (by sending your name and email address to the above email address) to receive a monthly newsletter with all these details and more included.

## Braidwood Uniting Church

### Isolation

Astonishingly, I'm discovering a whole new meaning to the word, "isolation". It's a word I used all the time when living and working in Kings Cross. In that context, people can be living on top of each other and still be chronically isolated. At least 300 people each day came through our front door and all of them pretty much felt, "alone". In the city it is surprising how quickly a person can become homeless. This kind of isolation is often caused by mental illness but in cases where the cause was of another nature, mental illness was soon the result.

Countless thousands of times, I've witnessed conversations between two or three or more people, when there wasn't the faintest hint of a common thread. Connection seemed so unlikely that people never expected to be heard. They never listened but rather just waited for the next lull in vocal noise, so that they could say whatever it was that they were keen to say. The longer you experience this version of conversation the more isolating it gets. Recently I called on a lady who lives on Church of England Cemetery Road, Araluen. Now that's isolation. "What possessed you to live here?" was my opening line to which the lady replied, "I like peace and quiet". I was and am, stunned. This is isolation on a whole new level for me. Until recently this lady had no transport and was dependent on the goodness of others to get her in and out of Braidwood or to bring in food. I looked around and wondered if an Ambulance would be capable of reaching the place in an emergency. Could a fire truck get out through such a road? When it rains the couple of creek beds we crossed cut the lady off completely from Araluen and Braidwood. Trying to be funny I said, "it would be no point praying out here, I'm not sure God would have service out this far". Well, I thought I was funny anyway.

The good news is that there are some astonishingly good people in this world who have often taken out half a day of their busy lives to make sure this lady had food or got to a medical appointment. This is isolation of a kind that I've not known before and the kindness of the folks who've been supporting his lady is nothing less than extraordinary. I feel honoured to have met and known such people. I'm taking a break for a month, but I believe someone from our congregation will send a note to our vast Bugle readership. I reckon we should develop a secret handshake or some other way of recognizing each other when we're having lunch at Vanilla or morning tea at Casanova's or a quiet one at the pub or club or in the IGA. Proud to be part of the Braidwood community. I'll be back in a month. [grahamlong@mac.com](mailto:grahamlong@mac.com)

## St Bede's Parish

### REFLECTION on the Gospel of John 10:11-14 from GPBS 16/4/24

#### The Shepherd in You

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd would die for the sheep. The hired hand, who is neither shepherd nor owner of the sheep, catches sight of the wolf coming and runs away, leaving the sheep to be scattered or snatched by the wolf. That's because the hired hand works only for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me."

At our daily work each of us are shepherds. We are in charge of the quality and quantity of work that we do. No one can make us be less than we are. We are responsible for our actions, and as good shepherds we must be willing to put our jobs on the line for the sake of preserving our integrity and the integrity of others – be they our customers, co-workers, bosses, or employees.

Why does the Father love the good shepherd, according to Jesus? Because the good shepherd is willing to lay down his life in order to take it up again. That means he acts without being led by his fears. He acts out of love and respect for the precious gift of giving him, namely his life, his talents, and his very ability to work.

Where do you see good shepherds in your own life? I see them in the women who watch my nephew at day-care, the people who deliver my mail, the assistants who always keep their humour at the sandwich counter, and my business partners, co-workers, and family members who wouldn't let a wolf within a thousand yards of the work they do.

#### The Commissioning

Speak out for the Christian faith, speak out for God's chosen one, Jesus, and speak out for the saints. Speak out, but it is your actions that will speak most clearly of what you believe.

We will tend the sick.

We will offer hope to the depressed.

We will comfort the bereaved.

We will expose the manipulators.

We will defy the powerful.

We will inspire the downhearted.

Your actions will speak louder than your words.

#### Weekend Mass: Saturdays at 5.00pm

Anzac Day Ecumenical Service 9.30am in St. Bede's Church, followed by a cuppa and Anzac biscuits before the march. Please bring a small plate of biscuits to share.

#### The St Bede's parish 'Call to Connect'

women's Ministry warmly welcomes all women to a Mother's Day Breakfast. Let's come together to celebrate the gift of mothering, enjoy each other's company and pray for one another.

At: St Bede's school hall on Saturday 4th May 2024. 8am-9.30am Cost: \$12. Sorry no refunds due to costs incurred. RSVP by Monday 29th April with exact cash to James' coffee window





## Rain hits rural roads again

Farmers have renewed calls for real action on road infrastructure funding after recent rains wreaked further damage on roads and bridges across the state.

**NSW Farmers President Xavier Martin** said the sheer number and size of flood events over recent years has left many roads and bridges across NSW in desperate need of major repair.

"Repairing our rural road infrastructure is essential to keeping our rural communities alive and moving the food and fibre that fuels our nation," Mr Martin said. "Thanks to the current state of our roads, farmers are facing significant challenges and increased costs to get inputs such as fertiliser and fuel onto their farms and transport the food and fibre they produce off-farm and onto the dinner tables of Australian families.

"Recent rain events certainly haven't helped the state of NSW's infrastructure, and we're now facing a wrecked road to recovery for many regional roads and bridges." >>

>> Despite past funding packages announced by state and federal governments to aid infrastructure repair, Mr Martin said a large portion of this funding was focused on fixing potholes, leaving many of the state's major roads and bridges in poor condition.

"While there has been some funding put in place to support road recovery, it's not nearly enough to satisfy demand and fix the thousands of kilometres of roads in disrepair across the state," Mr Martin said. "We're talking billions, not millions, when it comes to what we need to get our local, state and national roads and bridges back on track after the weather events of recent years.

"We know it takes time to assess damaged roads – and this is certainly the case for farmers in the Megalong Valley who are now essentially cut off by the recent road slip in the area.

"However, it's been many years of flood after flood for many rural communities, and with each disaster our roads and bridges have seen a fresh wave of damage that desperately needs federal budget funding now."

## Supporting rural leaders

A statewide search is underway for five bright young minds from rural communities as NSW Farmers opens applications for its 2024 Tertiary Scholarships.

Each worth \$4000 annually, the **NSW Farmers 2024 Tertiary Scholarships** will be awarded to members or their children to support their university or vocational qualification in a field relevant to regional and rural Australia.

NSW Farmers Rural Affairs Committee Chair Deb Charlton said the scholarship program aimed to foster the future of rural Australia by providing five young leaders with the opportunity to excel in their field.

"As the state's peak farming body, we have made a commitment to help the next generation access the wealth of opportunities and careers that exist in rural Australia – and this scholarship program is one of the key means by which we can open these doors," Mrs Charlton said.

"Rural Australia has huge potential, and the future success of these communities truly lies in the hands of the talented younger generation coming through.

"Investing in skill development and building capacity is essential if we want our future leaders to find their passion and get the head start they need to achieve their goals."

Applications for the Tertiary Scholarships program close on May 5, 2024. Scholarships will be awarded based on academic performance, commitment to agriculture and rural communities, and all-round ability including leadership qualities and communication skills.

For more information or to apply, click [here](#).

## Annual Braidwood Weaner Sale

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## Untapped solar rooftop potential costing Australian billions each year, new report finds

### UNSW

Rooftop solar can deliver \$9.3 billion in cost savings for people living in apartments or houses. A new report has revealed Australians are missing out on \$9.3 billion per year in potential cost savings for people living in apartments, social housing, and private rental houses.

Australia is a world-leader in residential photovoltaic deployment with rooftop solar installed in almost one in three houses.

However, most of those houses are owner-occupier – meaning rental houses, apartment buildings and social housing are missing out on savings.

The 'Rooftop Solar Potential of Australian Housing Stock by Tenure and Dwelling Type' report was conducted by researchers from UNSW School of Photovoltaic and Renewable Energy Engineering in collaboration with the Australian Photovoltaic Institute.

The study, commissioned by Solar Citizens, found total potential for rooftop solar installation is estimated at approximately 61 gigawatts (GW), which could reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 785 megatonnes over the next 20 years.

**Untapped potential:** The researchers carried out an assessment of all the residential buildings across Australia to estimate how many extra solar panels could be installed on those sites.

As of June last year, approximately 15.1 GW of residential solar is installed in Australia.

The report found there is approximately 45.8 GW of unrealised potential solar energy on houses and apartments across the country – that's three times the number of panels currently installed on roofs.

The results also show New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland have the highest share of this solar potential across the country.

Dr Mike Roberts, UNSW Senior Research Fellow and one of the authors on the report, says there will be many households across the nation who have the potential to save even more on their power bills with rooftop solar.

"Our analysis found the power of solar can deliver average annual household bill savings \$1,300 each year," he says.

"Apartments are another housing type where government investment now will pay high dividends in cheaper bills and less emissions for long into the future.

"Apartment buildings are missing out on three gigawatts of solar power, more than two gigawatts on social housing and a massive 12 GW in the rental sector which include both houses and apartments.

"Apartment residents could be saving an average of \$500 to \$700 a year on their energy bills and could be paying off the system in five years or less.

"While we have seen recent action on solar for social housing through collaboration between several State and Federal governments, this approach should be fast-tracked to a greater number of social homes, given the outstanding cost savings on bills and other benefits delivered."

**Good for the economy too:** Beyond households saving on their energy bill, more rooftop solar installations will also help boost the economy.

The report found that closing the solar potential gap would create 240,000 additional job-years of employment in the solar industry, supporting those working in solar sales and installation roles – that's the equivalent to employing 48,000 people for five years.

Joel Pringle, National Campaigns Director at Solar Citizens, says:

"Australian households struggling with rising costs of living have the potential for more than \$9 billion in energy bill savings sitting right now in untapped rooftop solar potential.

"That's nine billion good reasons for the Albanese Government to make a significant investment in supporting more rooftop solar for households, people living in apartments and social housing and renters in the upcoming Federal Budget.

"Unlocking this solar potential can return money to people's pockets, deliver 785 megatonnes in avoided carbon emissions over 20 years and the up-front investment is repaid in bill savings for households within about five years.

"Cleaner, cheaper rooftop solar energy is a win for both energy bill relief and reducing climate pollution. One in three Australian homes has now gone solar, we need greater government support to ensure the financial and health benefits are extended to all Australian households."

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Join us for the Queanbeyan-Palerang Heritage Festival!

From April to May attend workshops, walks, talks and exhibitions that showcase the rich history of our region.

Find fantastic community run events in Braidwood, Araluen, Bungendore and Queanbeyan.

- ▶ Learn more and read the program at [qprc.nsw.gov.au/events](http://qprc.nsw.gov.au/events)

### Youth Week and School Holiday program

Register to participate in our youth activities!

Join us for a jam-packed day at B.Firm in Canberra. Young people will work as a team to complete different outdoor obstacles and activities on 17 April with transport from Braidwood or Bungendore.

This program is for children aged 12-17 and is funded by the NSW Government.

We also have our Youth Week Games Night at the Queanbeyan Library on Friday 19 April. This activity is for young people aged 11-16 and is from 5-7pm.

- ▶ Learn more about eligibility and book at [qprc.nsw.gov.au/events](http://qprc.nsw.gov.au/events)

### Have Your Say

Projects & initiatives open for community comment	Closing Date
Draft Cemeteries Strategy	11 April
Review Mobile Food Vending Policy 2024	11 April
Karabar Water Mains Upgrade - Review of Environmental Factors	12 April
Naming Queanbeyan Civic and Cultural Precinct	12 April

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

Submissions can be made:

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

### Council Meetings and Times

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

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

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

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

Next meeting dates are:

- 10 April
- 24 April

### Written Questions on Notice

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

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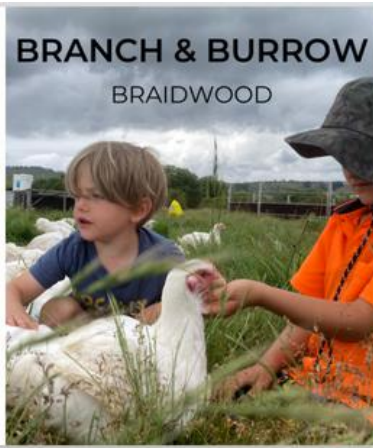




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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Toasties</li> <li>• Ham or cheese or tomato or Chicken &amp; BBQ sauce</li> <li>• Extras - cheese/ham/tomato</li> <li>• Garlic Bread</li> <li>• Hash Browns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chicken Nuggets</li> <li>• Meat Pie</li> <li>• Sausage Rolls</li> <li>• Tomato sauce, BBQ sauce, salad dressing</li> <li>• Mac &amp; Cheese, Lasagne, Spaghetti Bolognese</li> <li>• Garlic Bread</li> <li>• Hash Browns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mixed salad bowl</li> <li>• Salad Rolls</li> <li>• add chicken or ham</li> <li>• Burgers</li> <li>• Beef &amp; BBQ sauce or Chicken with garlic aioli (both with lettuce, tomato &amp; beetroot)</li> <li>• Veggie &amp; lettuce, tomato, beetroot carrot, cucumber &amp; garlic aioli</li> <li>• Toasties</li> <li>• Ham or cheese or tomato or Chicken &amp; BBQ sauce</li> <li>• Extras - cheese/ham/tomato</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poppers - Apple, Orange, Apple &amp; Blackcurrant</li> <li>• Water</li> <li>• Milk - Chocolate/Strawberry</li> <li>• Glee Sparkling Mineral Water</li> <li>• Tropical, Grape, Watermelon</li> <li>• Hot Milo</li> <li>• Frozen Fruit Snappy (fruit iceblock)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday \$7.00</li> <li>• Thursday \$7.00</li> </ul>

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- **Ryrie Park Markets** every 4th Saturday  
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- **Garage Sales Braidwood Uniting Church**  
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- **Bungendore: The Southern Harvest Farmers Market** - 9am (9.30am start time for the winter months) to 12noon Saturdays
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It's Braidwood's turn for the Respite care for QBN annual high tea. Come and enjoy our Christmas in July high tea at the National Theatre Community Centre - tickets are only \$65 plus admin fee. The MC will be the enthusiastic Mr Tony Wood. Tony always puts on a good show and gets everyone involved. Tony is an old Braidwood boy himself. There will be lots of yummy food games and guest speakers, raffle, lucky dips, lucky door prizes auction items. Music by the very Talented Ruby Holden. Tickets can be obtained at Eventbrite at the link listed <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/.../christmas-in-july-high->

## 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.

- **Made in Araluen Market** 27th April.
- **2024 NSW Local Government elections**  
Saturday, 14 September 2024
- **Airing of the Quilts** 23/24th November

## THE MACHINE SHOW

has been rescheduled for 25 -26 October

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- Understanding and respect for the Catholic Church and its teaching
- Current experience in an office environment.

Employment conditions are subject to Clerks Award. Please phone 0430 169 849 for a copy of the duty statement.

Applications addressing the Selection Criteria above with attached resume to Father Tony Percy, Administrator of St. Bede's, Braidwood and cc. [wilmont289@gmail.com](mailto:wilmont289@gmail.com), must be received by 16 May 2024 Email: [Tony.Percy@cg.org.au](mailto:Tony.Percy@cg.org.au)



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## RACING NEWS WITH THE JEMBAICUMBENE PUNTER

The racing world are still talking about Pride of Jenni's win in the 2000 metres Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Royal Randwick last Saturday.

Jockey Declan Bates produced an outstanding ride to lead all the way. At one stage they were 33 lengths ahead of the rest of the field. The winning margin was six and a half lengths from Via Sistina ridden by James McDonald with Mr Brightside and Craig Williams in third place. When interviewed after the race, James McDonald said it was embarrassing. The win was her seventh from twenty nine starts and brings her earnings to \$8.5 million.

This year's Schweppes Sydney Cup over 3200 metres was taken out by Circle of Fire (Almanzor) ridden by Andrea Atzeni. He is trained by Ciaran Maher. He has won at two Group Two levels and has won \$1578187.00 in his career. The jockey Andrea Atzeni dedicated the win to his mate Stefano Curch, who was tragically killed in a race fall at Canberra three weeks ago. Stefano's parents travelled from Italy to see their late son's mate score a very emotional win.

Zougotcha (Zouster) ridden by James McDonald won the Grainshaker Vodka Queen of the Turf Stakes over 1600 metres, with Atishu ridden by Blake Shine was second with Semana third ridden by Dylan Gibbons.

It was great to see Terry McDonald take out the Wellington Cup over 1700 metres last Sunday with Lockdown Gamble. Terry has certainly been enjoying success with his horse by Casino Prince. Lockdown Gamble was ridden by young apprentice jockey Conan Keastings.

Former jockey Brent Thompson aged 66 years has returned to riding track work for Ciaran Maher. Thompson had not ridden a horse for 24 years but is now back riding at the track for Maher.

Stevie Payne, Michelle Payne's brother, is doing voluntary work in the Cafeteria at Ballarat Hospital. He works in the cafeteria and delivers meals to patients.

Share Horses:

Happy Casino had his little outing at Kyneton on April 11th and finished in tenth place.

Chicago King is still out in the paddock. He will be out for another three or four weeks.

Infatuation has been out in the paddock for eight weeks and continues to let down beautifully and is enjoying her spell. She is to have another two weeks spelling and then will come back to work.

Until next time.

Happy Punting.

## 2024 Muster for Landcare



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**Save the date**

**Wednesday 29th May 2024**  
9:30am to 3:30pm

**National Theatre Braidwood**

An invitation to Landcarers and LLS staff to get clarity about the NSW Landcare Enabling Program and Local Land Services programs in the South East.

Additional Regional Community of Practice day will follow for coordinators & key committee members on Thursday 30th May. Further information including booking details coming soon.



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### Bridge Pose – Setu Asana

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**To practice** – Begin sitting with the legs extended in front of you. Place the palms of the hands either sides of the body, about 30cm behind the buttocks. Keep the elbows straight, point the fingers back and slightly recline the torso. Keep the arms and legs straight and raise the buttocks off the floor by lifting the hips up. Extend the toes towards the floor and let the head stretch comfortably back and down. Hold for as long as comfortable, then release by lowering the buttocks to the floor. Practice up to 5 rounds. (If this is too demanding, practice with the knees bent, feet on the floor)



## Braidwood Golf Club News

### NEW CHECK IN TIMES – Check in by 11.30, Hit off at 12 WOMEN'S PENNANT REPORT

Last Thursday, Braidwood's Bronze Shield team played their final Pool match against Bowral at Royal Canberra Golf Club. The resulting 4-1 win meant that the team finished top of their Pool and undefeated for the second season. Winners on the day were Sarah Heine, Michelle Henry, Donna Kuhn and Robin Tennant Wood. Next week the team will play Queanbeyan in the semi-final at Belconnen so good luck!

**RESULTS-Saturday April 13 –Men's Single Stableford** – David Goddard Trophy. Many thanks David for your sponsorship.  
Winner: Craig Sloan 42 pts, Runner Up: Andrew Clark 39 pts, 3rd Place: Tom Duffy 38 pts. Men's NTP 3/12: Andrew Clark Jackpot(1m) 8th \$110: Not Won  
Ball Comp: Roger Hovey 35, Mark Newman 34, Terry Hughes 33, Chris Witt 29

Handicap Changes: Andrew Clark down 1 to 22, Tom Duffy down 1 to 28, Roger Hovey down 1 to 25, Terry Hughes down 1 to 30, Craig Sloan down 5 to 38

Birdies Men: 4

Women's Single Stableford – Dojo Bread Trophy –

Thank you Dojo Bread for sponsoring the golf trophy this week.

Winner: Donna Kuhn 38 pts

Runner Up: Margy Gardner 31 pts

Handicap Changes: Deb Ferguson out 1 to 21, Donna down 1 to 30

Pars Women: 3

Women's NTP 3/12: Not Won

### Coming Events

- **April 20 Saturday** Committee Meeting 10.30am  
Men's 2BBB Stableford – Rodney Royds 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
- **May 12 Sunday** Mother's Day
- **May 18 Saturday** Committee Meeting 10.30am  
Men's Single Stableford – Michael Toirkens Trophy
- **May 18 Saturday** Women's Single Stableford – Vanilla Café Trophy
- **May 25 Saturday** Medley 2BBB Drawn after play  
Concept Café Trophy
- **May 25 Saturday** Medley 2BBB Drawn after play  
Concept Café Trophy
- **June 1 Saturday** Men's & Women's Stroke & Monthly Medal
- **June 8 Saturday** King's Birthday Weekend  
Men's Single Stableford – Mike Fitzgerald Trophy
- **June 8 Saturday** 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
- **June 22 Saturday** Women's Single Stableford – Java Braidwood Trophy
- **June 29 Saturday** Medley 2BBB Stableford Aggregate – Majors Creek Pub Trophy
- **July 6 Saturday** Men's & Women's Stroke & Monthly Medal
- **July 13 Saturday** Medley 2BBB Stableford – Daargun Aboriginal Corporation Trophy
- **July 20 Saturday** Committee Meeting 10.30am  
2BBB Stableford Nick Fry & Rob Martin Trophy
- **July 20 Saturday** Women's Single Stableford – Michelle Henry Trophy
- **July 27 Saturday** Legacy Day  
Medley Irish Stableford – Barry McDonald Trophy

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## Close finish for 2024 Summer-Autumn night competition



### Braidwood Tennis Club REPORTS:

Congratulations to the winners of the 2024 Summer-Autumn doubles night competition: Josh Repko, Cam Robottom, Daniel Vardanega, Farid Rezaeian, Nicole Vardanega, Elizabeth Hawkes, Martin Glover, and Michele Munn.

Amazingly the final was tied at 51 games each, with the final result decided by only two games: 57 to 55.

Next night comp starts in September but there is still tennis throughout winter with kids and adults coaching and Sunday competitions.

## Braidwood Redbacks Rugby Union Club 2024 Draw

- R1 20th April – BYE
- R2 27th April – Braidwood Redbacks V Cooma Red Devils – Home
- R3 4th May – Braidwood Redbacks V Bungendore Mudchooks – Home
- R4 11th May – Batemans Bay/Broulee Boars V Braidwood Redbacks – Away
- R5 18th May – Yass Rams V Braidwood Redbacks – Away
- R6 25th May – Braidwood Redbacks V Hall Bushrangers – Home
- R7 1st June – Jindabyne Bushpigs V Braidwood Redbacks – Home
- 7th June – BYE – Queens Birthday Long Weekend
- R8 15 June – Braidwood Redbacks V Batemans Bay/Broulee Boars – Home
- R9 22nd June – ADFA V Braidwood Redbacks – Away
- R10 29th June – BYE
- R11 6th July – Braidwood Redbacks V Taralga Tigers – Home
- R12 13th July – Bungendore Mudchooks V Braidwood Redbacks – Away
- R13 20th July – Braidwood Redbacks V Yass Rams – Home
- R14 27th July – Crookwell Dogs V Braidwood Redbacks – Away
- R15 3rd August – Hall Bushrangers V Braidwood Redbacks – Home
- R16 10th August – Braidwood Redbacks V Jindabyne Bushpigs – Home

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