



Photo of the Week: Katie Lyons captured this full rainbow at Reidsdale on Monday afternoon.

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BRAIDWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Braidwood Community Association meets every month to discuss issues of concern to the community. The BCA was formed in 2018 in response to the lack of local representation on the amalgamated QPRC Council. Over the last six years, one of our main roles has been to advocate to Council on behalf of our residents. We have developed strong connections with many Councillors and QPRC staff members. Knowing who to contact at Council is an advantage when issues or questions arise.

It was a lovely surprise recently to receive the following letter of support from one of our members, Cathie Owen. Cathie and Phillip have been active members of the BCA since settling into Braidwood Ridge a few years ago. Phillip is a retired mining engineer and has been our representative on the Dargues Gold Mine Community Consultation Committee.

With Cathie's permission, I have included her letter below.

The formation of the Braidwood Community Association has been a wonderful opportunity for new residents to the town to quietly observe and get to know this friendly and welcoming town. The monthly meeting always has something of interest to all residents. By hearing concerns or making detailed lists of priorities the Community Association is able to work closely with our regional council, QPRC, to make sure that our needs are heard. Talks by experts in their fields have given us information should disasters strike again.

In liaising with other community organisations information is shared and appreciated. Special concerns and expertise are met with sub committees to better the town. The design of the hugely popular new children's park was an early achievement which took in the particular needs and interests of the local children.

I would urge all residents to join, participate or just listen to the Community Association. Meetings are held once per month on the third Tuesday in the Serviceman's Club at the very sensible time of 5.30pm and finish promptly at 7.00pm. Come along and support the best Community Association in the region – a completely unbiased view!

Cathie Owen

BCA members have recently taken part in important Council workshops and discussions. Sue Murray and Jan Mason volunteered for a Community Rates Structure Review Panel to consider the current rates structure. Representatives from across the LGA took part in some animated discussions about the current balance of rates revenue across different sectors and in different locations within the LGA. As reported in the Business Papers for the Council Meeting on May 8th, the panel recommended that Council make no changes to the current rates structure.

QPRC has formed an Affordable Housing Strategy Working Group, with representatives from the community and QPRC staff members. Volunteers were invited to join, and Sue Murray (BCA President) and Sarah Leheny (BCA Secretary) accepted this invitation. The first meeting was held in Queanbeyan on 11th April. Monthly meetings will be held to develop an implementation plan for the QPRC Affordable Housing Strategy.

The BCA Committee has been working with Council staff on the final draft of the Braidwood Community Plan. The draft plan was created by Jacquelyn Richards, (QPRC Director, Community, Arts and Recreation) from input provided by local community groups. The BCA Committee has provided feedback on the draft to assist with the final document.

BCA members have worked with the QPRC Events team for the last few years on arrangements for the annual Christmas party. Last year the budget for the Christmas events was reduced as a cost-saving measure. After community feedback and discussions with the Events team, we were excited to learn that QPRC will increase the budget for 2024 and will work with the BAVBC to promote more involvement by businesses in the Christmas celebrations in Braidwood. The Christmas party will return to Ryrie Park by popular demand.

Sue Murray and Sarah Leheny are members of the BEWO group working to reduce the European Wasp population in and around Braidwood. The BCA collaborated with Braidwood Urban Landcare Group to set up and run this project. Sarah answers all enquiries for traps and lure and distributes them to those taking part. This is a time-consuming project for the small group involved, but the project has resulted in increased awareness in the community, and a significant reduction in the European Wasp population.

Recent BCA meetings have included discussions on:

- Community transport needs
- Childcare and Early Childhood Education in Braidwood
- Community use of The Glasshouse (the Old Library).
- Drainage at the Rec Ground, and the flooding of the Life Centre/Sports building during the last 2 summers.

We have been assured that work will be starting on drainage for the Rec ground to address the flooding of the Life Centre this financial year.

Our next major activity will be consideration of Council's draft Integrated Plans for 2024-25 include the draft Operational Plan, draft Revenue Policy, draft Service Statements and draft Fees and Charges. These will be presented to Council's meeting on May 8th and placed on public exhibition for 28 days.

The Operational Plan includes a detailed budget and works program for the upcoming financial year. One of the BCA's priorities has been to advocate for better road maintenance, especially for our rural roads. We are very pleased that the Operational Plan includes a \$1.2m increase to roads maintenance and grading budget to employ an additional crew, including a grader, roller and water cart to increase maintenance of our local roads, resulting in a total roads maintenance budget of \$6.08m.

Our next BCA meeting will be held on 21st May 2024 at 5.30pm at the Braidwood Servicemen's Club. All local residents are welcome to attend. If you wish to support us by becoming a member, membership is \$10 pa.

Check our website www.braidwoodcommunity.org.au for more information and a link to our membership application form.

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Environmental and Sustainability Education across BCS

By John Longhurst

The NSW Department of Education Riverina

Environmental Education Centre (EEC) has worked closely with Braidwood Central School (BCS) this year on a range of environmental and sustainability initiatives, culminating in a three day incursion last week.

The Riverina EEC provides authentic, curriculum based fieldwork learning experiences that enable students to explore, investigate and understand the natural and made environments.

The Riverina EEC partnered with BCS teachers last week for the three days to provide students with opportunities to understand concepts and systems and develop values that empower them to become environmentally responsible citizens.

BCS students from Kindergarten to Year 10 were involved in the incursion.

BCS Deputy Principal Primary School, Ms Kim Glenday, coordinated the primary school activities.

Ms Glenday said "In the primary grades, students from Kindergarten through Grade 6 participated in hands-on experiments, honing their investigative prowess, and expanding their scientific knowledge under the guidance of expert educators from the Riverina EEC. Our Years 1/K and 2/1 classes explored the fascinating world of avian architecture in their study titled "The Best Nest." Through engaging activities, they delved into why birds need nests and which types of nests are best suited for hatching eggs.

Years 3/2 and 4/3 students became budding scientists and turned their attention to the intricate relationship between animals and plants. Armed with curiosity, they scoured their school grounds for evidence, then delved deeper into their findings using microscopes, gaining valuable insights into the natural world.

Years 6/5/4 and 6/5 students embarked on a journey of discovery through "Numeracy in Nature." Immersed in the great outdoors, they cracked codes and explored concepts of measurement and space as they relate to the environment, fostering a deeper understanding of mathematics within the context of nature."

Without doubt, the highlight of this educational journey was the visit from the Riverina EEC Team last week.

Ms Glenday said "Their expertise and passion left a lasting impression on students and staff alike, enriching the learning experience and inspiring a newfound appreciation for the world around us."

BCS secondary students also embraced the learning opportunities provided.



BCS Students water sampling.

Stage 4 Geography students embarked on a journey into the realm of 'Water in the World' alongside Mr Darran Watt from the Riverina EEC, providing a 'hands-on' exploration into various facets of water dynamics. Secondary students were also equipped with an array of scientific instruments such as turbidity tubes, anemometers and pH kits. The students delved into fieldwork, meticulously examining water quality, atmospheric conditions and soil quality. Working collaboratively in groups, they gathered and analysed data, providing a deeper understanding of environmental dynamics.

BCS Geography Teachers, Mrs Alisa Stephens and Mrs Gosch, endorsed the interactive nature of the incursion at the high school level. Mrs Stephens said "It's always great to witness students engage with the subject matter outside the confines of a traditional classroom. It can be powerful, as well, to have another expert present activities and materials that support and extend learning that has taken place at school, allowing students to make stronger connections and further embed their understanding."

Students enthused about the 'hands on' nature of the incursion. Year 7 student Charlie Sheridan said "It was great to be out of the classroom. I really enjoyed the water testing activities."

Year 8 student, Kody Crerar added "It was exciting to use new equipment and cutting edge technology to learn more about the environment and sustainability."

BCS Principal Ms Nerida Mosely thanked the Riverina EEC, BCS teachers and congratulated the students.

Ms Mosely said "The excellent collaboration between the Riverina EEC and our teachers has left a lasting impression on both our primary and secondary students in terms of a greater understanding of sustainability and the environment. The engagement and enthusiasm our students have shown for this initiative was praised by the educators from the Riverina EEC."



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Yately House c1883 - Contact agent for price

Yately is that stately home with the bull nose verandah that you have probably admired from a distance on the east side of town. As you open the double entrance doors the feeling of grandeur is immediately apparent, with 10 metre by 2.5 metre formal hallway with 3.5 metre ceilings. There are 8 open fireplaces (3 of them marble), formal dining and lounge rooms and billiard room that easily accommodates a full size table. Yately offers 4 bedrooms in its current configuration, the grand size allows for more depending on owners requirements. An interesting feature, and a reminder of what life was like in earlier times is the servant's bells still in place with the ringers just outside the kitchen. The maid's room is detached from the main building and accessed by verandah. Glorious gardens with many mature plantings including thousands of century old bulbs are irrigated by the water bore that provides a plentiful supply to the 3200m² block, town water is also connected. Yately presents a perfect opportunity for a distinctive private residence, exclusive B and B or function centre. Land area 3263 m², Residence 391m², Verandah 220m², Outbuildings 89m². Inspections are strictly by appointment and with principals only.

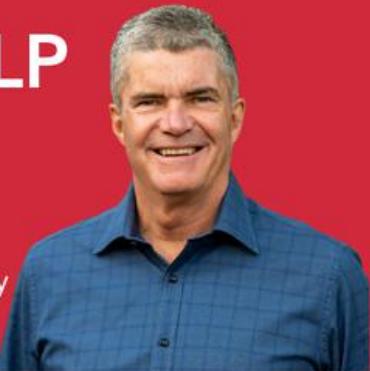
Decisions from the QPRC Council Meeting 8th May 2024

- Live tweets from the 8 May Ordinary Council Meeting.
- Check the livestream available at <http://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au>
- Council is now hearing from two members of the public who are making presentations about items on tonight's agenda.
- Council receives report about Service Reviews included in draft 2024-25 Operational Plan. They include: Waste Management Strategy; Council Fleet and Plant Hire; Braidwood Saleyards; Integrated Water Cycle Management Plans (Palerang and Queanbeyan).
- Council adopts in principle the name Top Flat Lane as the proposed name for a new road located off Wirreanda Road, Wamboin and will advertise the name for public comment.
- Council adopts the Cooma Road Water Mains Upgrade Review of Environmental Factors and will incorporate it into the project contractual suite of documents
- Council endorses naming the new Council administration office and public spaces as: The building - The Nellie Hamilton Centre; the forecourt and Q Link - The Malunggang Walk; the rooftop gardens - Djara Gardens; and the public domain and park - Aunty Louise Brown Park.
- Council endorses the Cemeteries Strategy with suggested amendments following.
- Council provides donation of \$33,272 to cover Developer Contribution Levies associated with a DA for the Braidwood Preschool extension.
- Council endorses the draft 2024-25 Integrated Plans for public exhibition for 28 days at <http://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au>
- Operational Plan; Service Statements; Revenue Policy; Fees & Charges; Donations Policy; Guidelines for Category H Donations; Long Term Financial Plan.
- 2/2 The 2024/25 budget will include total expenditure for this project of \$3,656,750, being \$3M from the grant, \$400,750 from internal infrastructure reserve, and \$256,000 of internal costs to be allocated to this project already funded from general revenue.
- Council endorses the revised Internal Audit Charter.
- Council receives report for Gateway Determination and Public Exhibition of Planning Proposal to reclassify 19 Gibraltar Street, Bungendore from Community to Operational land.
- Council receives report for response to Notice of Motion - Local Heritage Listings
- Council receives report about Bungendore Sports Hub Playing Fields. The fields have not had the growth hoped for to date. A number of issues are being addressed.
- Council approves the donation made to HOME at Queanbeyan for \$1,840; being the proceeds of the Garage Sale conducted on 4 May 2024.
- Council notes that the ANZ bank has announced it will close its Queanbeyan branch on 19 June 2024 and will write to the CEO of the ANZ bank requesting that urgent reconsideration be given to the closure.
- Council receives report about Councillor workshops held between 18 April and 1 May 2024 including: Operational Plan – Operational and CAPEX Budget; Rating Structure Review Reference Panel; Queanbeyan Sewage Treatment Plant; Service Statements; and Fees and Charge.
- Council notes the summary of the Queanbeyan Showground Advisory Committee meeting on 13 November 2023 where there was discussion but no quorum, and notes minutes of 12 February 2024.
- Council notes minutes and recommendations of the Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting held on 4 April 2024.
- Council will write to the Prime Minister endorsing the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) Cities Appeal.
- Council will receive report on feasibility and cost to make the RB Smith Building available for use by community groups, providers of services and private hirers pending a Council decision on the long-term future use of the facility and site.
- Council endorses community calls for more effective government action and funding to end violence against women and will write to the Prime Minister and the NSW Premier expressing support for their governments to take immediate steps to address the causes of this crisis.
- Council will investigate the options and steps necessary to implement a 40km/hr speed zone on Gibraltar Street between Molonglo and Majara Streets, and any other speed mitigating measures.

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Braidwood Evening View Club May update

Welcome to the latest update of your local Braidwood Evening VIEW club which met at the Braidwood Services Club on Thursday 2 May.

The lady members and one guest Janet all enjoyed each other's company and the invited guest speaker this month, Lucy Fish. Lucy moved to the Braidwood area ten years ago, with her 3 month old baby, to live off grid in a small hut. However, she now reports slowly getting it landscaped and has added utilities and made it into a family homestead.

She spoke of being involved in wildlife rescue and care at 14 years of age: attending duck rescues during duck season before it was banned in NSW and working at two oil spills: Tasmania and South Africa, helping oil affected penguins and other birds.

Lucy said the trouble working with wildlife was - no owners, so nearly all work has to be pro bono. She also added "We still comparatively know very little about our wildlife and they all hate us and think we are trying to kill them!"

Her love of animals led Lucy to graduate in 2001 from the University of Sydney and work as a vet in Sydney, London, Melbourne, and Goulburn.

Lucy now runs a mobile clinic locally, which she reports is very suitable while having young children.

Wow Lucy, you've certainly had some interesting experiences. Following the many questions and discussion about our own unique pets, Lucy was thanked by Lou, who presented her with a gift in appreciation for her time.

Braidwood Evening VIEW club supports the belief education is the foundation of every child's future, but sadly poverty can stand in their way.

The raffle money raised by Braidwood Evening VIEW club helps to assist with the educational support for our sponsored child and to provide educational reading material. The Smith Family provides to help break the cycle of disadvantage in young children.

Thank you to those members who remembered to bring along a small raffle gift to the value of \$20 as an annual donation to our Evening VIEW Club. These gifts go into the barrel for the monthly raffle prizes.

Our Congratulations goes to Charmian who was the lucky winner of our raffle this month.

Thanks again Kerri, for arranging the meal orders. The tasty banquet was enjoyed by all and Lou thank you for providing us with an interesting guest speaker.

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 - Publicity Officer



Guest speaker Lucy Fish thanked by Lou.



Leone and monthly raffle winner Charmian

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Braidwood and District Heavy Horse Show - 18 May 2024 Braidwood Showgrounds



Tullymore Boronia and Darkmoor Elizabeth meet the locals in Ryrie Park last Saturday.

The horses that worked the land before tractors will be the star attraction at the Braidwood and District Heavy Horse Show on the 18th May 2024 at the Braidwood Showgrounds.

"Draught horses worked in the Braidwood and District area and were featured as long ago as 1892 at the annual Braidwood Show" said Cai Thomas owner of Darkmoor Shires and Clydesdales, a local stud.

Nathaniel Ellis of Ahern Shires and Clydesdales, another local stud owner, said "We bought a number of our horses to the 2024 Braidwood Show and they were so well received we decided to hold the Braidwood and District Heavy Horse Show."

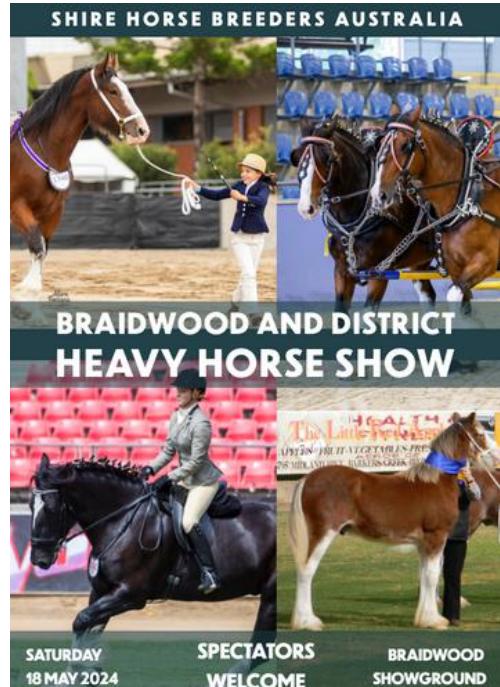
The program for the Show on the 18th May includes standard led and ridden classes as well as working classes and harness delivery events and the ever-popular long rein obstacle course. "We are also showcasing other heavy horse breeds and cross breeds" Mr Thomas said.

"And we haven't forgotten younger riders and novices who will have an opportunity to show their work in front of our very experienced judges and get some great feedback" said Mr Ellis.

To set the scene we launched the event on the 4th May at Ryrie Park in Braidwood with two magnificent specimens of these gentle giants: Tullymore Boronia and Darkmoor Elizabeth. Over 40 children and adults braved the cold to get up close and personal.

Date: Show- 18 May 2024- Braidwood Showgrounds.

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History on the Clarke Brothers - reply

By Judy Lawson

Peter Smith has asked for a source for my comment that the Attorney General, James Martin and Inspector [Inspector General] John McLerie, looked at the depositions and decided there was not sufficient evidence for a conviction.

To understand what happened regarding the evidence and the trials you have to understand, how the law works. When police suspect a person for committing an offence, they need to convince a magistrate that there is enough available evidence for a conviction in order to obtain an arrest warrant. When the suspect is arrested, he has to be questioned on all warrants that are out for him at the time. If there no charges are made, all warrants are revoked.

Smith's statement *After their execution there was no further action taken for other crimes. There was no point- they were dead!* There was no action taken for other crimes, because all previous arrest warrants had been revoked. There were no outstanding matters, no further warrants out for the boys.

After the Clarkes were arrested in April 1867, the depositions for the murder of Miles and Billy Noonang and the Special Constables were examined in Sydney. No convictable evidence, therefore no charge of murder. No warrants were out for the Clarkes for the Special Constables, no charges were laid against the Clarkes. This again means there was no evidence to charge them.

An opinion in parliament, at the time, supports this legal thinking, as it is supported if you ask any lawyer today. Mr Buchanan, member for East Macquarie said; *If they had been tried for the Jinden murders; and it would have been the height of folly to put them upon their trial for an offence with regard to which he had not a complete chain of evidence against them.*

So we come to James Griffin. Smith's comment that James would be granted immunity from prosecution is not correct. In a case as serious as murder he maybe given a lesser sentence but would not be granted immunity. Any evidence that James could give would have to be tested in court, subject to rebuttal and proven beyond reasonable doubt. After a discussion in court his offer to make a statement was rejected, thus, any statement he may have wanted to make no longer holds any value as it was not ratified by the court at the time.

James was initially charged with the murder of the Special Constable, John Carroll in May 1867. The Chief Justice, Alfred Stephen, went to great lengths at the end of the trial, to explain perjury to the jury. It became apparent in the trial that the two main witnesses had committed perjury. With Stephen's explanation to the jury, they came back with a finding of not guilty.

Then in September 1867 James was charged with the murder of Special Constable Patrick Kennagh. The Chief Justice in this trial was Alfred Cheeke. The evidence was the same as in May except for new by uncorroborated evidence from Henry McCurley. Cheeke did not explain perjury or uncorroborated statements to the jury. James was convicted.

Smith's comment *However, the same evidence in Griffin's case would have most likely been sufficient to convict the Clarkes would only be correct if the judge was inept.* I have placed a detailed discussion of the trial on my web page fyi.



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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Kings Highway Road Safety Partnership/National Road Safety Week



The campaign Launch on Bungendore on 1st May

Did you notice all the Police in Braidwood today?

QPRC and Eurobodalla Shire Council in conjunction with National Heavy Vehicle Regulator, ACT Government and APF are working together to keep the community safe on the Kings Highway and will be holding workshops between 5-12 May.

The campaign asks you to take the pledge to drive so others survive. Every year, around 1200 people are killed and over 40,000 seriously injured on Australian roads. By taking the pledge we are slowing down, leaving space, and helping keep other people safe. If you are driving past Ryrie Park on Friday 10 May – please drop in between 10 - 2pm, take a rest and have a cuppa & chat about how we can all become safer drivers on the Kings Highway and get better at sharing the road with Heavy Vehicles. Complete a quick survey – you might even win a swag. It just takes a couple of minutes to take the pledge at <https://roadsafetyweek.com.au/home/#home/pledge>

The Goal, to reduce the severity and number of road incidents on the Kings Highway, by increasing the awareness of the all road users such as heavy vehicle drivers and other road users by providing education on how to manage fatigue and safer driving behaviours.

Please come down to take the pledge to 'Drive So Others Survive'

Workshop's location: Ryrie Park, Braidwood, NSW

Date: Tuesday 7 May & Friday 10 May Time: 10am – 2pm

You can also see the display at Riverside Plaza in Queanbeyan from 9:30am-1pm on Thursday 9 May. Take the pledge and grab some road-safe freebies. <https://roadsafetyweek.com.au/>

The Braidwood Community Book Fair

June long-weekend 2024

Now's the time to deliver your donations as

book sorting is underway.

Deliver your unwanted books to our sorting/storage facility

around behind St Andrew's Anglican Church, Elrington St, Braidwood

leave them in the car-port if we are not there.

The Fair will be held Friday 7th through to Mon 10th 2024

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

Contact:

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Poplar replacements coming next spring



It's that time of year that locals and visitors gaze lovingly at Braidwood landmark poplar avenues, even in their somewhat ragged state. After an almost 20 year wait, the new poplars will be planted in the spring.

A Council spokesperson said "Saplings grown from cuttings of the existing Golden Poplars that line Kings Highway near the Braidwood Showground are currently being cared for in a nursery in Goulburn.

Council had intended to plant the saplings in July/August 2023, however based on advice from the nursery, it was decided to hold off. We now intend planting in the Spring of 2024, weather permitting, at which time the saplings will have had a further year of growth and should have an increased chance of establishing strong roots."

With forecast of another wet season, it should be a good time to get them in.



THE DANGER ZONE

Don't get in a truckie's face! Give them space when overtaking.

Government kicks off national audit of mobile coverage

The Federal Government is delivering on its election commitment to audit mobile coverage and capacity around the country, with the pilot audit underway and an initial tranche of data published today.

The Audit will help to better identify mobile coverage black spots and inform future co-investment with industry, while also assessing the accuracy of carrier coverage maps made available to the public. This data will also be considered in the context of the ongoing review of the Universal Service Obligation.

Accenture has been contracted to deliver the project over the next three years until 30 June 2027.

The pilot Audit will cover three roads and three locations in each State and Territory. This is expected to be completed in the next three months, with initial results to be published at the end of May. Identified locations for the pilot were chosen because of concerns about mobile coverage and performance, including a need to understand the impact of changing seasonal demands like tourism. The decision was informed through consultation with State and Territory Governments, and the First Nations Digital Inclusion Advisory Group.

After considering the results of the pilot Audit, Accenture will commence the main Audit by drive testing about 180,000 km of regional and rural roads every year for three years.

Static devices will also be placed in up to 77 locations across all States and Territories to conduct testing of those locations. The Government expects to leverage some Australia Post assets as part of this testing.

The Audit will measure coverage and performance across Optus, Telstra and TPG networks, and also cover 3G – while it is available – 4G and 5G services.

The drive testing and static testing data will be complemented by additional crowd-sourced data, published every quarter. This initial tranche of data contains details of existing crowd-sourced data collected between December 2023 and February 2024.

Crowd-sourced data is gathered when people use certain apps on their mobile phones. The data can provide information on mobile coverage and network performance – and importantly – reflects coverage where people actually use their mobiles.

Minister for Communications, the Hon Michelle Rowland MP said "Access to reliable mobile coverage is critical in 2024. A national audit of mobile coverage is critical to identifying Australia's coverage gaps, and highlighting where industry maps might not reflect the experience of Australians on the ground.

"This audit will allow the Government and industry to make better investment decisions that will actually make a difference for locals, motorists and small businesses in areas of patchy coverage.

"I look forward to the completion of this audit over the next three years, including the publication of crowd-sourced data every quarter, to help us deliver better mobile coverage right around Australia."

For more information, visit:

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Core issues continue to frustrate telco consumers

The Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman (TIO) has today released its quarterly data on complaints received between January and March 2024.

The TIO received a total of 15,799 complaints in this period, an increase of 9.1 percent on last quarter (14,671 complaints) and a 10.9 percent decrease on the same period last year (17,777).

While the overall trajectory of declining complaints is a positive sign for consumers and telcos, the nature of complaints made to the TIO indicates consumers remain frustrated by stubborn challenges such as service reliability.

The top complaints made by consumers were in relation to not having a working phone or internet service, and slow data speeds, up 35.4 percent and 29.4 percent on last quarter, respectively.

Other common issues raised by consumers included delays establishing a service (up 13.6 percent this quarter), intermittent service and drop outs (up 22.1 percent this quarter), and fees incurred for services or equipment (up 7.7 percent this quarter).

Residential consumers accounted for almost 90 percent of complaints, a 10 percent jump on the previous quarter. On the telco front, complaints about Tangerine increased by 65.8 percent to 98 complaints largely driven by a data breach, and Optus complaints decreased by 19 percent from last quarter's network outage.

An overall drop in complaints signals meaningful progress, but Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman Cynthia Gebert says complaints concentrated in reliable internet services indicates there is still room for improvement.

Ombudsman Cynthia Gebert said "This data demonstrates that telcos must focus their attention on the bread and butter issues that consumers face. Namely, slow action when problems arise, slow data speeds, and challenging customer service for consumers to have their issues fixed."

"When there is a data breach or an outage, we see a spike in complaints and that's to be expected. But we continue to see the same 'business as usual' issues arise every quarter about poor customer service and reliability of technology to keep us connected – consumers largely have the same frustrations that the telco industry fail to tackle effectively", she said.

[Explore the interactive data dashboard \(available from 8 May\)](#)

[Read the Complaint Data Insights - January to March 2024](#)



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NSW Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education, Steve Whan, Federal Minister for Skills and Training, Brendan O'Connor and Housing Minister Julie Collins visited TAFE NSW Randwick Campus to meet with students benefitting from these initiatives.

NSW Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education, Steve Whan said "The announcement to invest in the construction sector is a significant step towards addressing the skills gap and supporting housing supply across our state.

"We know that we cannot fix the housing crisis without enough carpenters, builders, electricians and other skilled tradespeople required to build new homes. Fee-Free initiatives to encourage more people into the sector are always welcomed.

"The NSW Labor Government is focussed on building more houses for the people of NSW. I commend the Federal Government's commitment to investing in skills development to ensure more homes can be built and look forward to working collaboratively with our federal counterparts.

"This initiative underscores our shared commitment to equipping our workforce with the necessary skills to meet the demands of our evolving economy and address critical challenges such as housing shortages."



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Crop Rotation

And just like that it's winter cold, and that means it's fire time. The trees that started changing early and slowed, have dropped their leaves almost overnight. Now winter is almost here, what to plant after your summer feeders? What is the best Crop Rotation to follow to get the most out of your soil?

There is a lot to do at any given time around my garden and homestead, so I want the most from my efforts and to repeat tasks less frequently. The one place I really have this going on is in my garden. Over a lifetime I have developed a system that works for me, and not surprisingly everyone who uses it. It is the key to the long life of our garden beds, its super simple and easy to replicate. After applying my No Weed Veggie Bed I have two years to take advantage of the nutrients in the soil, or more correctly, my vegetables will have two years of super growth before the beds get tired.

Lazy = Efficient

A lot of folks love to toil in the garden attempting to improve fertility, but not me. Don Burke popularised the phrase 'Lazy Gardener' back in the 80s & 90s, but he still toils more than I do. I love to let Mother Nature and all her creatures do most of the work for me, rather than battle against her in an endless loop of semi success.

Going from a summer to a winter garden doesn't have to happen in a day, it's more of a gradual change. Removing tired specimens as the season fades and replacing them with winter seedlings.

Succession planting starting around March, dependent on available space, is the key to feasting in winter. I started late again, in April. The real key to a winter garden is to plant one, and not miss out.

Crop Rotation

There are numerous ways to rotate crops through your garden, but most are from an era where digging over garden beds was very popular. Some old timey folks recommend 7-10 steps with additions of salts to keep their garden primed. Things like lime, sulphur and calcium. Never keen to punish my microbes, I have reduced my efforts, inputs and steps over time to this simple 4 step method. It's not a definitive guide, but it works for me.

Just like the English language, there are a few if/buts thrown into the mix to confuse things and offer potential creative opportunities. Gardening is more art than science. Its less important to know exactly what's going on in the soil. It's more important to actually get in there and have a go. There is more to be learned from getting it wrong than getting it right. Don't be scared, it is the key to your gardening future.

Keeping it warm

I have two starting points for fresh beds in both growing seasons. I generally refresh beds in autumn/winter and prepare a new one every year. Sometime every six months if I'm looking to increase my harvests. Preparing a fresh bed in winter is a great way to keep the soil temperature high in your garden ready for spring.

The initial microbe population will work very hard and bloom to process the organic matter in the soil. This activity creates heat, reducing surface frosts and promotes root growth of early spring plantings.

Winter Start

Year One Winter - Cauliflower, Broccoli, Cabbage, Spinach, Lettuce

Year One Summer - Tomatoes, Eggplant, Pumpkins, Zucchini, Watermelon, Cucumber

Year Two Winter - Cauliflower, Broccoli, Cabbage, Spinach, Lettuce

Year Two Summer - Carrots, Parsnips, Beetroot, Onions, Leeks, Garlic

Summer Start - Year One Summer Tomatoes, Pumpkins, Zucchini, Watermelon, Cucumber

Year One Winter - Cauliflower, Broccoli, Cabbage, Spinach, Lettuce

Year Two Summer - Corn, Rosella, Eggplant, Beans

Year Two Winter - Carrots, Parsnips, Beetroot, Onions, Leeks, Garlic

If/buts

In between crops I use Snow Peas and Broad Beans to bolster the nitrogen in the soil and provide frost protection. These two plants also provide significant Biomass for chopping and dropping on the spot, sharing with the chickens or into your compost heap.

Plant seedlings closer together than recommended, so that a half mature plant covers the soil between. This reduces the ability of weed or grass seed germinating. Also, no sun on the mulch will reduce evaporation dramatically.

The order I plant is based on the list above but is merely a guide. I companion plant onions with my tomatoes in fresh beds, and they don't need the extra nutrient. They will not compete with tomatoes for available nutrient because they have different needs.

I plant celery at the end of summer. This reduces the need to protect the stems from blanching in the sun. Protecting the stems reduces stringiness and provides a more delicate flavour. Infact, the frost on celery promotes extra sugars to cope with the cold and therefore tastes better. Keep the water up as the frost can dry the stems out.

I consider all vegetables to be feeder crops, to varying degrees. Most plants will take what they want and leave nutrients for other plants. My crop rotation is focussed on summer crops. Everything else offers a supporting role, planted to utilise available nutrients before and after.

Beds are always finished with roots and bulbs. The roots pull minerals up to the surface from deep down to replenish trace elements. The bulbs of onion, garlic and leek don't seem to mind the relative lack of nutrient.

This week

Gang Gangs are back in groups as they follow their food Banksias, Casuarinas and Hakeas. Black Cockatoos are also audible around the property. We stopped feeding our chickens grain and the number of Sulphur Crested Cockatoos, Galahs and Corellas visiting the garden was reduced to zero, excepting the occasional hopeful scout.

My garden is now littered with coloured fallen leaves. The deciduous trees mix their leaves making a vista worthy of an oil painting. Not only does it look fabulous, but the leaf litter is of major benefit to the garden. Apply it to your compost, add it to your chicken deep litter system or directly rake them onto garden beds.

Preferably under the trees that dropped them. This is how the forests of the world have been nutrifying themselves for millions of years, feeding the base of the tree and preparing the soil for the next growing season.

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Major report shows economic conditions for artists at odds with the value we place on the arts

Creative Australia has released a major report on the working lives of Australian artists that shows it is now harder than ever for professional artists to make a living. This is despite the fact they are highly educated, highly skilled, and that Australians deeply value their contribution.

Artists as Workers: An Economic Study of Professional Artists in Australia by David Throsby and Katya Petetskaya is the latest in a landmark study carried out over the past four decades by Professor Throsby and colleagues from Macquarie University, commissioned by Creative Australia. The report presents new insights and longer-term trends on the lives and working conditions of artists. Creative Australia has also released a summary and response to the findings. Artists as Workers underscores the resilience of artists in the face of challenges, from rising costs to increasingly precarious employment, along with complex challenges for copyright holders in an increasingly digitised environment. CEO Adrian Collette AM said “Despite the fact Australians value the contributions of artists, the challenges artists face in earning a living have never been greater. This extensive economic study provides valuable insights into the current and future challenges for artists, while reinforcing the principles underlying the development of the National Cultural Policy Revive – that arts work is indeed real work. The report Artists as Workers reminds us what is at stake, underscoring the urgent need for support systems and fair remuneration that truly reflects the substantial value artists contribute to our society and economy.”

Professor David Throsby said “I’m pleased to present the latest in a comprehensive series of surveys spanning four decades. Over the years, we have studied the nature of artists’ work – and have seen already precarious employment conditions further impacted by significant disruption and change, from COVID-19 to more recent advances in digital and AI technology. My hope is this report will serve as a clarion call for informed discussion to promote measures that support the sustainability of artists’ careers into the future.”

Key insights:

The face of arts in Australia is changing:

- Women now outnumber men roughly two to one across almost all artistic occupations.
- The number of artists with disability has doubled since 2016;
- The number of artists who are multilingual and based in regional areas is also increasing
- However, barriers and disparities remain. For example, on average, women artists continue to earn 19% less than their male counterparts, a gap greater than the general workforce’s pay gap of 12% in 2023.

Artists are resilient, adaptable, and highly skilled professionals:

- Practising professional artists are highly educated, skilled and increasingly work across different art forms.
- Artists engage in ‘lifelong learning’, with 89% of artists across career stages currently engaged in some form of training (up from 72% in 2016).
- More than half of all artists (52%) work and apply their skills outside the arts, adding value in industries across the economy.

It is now harder than ever for artists to make a living:

- While the average income from creative work has remained similar, when adjusted for inflation, average costs to produce work have increased.
- Only 9% of artists work full-time solely on their creative practice (down from 23% in 2016), with the other 91% also undertaking arts-related work and non-arts work.
- Artists’ average total income (from all sources) is \$54,500, 26% below the workforce average.
- Most artists (78%) work on a self-employed or freelance basis in their creative work, a long-term trend.
- At the same time, other work has also become more precarious: 59% are now working on a freelance or self-employed basis in arts-related work (up from 40%), and 56% in non-arts work (up from 26%).

Technological change and innovation pose both opportunities and challenges:

- 93% of artists use technology in the process of creating art, and 65% believe future technological changes will open new creative and income-earning opportunities for artists.
- At the same time, there are growing challenges for copyright holders to exert control over their work in an increasingly digitised environment.

Read the full report or explore the findings on the Creative Australia [website](#).




What's on

Luminescence Chamber Singers 'Of the body'

SUNDAY 19 MAY 2024 AT 15:00

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Braidwood Concert Series News

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The ever popular Luminescence Chamber Singers return to Braidwood with more of their imaginative flair and glorious harmonies. From Andreas Vesalius' groundbreaking *De Humani Corporis Fabrica* to the drawings of Da Vinci and Dürer, the 16th century heralded a new fascination with the human figure. Human dissection transformed our understanding of anatomy, and the body became the subject of scientific and artistic fixation.

In the spirit of Buxtehude's much-loved 'Membra Jesu Nostri', each movement of Dan Walker's new song cycle 'Of The Body' is devoted to an anatomical part: the eyes, the hands, the mouth, the feet, the blood, and finally, the heart.

In a concert that traverses sex, sensuality, the senses and more, Luminescence Chamber Singers explore our relationship to our corporeal form; our flesh and blood.

Luminescence Chamber Singers: AJ America, mezzo soprano, Lucien Fischer, baritone, Veronica Milroy, soprano, Rachel Mink, soprano, Alasdair Stretch, bass, Dan Walker, composer/tenor. Conducted by Roland Peelman AM

This project has been assisted by the Australian Government through Music Australia and Creative Australia, its arts funding and advisory body.

A Journey with Grief

...exploring loss through photography and poetry

Photography and poetry by Liz Jakimow, from a three-month period following the death of a loved one. This exhibition takes visitors on a journey with grief, helping them to explore their own emotions regarding grief and find solace in shared experiences. 25 and 26 May, 10am-4pm.

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

Art Fashion Parade and Exhibition

By Artworx: 28 - 30 June - Over 60 pieces of wearable art made from vintage cottons.

Opening night and fashion parade: from 6pm Friday 28 June - Exhibition continues 10am - 3pm 29 and 30 June.

2024 Queanbeyan Palerang Reconciliation Walk

May 28 @ 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Each year, QPRC holds a large and symbolic walk for reconciliation, which involves all of the schools across the Queanbeyan Palerang region, along with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander elders and the broader community. The walk takes place from Queens Bridge, along Monaro St and ends with an official ceremony in Queanbeyan town park.

This year the walk is being held on Tuesday 28 May. We will gather at Marj Christian Park in Trinculo Place, Queanbeyan at 9:30am. The walk will finish the sunken gardens at Queanbeyan Park (cnr Campbell & Lowe St).

Sydney Hotshots 2024 Tour comes to the Royal

Friday, 17 May

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Judges Announced for \$17,500 in Prizes

Over 80 Artists to exhibit in the 2024 Art Awards

Council has announced the distinguished judges for the 2024 QPRC & Bendigo Bank Art Awards: Louise Wakefield, President of Southern Tableland Arts and Caroline Downer, CEO of the Tuggeranong Arts Centre. Additionally, representatives from Bendigo Bank will preside over the special award category prizes, a task made more difficult with a record number of entrants in this years exhibition.

"We wish all our submitting artist good luck in vying for the eleven prizes and we hope the QPRC community supports them through the Viewers Choice Award and art sales."

Caroline Downer is CEO of the Tuggeranong Arts Centre. She has over 30 years' experience in the arts sector in leadership positions including Executive Director of Arts North West, and Director of the New England Regional Art Museum in Armidale. She is committed to community arts organisations and is interested in a broad range of the arts, from visual arts to performing arts. Caroline holds a B.Mus (Hons) (Music Performance), B.A. (Hons) (Fine Arts) and a Master of Arts Honours in Museum Studies from The University of Melbourne. In 2020, Caroline was awarded a Medal in the Order of Australia for services to performing and visual arts.

Louise Wakefield is the President of the Board of Southern Tablelands Arts. Known for her collaborative spirit, Louise is instrumental in fostering relationships that create a thriving cultural ecosystem across the STA Region. Within her role she uses her extensive expertise and experience to emphasises the significance of partnerships and connections.

Louise has over 20 years' experience working with local government and the private sector, including the roles of Director Growth, Strategy & Culture at Goulburn Mulwaree Council. She is currently the dedicated Business Manager for the Industry Capability Network in the ACT.

The Art Awards Exhibition will premiere on Thursday 23 May with a special opening event and awards announcements ceremony from 5:30pm. Please register your intention to attend.

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Hear that? That's the sound of an ultrasonic cold brew coffee ready in under three minutes

Fans of cold brew coffee often rave about the smoother, less acidic and less bitter taste compared to a regular hot brew.

There's just one major problem – it takes anywhere from 12 to 24 hours to fully steep the grounds and allow the flavours to slowly be extracted using only cold water.

That's far from ideal if you want or need your caffeine fix in a hurry in the morning.

However, engineers from **UNSW Sydney** have now developed a new way to make cold brew coffee in under three minutes – just like a regular hot brew – without sacrificing on the taste experience. The process involves using an ultrasonic reactor to speed up the brew of the grounded coffee beans, with the research published in Ultrasonics Sonochemistry.

The ultrasonic brew

Addressing the challenge of speeding up the brewing process of a cold brew, the UNSW team led by Dr Francisco Trujillo, used an existing model of a Breville espresso machine and superimposed their own patented sound transmission system.

The system connects a bolt-clamped transducer with the brewing basket via a metallic horn – transforming a standard espresso filter basket into a powerful ultrasonic reactor.

The reactor works by injecting sound waves at a frequency of 38.8 kHz at multiple points through its walls – generating multiple regions for acoustic cavitation within the reactor.

He study also found that this setup can double the extraction yield and caffeine concentration compared to unsonicated samples.

Dr Trujillo, corresponding author of the paper and UNSW food processing engineer in the School of Chemical Engineering, says the ultrasound process speeds up the extraction of the oils, flavours and aroma of the ground coffee.

"Ultrasounds accelerate the extraction process due to acoustic cavitation," he says.

"When acoustic bubbles collapse near the grounded coffee, they generate micro-jets with enough force to pit and fracture the coffee grounds – intensifying the extraction of the aroma and flavours of the brew.

"And the acceleration is enormous – we are reducing what would typically take 12 to 24 hours to less than three minutes."

Colombian-born Dr. Trujillo says the aim was to make the process as easy as making a regular espresso coffee.

"We're able to demonstrate that this can be adapted to existing espresso machine," he says.

"We are very excited about developing this technology that can be used by companies that already manufacture coffee machines, so consumers can enjoy an ultrasonic cold brew at home in less than three minutes.



The UNSW team who developed the three-minute cold brew – Shih-Hao Chiu, Dr Francisco Trujillo and Nikunj Naliyadha. Image credit: NSW/Cecilia Duong.

"Very importantly, this breakthrough opens the door for coffee shops and restaurants to produce on-demand brews comparable to 24-hour cold brews, supplying the rising demand while eliminating the need for large semi-industrial brewing units and the associated requirement for extensive refrigeration space."

Same taste in less time

Collaborating with researchers from University of Queensland, samples of coffee were sent to the Queensland Alliance for Agriculture and Food (QAAFI) where they underwent a thorough sensory analysis.

The samples included cold brew sonicated at room temperature for one minute, the second was sonicated for 3 minutes, and the third was a regular 24 hours stepped brew at four degrees Celsius without sonication.

They were evaluated on their aroma, texture, flavour, and aftertaste attributes.

"Compared to the 24-hour brew, the sonicated one-minute brew sample received similar ratings, especially in flavour, aftertaste attributes including bitterness, sourness, fullness texture and aroma," says Dr. Trujillo. "However, it scored lower in aroma intensity and dark chocolate aroma. This suggests that the sonicated 1-minute sample is slightly under-extracted compared to the 24-hour cold brew."

"Meanwhile, the sonicated three-minute sample provided a similar dark chocolate aroma and aroma intensity to the 24-hour cold brew, but slightly more bitter."

"The results of the sensory study showed that a sonication time between one and three minutes is ideal for creating a coffee comparable with 24-hour cold brew coffee, depending on the interest of customers."

University of Queensland Sensory Scientist and Flavour Chemist Professor Heather Smyth, a co-author of the paper, said the new method created a coffee as good as cold brew steeped overnight. "Our trained sensory panel tastings proved that we can get a very similar taste profile to either a traditional cold brew or an espresso in the time it takes to brew a hot espresso," Prof. Smyth said.

"Further work could explore different types of beans, different regions of beans and for companies or cafes that specialise in single origin or high-quality beans, this would be another string to the bow to show yet another dimension of coffee."

"Once again, Australia has new technology at our fingertips that moves on from traditional methods to modern methods of coffee making to give consumers a new premium experience."

Shaking up the beverage industry

Ultrasounds can be applied to several areas across the food industry including drying, extraction, emulsification and crystallisation – making the process faster and more efficient.

Dr. Trujillo says this technology can be also used to speed up the brewing process of teas as well.

"With this technology, we're offering coffee shops, restaurants and even home coffee-brewers the chance to produce on-demand brews, eliminating the need for large brewing and refrigeration units."

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188 breaches of new condition designed to protect greater gliders

Conservation groups are demanding an urgent investigation and prosecution after detecting 188 alleged breaches by Forestry Corp NSW of a new condition designed to save endangered greater gliders.

In a letter to the NSW EPA, the groups called for the EPA to issue stop work orders on active forestry operations at Flat Rock, Clyde, Currowan, Shallow Crossing, Olney, Riamukka, Styx River, Sheas Nob, and Bondo state forests after finding Forestry Corp was not complying with survey requirements for greater glider den trees.

The letter has been signed by **South East Forest Rescue on behalf of the World Wide Fund for Nature-Australia, North East Forest Alliance, Wilderness Australia, North Coast Environment Council, South East Region Conservation Alliance, Nature Conservation Council of NSW, the National Parks Association of NSW, and Mananya Matters Environmental Association.**

Forestry Corp is required to search for greater glider den trees and protect each tree with a 50 metre exclusion zone where logging is banned.

Identification of a den tree requires a greater glider to be seen entering or leaving a hollow.

There was outrage last year when it was revealed Forestry Corp had been conducting den tree searches during the day when greater gliders, a nocturnal species, were asleep and not entering or leaving their hollows.

On 16 February 2024, the EPA introduced condition 14 (b) which requires that searches must be carried out at night and commence no more than 1 hour after sunset.

This search window is extremely significant because research shows that greater gliders typically emerge from their hollows in the first hour after dusk to forage for eucalypt leaves.

South East Forest Rescue conducted a desktop audit of searches held after 16 February by reviewing data available on the Native Forestry Map Viewer.

After 243 transect searches, 261 gliders were sighted but only 9 den trees and 4 potential den trees were identified. This indicates dens were only identified for 5% of gliders seen in the areas searched. The vast majority of greater glider dens were missed and not protected with the legally required 50 metre exclusion zones.

This poor result is because Forestry Corp started 188 (77%) of their searches more than an hour after dark when greater gliders had already left their dens for the night.

These searches breach the rule that transects must commence "no more than 1 hour after sunset local time".

They were totally ineffective, as Forestry Corp did not identify a single den tree in these late night searches, some of which didn't start until after midnight.

All the den trees that were identified were found during the 55 searches conducted within an hour of sunset.

The botched searches are even more alarming because conservation groups are already deeply concerned that the new rules only require less than 10% of the logging area to be searched for dens.

For each 100 hectares of the logging area, search transects need to be a minimum of one kilometre.

A South East Forest Rescue report, also sent to the EPA, states that in effect this means a maximum area of only 10 out of every 100 ha will be searched.

The report states "After 50 years of intensive industrial scale logging the focus needs to be on the identification and protection of all glider den trees and surrounding habitat if there is to be any chance of stopping the species from going extinct".

And that the current conditions meant to protect greater gliders "will not reverse the decline of greater gliders but entrench their pathway to extinction".

South East Forest Rescue spokesperson Scott Daines said "The ink has barely dried on the new search rule and already we've detected nearly 200 breaches by Forestry Corp.

"Forestry Corp's behaviour is outrageous. Once again we're doing the EPA's work by exposing these botched searches as time is running out to save greater gliders.

"The least the EPA can do is investigate and throw the book at Forestry Corp".

World Wide Fund for Nature-Australia conservation scientist Dr Kita Ashman said "My collaborative research on the emerging times of greater gliders confirms den tree surveys should only be conducted within 1 hour of sunset, when gliders emerge, or 1 hour before sunrise when gliders return to their hollows.

"A better protection measure would be to establish a 100-metre exclusion zone around every sighting of a greater glider. This would allow surveys to be conducted through the night.

"While important, den trees do not represent the entirety of a greater glider's habitat or behavioural needs.

"Establishing 100 metre exclusion zones would give gliders space to feed, socially interact, and safely move through habitat".

Wilderness Australia Operations Manager Andrew Wong said: "The Labor Party must make it clear: do they have a 'zero extinctions' policy and a rock solid commitment to it? If they do, this issue is where the rubber meets the road.

"Based on what we're seeing on the ground, it seems they do not have that policy.

"Instead they have a frightening apathy towards the fate of the Southern Greater Glider. And that apathy has flowed through to the EPA, who are no longer acting as a restraining force on the logging agency Forestry Corporation of NSW, but rather have become their enabler."

North East Forest Alliance spokesperson Dailan Pugh said "If we want to save greater gliders from extinction it is essential we protect most of their dens and feed trees within their home ranges by placing 100 metre exclusions around all sightings"

Nature Conservation Council of NSW spokesperson Clancy Barnard said "Yet again Forestry Corporation NSW has shown itself to be a rogue operator by repeatedly flouting rules meant to protect threatened and endangered species like the iconic Greater Glider."

"The EPA need to show they're serious about tackling illegal logging and hold FCNSW to account by immediately issuing a Stop Work Order and investigating these breaches."

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Seeing Jesus

I remember when I was young spying on a pulpit lectern, a challenge to the preacher, 'Sir, we would see Jesus'. They were always 'sirs' back then of course. Thankfully that is changing. This week, Ascension Day is celebrated, the event following crucifixion and resurrection when Jesus disappeared before the transfixed eyes of his disciples. It is recorded that two men in white robes asked the strained-eyed, puzzled disciples 'why do you just stand here looking up at an empty sky?' Seemed obvious to them, especially given their last few weeks, let alone their last three years, but like many things said in the Bible there is a deeper meaning to be understood.

Seeing Jesus. It's unlikely those pulpit writers literally meant, 'hey preacher, give us a sign, show us Jesus!' Rather their hope was that the preacher's ego didn't obscure God. Our egos can get in the way of our growth in many areas of life, particularly in our relationships. Our world view, our stubbornness, our pride, can hinder hearing, hinder understanding and hinder seeing what someone else, even someone close to us is trying to communicate.

Those seekers in the pews probably just wanted to turn their gaze from the things that consumed their lives, to, in the words of the old hymn, 'upon Jesus'. Seeing Jesus probably means many different things to each of us, even to those who worship Him. But if it means hearing and understanding, if it means transformation and new intimacy with God, then our gaze has probably turned from ourselves.

David Luckie, parishioner

ps. Ascension Day is celebrated this Thursday 9th May

Join us celebrating Mothers' Day this SUNDAY 12th May, 10am at St Andrews Anglican Church, Elrington St, Braidwood for a Holy Communion service, followed by a welcoming cuppa by the fire. 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 groups and other activities, please contact Parish email: admin@braidwoodanglican.org.au. Or join the Parish mailing list (by sending your email address) to receive a monthly newsletter with all these details and more included.

St Bede's Parish

REFLECTION on the Gospel of Matthew 16:15-20. The Ascension by Nick Brodie

Pope Francis encourages us to contemplate two aspects of the Ascension. 'On the one hand it directs our gaze towards heaven,' he says. 'On the other, it reminds us of the mission of the Church.' The Pope points out that these two aspects are interconnected. In this feast we do not remember Jesus' bodily departure so much as celebrate his continuing presence in the world through the Christian community.

The Pope suggests that 'the Ascension exhorts us to lift our gaze toward heaven, in order to return it immediately to the earth, to implement the tasks that the Risen Lord entrusts to us.' As today's Gospel declares, Jesus is in heaven. Yet, by 'working with' his disciples, he is also still present in the world.

In a particular way in his encyclical Laudato Si' Pope Francis draws out the importance for Christians of proclaiming 'the Good News to all creation'. Picking up scriptural teaching, he highlights how 'all creation is bound up with the mystery of Christ' and reminds us that the Eucharist should motivate us 'to be stewards of all creation.'

People of the Ascension, therefore, do not just tell other people about Jesus. Rather, People of the Ascension, as the Pope puts it, 'seek Christ along the paths of our time'. We are called to serve the poor and the needy and the world in which they live. We are called to become 'visible signs of hope' for the whole of creation.

Weekend Mass time: 5pm Saturdays.

Ministry Rosters: will need to be renewed at the end of May. If anyone would like to volunteer for any of the ministries, please contact me on my mobile: 0430 169 849 or after Mass. Helen Hart

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POSITION VACANT Part Time Parish Secretary

People are invited to apply for the position of Parish Secretary for St. Bede's Parish, Braidwood. This is a part-time permanent position of five hours per week.

Essential Requirements:

- Experience with database packages.
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- Ability to work on your own, and as part of a wider team and take direction.
- Understand and administer areas of regulatory compliance (eg. WHS, child protection, copyright)
- 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, must be received by 16 May 2024 Email: Tony.Percy@cg.org.au

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Cattle Australia says regulations need to catch up to science on beef emissions

Cattle Australia (CA) has urged regulators to update their greenhouse gas emission calculations to reflect the science on beef cattle emissions and fully realise the potential for the industry to be part of the solution to climate change.

“The beef industry is unique, in that methane is the largest attributable greenhouse gas to our sector, not carbon dioxide,” Dr Parker said.

“It is important to recognise that notwithstanding their warming effect, methane emissions are part of a 12-year, short-lived biogenic cycle and therefore have a different impact on global warming than emissions from fossil fuels which are additional to the atmosphere and persist for thousands of years, if not millennia.”

A 2023 report from the CSIRO, Pathways to climate neutrality for the Australian red meat industry, recognised that different targets are needed for different types of emissions in order to measure the industry’s progress towards achieving a state of climate neutrality.

“Cattle Australia supports a target to be climate neutral, a point at which emissions from the beef industry will have no additional impact on global temperature rise,” Dr Parker said.

“The Australian beef supply chain has shown its commitment with significant contributions towards mitigating its emissions and will continue to do so, with large sections of the industry already sequestering more CO2 than they produce.

“Given the scale of Australian grazing land, beef producers also have the ability to sequester carbon in vegetation and soil like no other sector.”

But Dr Parker said current methodologies risk policy missteps and unfair burdens on a critical sector of the economy.

“These risks will potentially involve costly interventions and greater difficulty accessing financial services, which would have direct implications on production costs and asset values,” Dr Parker said.

He said the beef industry was an important part of the solution to stabilise global warming but was being stymied by a national accounting method that did not reflect the complexity and opportunity of grass-fed enteric methane.

“There is a lack of understanding regarding the net position of grass-fed enteric methane emissions, and we are only partially measuring the emissions versus sequestration equation (CO2 capture through biomass).”

Dr Parker said the beef industry has specific nuances when it comes to GHG emissions, and there needs to be more work done to understand the biogenic nature of methane emissions from grass-fed cattle and the manner in which this contributes both to net GHG emissions and to atmospheric warming.

“It is crucial Government and industry research efforts are in sync, and producers have access to accurate data on the net effect of both their CO2 and their methane emissions – something which is currently missing.

“There is a real opportunity here to further display the benefit of red meat production in Australia to the environment, while considering the importance of food security, nutritional security, and the societal role of meat.

“Future goals need to continue to stimulate investment to ensure an ongoing positive impact on the climate, in conjunction with the continued profitability and productivity of our sector.”



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Where is my beef from? New federal grant to support beef industry

If you’ve ever wondered where your delicious rib fillet steak, beef cheek massaman curry or beef mince bolognese originated from, it will now be easier to find out thanks to a new grant from the federal government.

Tracking produce from paddock to plate, the Albanese Government has made \$4 million in grant funding available to assist businesses in the animal sectors improve and expand their traceability systems.

The new Livestock, Animal Traceability Development, Implementation, and Improvement Grant Round aims to support industry by helping businesses integrate new and improved traceability systems.

Successful applicants from the livestock, animals, and animal products sector will be eligible to receive grants between \$50,000 to \$500,000.

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Murray Watt said it is crucial to identify and track where animals and animal-related produce were sourced.

“Australian and international consumers want to know where their food is being sourced from and that they’re purchasing quality Australian products and this cannot be done without traceability,” Minister Watt said.

“The Albanese Government is investing in innovation to find practical solutions to help the industry cut some of the hassles associated with traceability, increase efficiencies in the sector and reduce costs.

“Improved traceability helps maintain a competitive edge in the international marketplace.

“We continue to partner with industry, farmers, and researchers to help them take advantage of traceability opportunities and provide them with a key ingredient for success.”

The Australian Government has invested nearly \$120 million for traceability efforts in the agricultural sector since 2021.

These latest grants were today announced at Beef Week 2024, with applications opening next week for projects running between 2024 and 2026.

Applications open on 15 May and close on 1 July 2024.

For more information visit the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry website.



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Focus on the root causes of climate warming, not just respond to symptoms

Climate Action Monaro (CAM) says governments should focus on the root causes of climate warming, not just solely respond to the symptoms of floods, fires and related disasters.

This is a key recommendation of the report *Too hot to handle the scorching reality of Australia's climate-security failure* released this week by the Australian Security Leaders Climate Group (ASLCG).

The ASLCG report is highly critical of the federal government for not recognising climate change as a major security risk.

Climate was mentioned only in passing in the Defence Security Review (DSR) and the National Defence Strategy (NDS). The most important report, that of the Office of National Intelligence, has been buried.

CAM president Ross Martin says governments should be eliminating emissions much faster than the net-zero-by-2050 goal, drawing down the levels of atmospheric carbon and actively cooling the planet.

"The government needs to lead the conversation on climate change impacts, not bury the information," says Mr Martin. "They need to be talking about the health impacts of higher temperatures, sea-level rise, ocean warming and acidification, destruction of coral reefs including our own Great Barrier Reef, the slowing of the Atlantic Meridional Oceanic Circulation (AMOC) that will change weather systems everywhere, and the loss of habitability in vast areas of the world, not least in northern and northwest Australia.

"We applaud the government for putting resources into the renewable energy transition but it is not enough.

"The government must address the relocation of people of people within the country away from the uninhabitable north, possible mass migration from low-lying atolls and deltas in the region, the impact on our own agriculture of higher temperatures and reduction in irrigation, and the ramifications of global food demand rising as crop yields fall."

Mr Martin says climate-induced crop failures may lead to failures of states in the Pacific Islands and in our region that could produce many political refugees.

"We are obliged to take in genuine political refugees but we have no strategy yet for climate refugees. Estimates vary between 800,000 and 1.2 billion climate refugees globally by mid-century.

"It is a failure of Government when such issues are not discussed" says Mr Martin.

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Disconnect delay a welcome call

Farmers have welcomed Telstra's decision to delay its 3G network switchoff until August 31 this year, as thousands of rural Australians remain reliant on 3G services.

NSW Farmers Rural Affairs Committee Chair Deb Charlton said the announcement made by Telstra today had come as a relief to many in rural parts of the state, who faced the prospect of being disconnected come June 30.

"With many farmers often working alone and a long way from help, switching off the 3G network without proper community engagement and support would spell disaster for many in the bush," Mrs Charlton said.

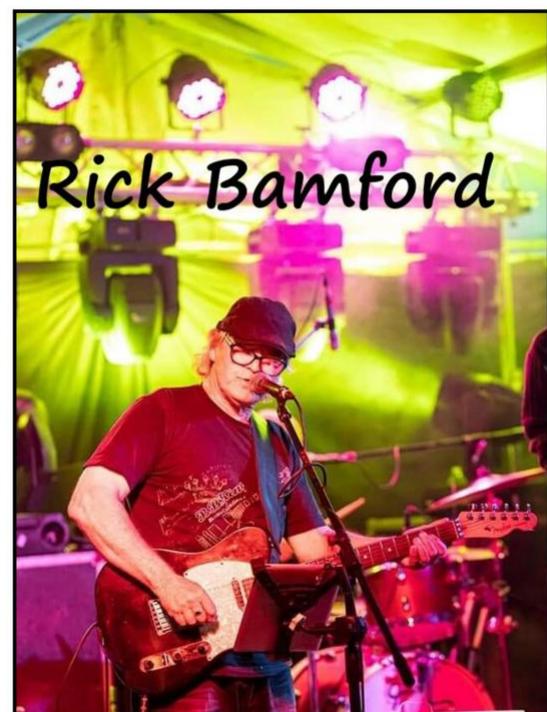
"A huge range of farm machinery, as well as mobile phones, could also stop functioning if not upgraded in time for the network shutdown – leaving farmers without the tools they need to grow food and bringing agricultural operations to a grinding halt."

With a range of machinery, devices and landlines potentially affected, Mrs Charlton urged all telecommunications providers to engage communities on the network switchoff to ensure a smooth and safe transition in August this year.

"We welcome Telstra's efforts to engage and educate the community around the network shutdown, but this needs to be ramped up, and now, to ensure we can transition over safely to the 4G and 5G networks later this year," Mrs Charlton said.

"Suppliers of farm machinery applications using remote sensing or telemetry technology – including tractors, water monitors and more – also have a role to play in supporting farmers in the transition, so they can ensure their technology can continue to function as it needs to into the future."

"Connectivity is a critical tool, and so we can't spare any time or expense when it comes to keeping our rural and regional communities connected and safe moving forward."



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- **Braidwood Farmers Market May 18**
- **Ryrie Park Markets** every 4th Saturday 9-2pm
- **Garage Sales Braidwood Uniting Church** Wed 9-3
- **Bungendore: The Southern Harvest Farmers Market**
- 9am (9.30am start time for the winter months) to
12noon Saturdays
- **Captains Flat regional Market** 10-2pm every 2nd Sat

DIARY DATES

- **2024 NSW Local Government elections**
Saturday, 14 September 2024
- **THE MACHINE SHOW** 25 -26 October
- **Airing of the Quilts** 23/24th November

The Braidwood Waste Transfer Station hours

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

Family Energy Rebate

If you receive the Family Tax Benefit you may be eligible for the 2023-24 Family Energy Rebate of up to \$180 to help pay your electricity bills. Applications close 11pm on Sunday 16 June 2024. You could also receive a one-off National Energy Bill Relief Household Payment as a lump sum of up to \$500 in the 2023-24 financial year. Find out more about these and other rebates and assistance at energy.nsw.gov.au/rebates

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**Respite Care for QBN (Yvonne Cushcheri House) Christmas in July
High Tea in Braidwood SATURDAY 13 JULY 2024 2-4pm**

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...>

BRAIDWOOD MOTOR CLUB

Meets 7.00pm second Thursday of the month.
Braidwood Servicemen's Club

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.

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QPRC are holding three Community Meetings

in May where residents can hear about projects and ask questions about topics that matter to you. The Mayor, councillors, our General Manager and other staff will be at the meetings making it a good opportunity to meet your representatives. when: 6-8pm on:

- **Thursday 16 May at the Braidwood Servicemen's Club** auditorium
- Tuesday 21 May at the Queanbeyan Council Chambers
- Thursday 23 May at the Bungendore Public School Multipurpose Hall

The Mongarlowe Volunteer Bushfire Brigade

are having their **AGM on Sunday 26th May 2024**. At the Mongarlowe Fire Shed, at 10am. All are welcome. Come and have a cuppa and a bickie, view the new kitchen. The latest rumour is that a sausage sizzle will mark the end of the meeting. So come along.

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Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Community Meetings in May

Make sure to join us for our Braidwood Community Meeting in May.

Join us from 6-8pm on Thursday 16 May at the Braidwood Servicemens Club auditorium

- ▶ Learn more about or community meetings and register to attend at qprc.nsw.gov.au/events

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- ▶ Read more at qprc.nsw.gov.au/animal-adoption

Have Your Say



Projects & initiatives open for community comment	Closing Date
Draft Restricted Funds Policy	9 May
Mobile Library Feedback	19 May
Bungendore Place Plan	24 May
Draft Queanbeyan Sporting Gallery Policy	24 May
Amendment Seniors Housing - Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Environmental Plan 2022	10 June

- ▶ Find all the details on Council's engagement hub at yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au

Submissions can be made:

- By registering and commenting via yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au
- By email to council@qprc.nsw.gov.au
- By mail to PO Box 90, Queanbeyan NSW 2620
- Delivering in-person to one of Council's offices

Advertising of Notices and Documents under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and Regulations Documents are published at bit.ly/DPnotices

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- Community Programs Officer
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- Leading Hand - Intermittent Works
- Manager Development
- Strategic Planner
- Student Building Surveyor
- Manager Strategic Asset Planning
- ▶ For more information see bit.ly/QPRC-Careers

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. Meetings are live streamed via bit.ly/QPRCwebcast.

Members of the public can watch the meetings online or make a presentation.

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

Next meeting dates are:

- 8 May
- 22 May

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 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.

Find grants in Queanbeyan-Palerang

There are Cultural Grants and ClubGRANTS currently available for organisations and individuals. You can also head to Grant Guru to search for current grants.

- ▶ Learn more and apply at qprc.nsw.gov.au/grants

World Environment Day Poster Competition!

As part of World Environment Day we are hosting a Poster Competition for school age children.

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The poster can be up to A3 size.

- ▶ Read more and enter at qprc.nsw.gov.au/wed

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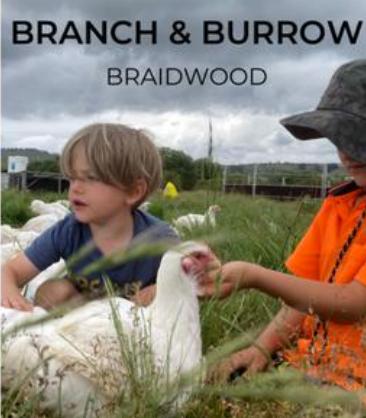
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RACING NEWS WITH THE JEMBAICUMBENE PUNTER

Both Nowra and Bathurst Races were postponed on Monday. Brad Rawiller notched up his 3000th win at Horsham on the weekend riding for Patrick Payne. He has had battles with his weight and injuries over the years.

Just Folk (Magnus / Fast Ruby) held out Detonator and Well to win the Group 3 \$250,000 Hawkesbury Cup and earn a run in the Big Dance. He is a seven year old chestnut gelding who has won \$1,193,603 to date. He was bought for \$199,000.

Group 1 Thousand Guineas Madame Pommery will be retired following an incident at the gates that caused her to miss the chance of lining up for the Hawkesbury Cup. The Chris Waller trained mare went down in the barriers and got under the sills ripping off her bridle. She is due to be sold at the Magic Millions National Bloodstock Sale at the Gold Coast on May 28. She has had two wins and four placings from her eighteen starts. Her prize money totalled \$866,800.

Trainer Grahame Begg has retired Passive Aggressive (Fastnet Rock) aiming to breed for her. She was originally purchased for \$500,000 and has won \$807,725 in her career.

Jamie Kah landed her No 13 Group One winners with a win on Coco Sun in the SA Derby in her hometown Adelaide on Saturday.

Victorian trainer Peter Moody returns to Royal Ascot in memory of Black Caviar for the Queen Elizabeth 11 Stakes on May 18th with 5 year old Mare Chain of Lightning (Fighting Sun)

Racing Victoria has charged former jockeys Michael Poy and Lewis German, along with registered owner/professional punter Noah Brash and Alysha Bass, with betting and corruption offences. Allegations suggest Boy and German manipulated race outcomes between April and August 2022 to secure for Bass. The charges include failing to provide information, false statement and corrupt conduct. Both jockeys rode in Western Australia. Brash allegedly bet on races involving Poy and German and Bass is charged with failing to comply with steward's directions.

The case is to be heard before the Victorian Racing Tribunal.

Wagga Races -

Kayla Nisbet rode her final race in Wagga at the weekend, unfortunately did not ride the winner.

At Wagga on Billy and Cheryl Fife's Flying Flossy contested Race 5 Byrnes Trailers Queen of the South (BM66) over 1400 metres, ridden by Beany Panya, she only managed 9th place.

Tom Wilson saddled Battle Abbey for Emma Ly in Race 8 Toyota Forklifts Hip (C3) over 1000 metres. They finished in 5th place.

Danny Williams started Marsabit with Quayde Krogh on board and finished 7th in Race 7, over 2000 metres. He also had Stormy Witness with Holly Dornan taking the steer in Race 5, Byrne Trailers 2024 Queen of the South over 1400 metres to finish 8th just ahead of Flying Flossy.

Punters share horse Chicago King has now had three months to recover from his bone chip operation and has continued to put on condition and is looking great. He will head off to Mornington to commence pre-training. They will give him a few weeks of slow work focusing on building fitness and strengthening before he returns to Pinecliff where his work will be stepped up.

Until next time.

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Yoga pose of the week

with Christina Carroll

Standing Head Between Knees Pose – Utthia Janu Sirshasana
A standing forward bend that stretches the hamstrings, calves, and hips, whilst strengthening the thighs and knees. It helps to reduce fatigue and anxiety and is renowned to calm the brain and central nervous system. As we practice being at ease upside-down, we positively influence our ability to be at ease in everyday life when things appear upside-down.

To practice - Stand with the feet shoulder width apart and arms beside the body. Keep the back and head aligned, bend the knees slightly and fold forward from the hips to lower the abdomen toward the thighs. Wrap the arms around the outside of the legs and either clasp the hands behind the calves or interlock the fingers. Lower the head toward the knees.



Keep the legs straight and use the arm muscles to gently pull the torso closer to the thighs. Hold the pose for as long as comfortable then release the arms, engage the abdominal muscles and mindfully raise the body upright. Practice up to 5 times.

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Braidwood Golf Club News

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WOMEN'S PENNANT REPORT

Last Thursday, Braidwood successfully defended their Bronze Shield title against Gungahlin Lakes at Murrumbidgee Country Club. Robin Tennant Wood continued her good form with a comfortable 7 & 5 win and Carmen Byrne then put our second win in the bag with a relatively easy 4 & 3 victory. The other three matches were extremely hard fought.

Sarah Heine unfortunately suffered her first ever match play defeat at the hand of Cathy Lee on the 18th hole and Margy Gardner came back from 4 down against the well-travelled Gayle Jenkins to sadly lose on 18 as well.

Michelle Henry took until the 17th to finally wrap up her match 3 & 1 and retain the Shield three matches to two. Officials from the CSGA were on hand for the presentations.

Congratulations to ALL the members of the Bronze Shield team for another well played season and thanks to all the supporters.

RESULTS - Saturday May 4 -Men's Stroke & Monthly Medal

Winner: Barry McDonald 71 c/b, Runner Up: Ted Emmett 71. Men's NTP 8/17: Ted Emmett, Jackpot(1m) 3rd \$140: Not Won. Ball Comp: Mark Newman 72, Terry Hughes 76, Don Burke 76 Handicap Changes: Rodney Royds out 1 to 24. Birdies: 2.

Women's Stroke & Monthly Medal Winner: Robin Tennant Wood 69 nett. Runner Up: Donna Kuhn 76 nett. Putts: Margy Gardner. Ball Comp: Michelle Henry 76. Pars: 5.

Coming Events

- **May 11 Saturday** Men's Single Stableford – Rod Coady Memorial Trophy
Women's Single Stableford – Helen Goddard Memorial Trophy
- **May 12 Sunday** Mother's Day
- **May 18 Saturday** Committee Meeting 10.30am
Men's Single Stableford – Michael Toirkens Trophy
Women's Single Stableford – Vanilla Café Trophy
- **May 25 Saturday** Medley 2BBB Drawn after play
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- **June 1 Saturday** Men's & Women's Stroke & Monthly Medal
- **June 8 Saturday** King's Birthday Weekend
Men's Single Stableford – Mike Fitzgerald Trophy
Women's Single Stableford – Bunyip Jungle Trophy
- **June 15 Saturday** Committee Meeting 10.30am
Medley Ambrose – Will Sanders Trophy
- **June 22 Saturday**
Men's Single Stableford – Allan Walcott Trophy
Women's Single Stableford – Java Braidwood Trophy
- **June 29 Saturday** Medley 2BBB Stableford Aggregate – Majors Creek Pub Trophy
- **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
Women's Single Stableford – Michelle Henry Trophy
- **July 27 Saturday** Legacy Day
Medley Irish Stableford -Barry McDonald Trophy
- **August 3 Saturday** Men's & Women's Stroke & Monthly Medal
- **August 10 Saturday** Men's 2BBB Stableford- Tom Duffy Trophy, women's Single Stableford – V & M Trophy
- **August 17 Saturday** Committee Meeting 10.30am Medley 2BBB Stableford – Hans & Donna Kuhn Trophy
- **August 24 Saturday** Men's Single Stableford – Terry Hughes Trophy Women's Single Stableford – Braidwood Beauty Studio Trophy
- **August 31 Saturday** Medley 2BBB Stableford – Michael Eisen Trophy



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Photo Crystal North

The 2024 season of Palerang United FC Junior Soccer Club's winter games kicked off on Saturday 4th May at the Braidwood Recreation Grounds.

While the winter chill had set in, the excitement of nearly 100 Braidwood children sporting their 2024 uniform shone through the grey. We're thrilled to have so many local children registered. It is with great thanks to our 2024 sponsors that we were able to offer registration at a discounted rate, allowing more families to partake. Our children will also enjoy oranges throughout the season thanks to our sponsors.

A new season also brings with it a new committee, seeing familiar faces return and new members join. We thank outgoing President, Josh Collier, for his many years at the helm. A big thank you to outgoing members Kahla Harton, Joseph Stephens, Keith Acheson and Shannon Harrison. This year, we welcome Andy Taylor, Jason Bremner, Katie Lyons and Rachel Farley to the committee. Reto Fuhrer, Emmy Cooper and Anthony Haraldson have returned for another year to share their experience and continue to support the sports goals of the Braidwood community. We also wish our 2023 soccer players who are now playing away all the best in their next sporting ventures. Thank you to Crystal Hart for capturing these action shots and our assistant coaches for supporting our budding soccer stars.

Registrations are still open and we welcome you to join our community. Please follow the link to register -

<https://www.palerangunitedfc.com>

Active Kids Vouchers are being accepted. Please email your voucher to admin@palerangunitedfc.com to redeem your voucher/s. We are running a second personalised **uniform** order for our new members. This will be the last uniform order for the season. Orders are due by **Monday 13th May, 2024**. Please allow 4-5 weeks turn-around time. Orders can be placed by completing the Google Doc form via this link - bit.ly/3UOSHrc

Junior Soccer

Without the commitment of volunteers, community-run organisations simply do not run. We are thankful for all those who have put their hands up to assist this year and who have generously supported in previous seasons. We are still seeking assistant coaches. With more assistance on the field, the children have a better experience. If you have a volunteer WWCC or are able to obtain one, please email us. Many hands make light work!

In an exciting addition to the weekly fun on the field, we are starting a Photo of the Week competition! Stay tuned for more details on the fantastic prizes on offer.

Don't forget to join our Facebook community for updates or to have your questions answered. We are proud to be a safe online space for all. Search Palerang United FC (Braidwood).

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Looking forward to seeing you kicking goals and having fun this season!

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Redbacks v Mudchooks

The local derby between the Redbacks and the Mudchooks, kicked off under cloudy skies, in front of a large Braidwood crowd. There were some solid early exchanges between the teams but unfortunately Redbacks' dropped ball and ill-discipline gave the Mudchooks the opportunity to race away for an early try, and a penalty soon after.

The Redbacks managed to regain their composure and put together some good phases of attacking play, which resulted in two tries before halftime. The halftime score was Redbacks 12 Mudchooks 8.

The Redbacks had all the territory in the second half but the contact was tough & Mudchooks defended strongly. Some good passing, forward charges and great team work, saw the Redbacks score two converted tries, much to the delight of the big crowd and Redbacks kicked away to a good lead.

The Mudchooks didn't give up and attacked the Braidwood line. However a quick turnover saw Redbacks Wyll find an opening and cheered on by the crowd, sprint down the sideline. He kicked ahead and an unfortunate very late tackle by the Mudchooks player saw a penalty try awarded. Mudchooks managed to break through for a try in the final minutes of the game, and the final score was Braidwood Redbacks 33 Bungendore Mudchooks 15.

The Redbacks points were awarded to Callum Doyle 1pt, Jake Holland 2 pts and 3 points and Players Player to Dave Kerr. Next week, the Redbacks travel to the Bay to take on Batemans Bay Boars.

South Coast Monaro Rugby Union

Results – Rd 3 – Saturday 4th May 2024

- Crookwell "Dogs" beat 23 Yass "Rams" 19
 - A very tight game from start to finish with Crookwell finishing the stronger
- Cooma "Red Devils" 40 beat Batemans Bay "Boars" 14
 - Batemans Bay again travelled light on numbers to gift Cooma their first win of the season
- Braidwood "Redbacks" 33 beat Bungendore "Mudchooks" 15
 - Braidwood continue their early good form to grab an important win in the local derby
- Jindabyne "Bushpigs" 50 beat ADFA ACT 0
 - Last season premiers Jindabyne again look the side to beat with a polished performance & win
- Taralga "Tigers" & Hall "Bushrangers" both had a BYE

Competition ladder:

- Jindabyne "Bushpigs" 15
- Braidwood "Redbacks" 10
- Taralga "Tigers" 9
- Crookwell "Dogs" 9
- Bungendore "Mudchooks" 6
- Hall "Bushrangers" 5
- Yass "Rams" 5
- Cooma "Red Devils" 5
- ADFA ACT 1
- Batemans Bay "Boars" 0

Next weekend – Rd 4 – Saturday 11th May 2024

- Batemans Bay "Boars" v Braidwood "Redbacks" @ Batemans Bay
- Jindabyne "Bushpigs" v Crookwell "Dogs" @ Jindabyne
- Bungendore "Mudchooks" v ADFA ACT @ Bungendore
- Hall "Bushrangers" v Taralga "Tigers" @ Hall
- Both Yass "Rams" & Cooma "Red Devils" have a BYE

Peter Ryan - South Coast Rugby

BOWLS NEWS



Braidwood Bowling Club reports:
 Congratulations to Heath Mathie, Peter Young, John Bunn and Jack Marquet, winning the Open Fours for the second year consecutively.

Jeanette McCullough, Derek Tooth, Colin Elder and Nigel McGrath were no push overs.

A very tight and fitting match for a final. Jacks team ran away a little after picking up a 6 mid way through, before Nigel's team went on a 7 end streak to bring the score back and take the lead 19-17 with 2 to play.

With one bowl to play on the 20th end and Nigel's team holding 2, a bit of Wizardry from Jack got 2 shots to tie it all up 19 all going into the last.

Jacks team managed to hold onto shot after a very impressive shot from Nigel's last attempt to win the final end and the championship 20-19. Well done all.

There is only one game left for our 23/24 Championships.

The open triples final will be held on Sunday 26th May between Cara Patton, Sanders Watson and Tom Watson against Heath Mathie, Peter Young and Jack Marquet.

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