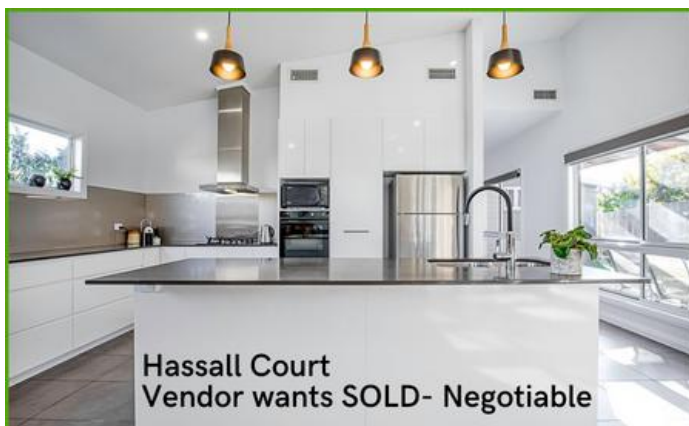




Photo of the week: Last night's Aurora Australis from Warri. by Judy Knowles.

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Hassall Court
Vendor wants SOLD- Negotiable

Contemporary Luxury

This award winning home completed in 2019 by Green Homes is state of the art in design and practicality. Clean contemporary lines combine with light open spaces to create a home that exudes luxury. Square set corning throughout and 3.7 metre raked ceilings to the open plan living expanse give a sense of space to what is already a large area, this also opens out to the alfresco area.

The three bedroom , study home has ensuite and walk through robe to the main bedroom at the front of the home. Two other spacious bedrooms have built in robes. Double glazing is a feature throughout. This is a home that lends itself to entertaining either inside or out and would be perfect for the executive couple or family who appreciate the finer things in life.

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Update on the BCA Survey of Priorities for the forthcoming Council Elections

by John Tuckwell

With Council elections being held on 14 September, the Braidwood Community Association (BCA) is undertaking a survey to identify priority issues and projects for Braidwood and surrounding district to be progressed during the next term of Council. This is a repeat of the exercise it undertook for the 2021 Council elections.

With this survey at around its half-way mark, it is time to share the preliminary results as at 28 July. They are as follows:

- Some 129 persons have responded to the surveys so far, which is pretty good. This represents around 6% of likely voters in the district.
- It will be no surprise that the 'Better maintenance of rural roads' is clearly ranked the most important issue, as it was in 2021.
- Second is a 'Long-term strategic plan for Braidwood', which suggest those completing the survey are strategic thinkers.
- Third is 'Securing Braidwood's water supply' as we all remember the Stage 4 water restrictions in late 2019 / early 2020.
- Then fourth equal are: 'Covered and heated swimming pool', 'More affordable rental housing in Braidwood', 'Harmonisation of water and sewerage charges across QPRC', and 'Community Transport'.

Based on these interim results, these will be the seven key priority issues / projects which we will invite all Council candidates to commit to supporting and progressing, if elected, during the next term of Council.

However, there are a further 11 issues / projects in the questionnaire (see below), and so do these interim results reflect your priorities? If they don't you need to have your say. Even if they do, still have your say, as the more people who complete the survey, the more we can say it is representative of the views of our local community, and the greater its impact will be on Council candidates.

The online survey can be found at:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8HMM6VH> and at
<https://www.braidwoodcommunity.org.au/>, with hard copies available from the Braidwood Library, Visitors Information Centre and Community Bank Braidwood. The survey closes on 12 August and takes less than 5 minutes to complete.

The full interim results so far as follows (1 very low importance to 5 very high importance):

Issues / Projects	Score
Better maintenance of rural roads – including fully meeting the maintenance schedule for unsealed roads and better communication of the grading schedule.	4.4
Long-term strategic plan for Braidwood - eg locations of future housing and industrial development, rezoning, possible bypass/ring road, social housing, commitment to heritage protection and beautification, tourism development etc.	3.9
Securing Braidwood's water supply - QPRC is undertaking a review of water security for Braidwood, which may consider additional source / storage options.	3.7
Covered and heated swimming pool – while the pool and changing facilities have been upgraded, covering and heating the pool will extend the length of the swimming season and the use of the pool.	3.6
More affordable rental housing in Braidwood. With increasing house prices there is a real need for a supply of appropriate affordable rental housing.	3.6
Harmonisation of water and sewerage charges across QPRC. Overall Braidwood charges are significantly higher than those charged in Queanbeyan. In 2024-25 they will be \$676 higher.	3.6
Community Transport – Council to investigate ways to provide or facilitate community transport for medical appointments and outings as done by other LGAs.	3.6
Environmental enhancement - eg. more tree planting for shade within town and along roads, protection of significant trees, management of creeks to improve public access, and encourage birdwatching and platypus viewing.	3.5
Preservation of Braidwood's heritage - More funding to maintain heritage buildings. Better consultation and communication with Braidwood residents in line with the recommendations of the GML reports on the management of the State Heritage Listing of Braidwood and its Setting.	3.4
More off-street car parking - QPRC to commence a small car park behind D&S Motors and expand it when their Works Depot is relocated.	3.4
Traffic calming of key side streets throughout the town (eg. speed humps and review of speed limits) including the known hotspots of McKellar, Elrington, Wilson and Monkittie streets.	3.4
Completion of all high priority paths in the Braidwood Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Plan. Current works outstanding include a priority path and 2 refuge islands. The Plan is to be reviewed and will add new priority paths.	3.2
Development of a shared path around Braidwood. While sections of this could be completed during the next Council term, completion of the overall path would take longer.	3.1
Truck and RV Parking – need for designated parking areas and signage.	3.0
Facilitate the development of a caravan park for Braidwood.	2.9
Develop cycling infrastructure to make the region a cycling destination (eg. mountain bike trails, signage).	2.7
Enclosed off-lead dog park – there are many dog owners who would like to see the provision of an enclosed off-lead dog park separating large from small dogs to allow dogs to exercise in safety.	2.5
Regulating short-term holiday rentals and capping the number of days per year that can be booked.	2.3

Meet the Candidates meeting

The BCA will also be holding a 'Meet the Candidates' event for the upcoming QPRC elections. This meeting is scheduled for Thursday 5th September at 6.30pm at the Braidwood Servicemen's Club.

Have your Say

The Australian Government's 2024 Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee will be visiting Braidwood to hold a public stakeholder consultation session on **Friday 9 August 2024**. The meeting will be at the Braidwood Community Centre, 4 Park Lane, on Friday 9 August from 2-4pm. Register to attend at <https://buff.ly/4cnFIJM>

The Regional Telecommunications Review occurs every three years and is an opportunity to examine the existing and future telecommunication needs in regional, rural and remote communities across Australia.



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Week ending 31st July 2024


Braidwood Weather

With Roger Hosking

We had a brief flurry of snow on Sunday morning. This is relatively rare event at Braidwood. The coolest July night here was minus 11 in 1986.
Median total rain for August is 40.6mm

Day	Min	Max	Rain
Wed	3	14	
Thurs	5	16	
Fri	4	16	
Sat	-3	14	
Sun	1	11	0.4
Mon	1	11	
Tues	-2	12	

Grassland SDI (soil moisture deficit) 41.8mm
Total rainfall so far:
- this month 20.2mm - this year 469.8mm

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Stage 2 applications open for election commitment to improve mobile coverage for Majors Creek



Member for Eden Monaro Kristy McBain was in Majors Creek on Wednesday evening to announce grant opportunities available for mobile network operators and infrastructure providers for mobile coverage at Majors Creek.

Applications are open for Stage 2 of the Albanese Government's targeted election commitment program to improve mobile coverage for locals and visitors to Majors Creek.

Federal Member for Eden-Monaro, Kristy McBain MP said "I welcome this targeted round of funding and encourage mobile network operators and infrastructure providers to apply.

"Reliable mobile coverage is essential for our safety, our economy, our education and work, and everyday communication."

In October 2023, the Government announced funded solutions for 42 locations under the Improving Mobile Coverage Round (IMCR).

The Government committed to examine options to further test industry solutions for two locations that did not meet technical requirements, but where Departmental advice indicated a value for money solution may exist.

Under Stage 2 of the IMCR, up to \$3.05 million (GST inc) is available to deliver new handheld coverage to two locations: Majors Creek and Mangrove Mountain, New South Wales.

This grant opportunity seeks proposed solutions that will lead to improved mobile coverage for the local communities and visitors to the area.

Mobile network operators and infrastructure providers have until 25 September 2024 to apply for Stage 2 IMCR grant funding in the specified locations.

Minister for Communications, the Hon Michelle Rowland MP said "The Albanese Government recognises that Australians deserve reliable mobile coverage.

"This targeted round will further test industry solutions and seek co-investment to deliver on two election commitments to improve mobile coverage in Majors Creek.

"I encourage the local community and council to engage with mobile operators to give this round the best chance of succeeding".

Further information is available on GrantConnect

<https://www.grants.gov.au/> and www.infrastructure.gov.au/mbbsp

The IMCR comes in addition to the Government's broader \$1.1 billion Better Connectivity Plan (BCP) which commits funding to improve mobile and broadband connectivity and resilience.

This includes additional rounds of the Mobile Network Hardening Program (MNHP), the Regional Connectivity Program (RCP) and the Mobile Black Spot Program (MBSP).

Outcomes for Round 2 of the MNHP were announced in May. Last December grants were awarded for the combined Round 7 of the MBSP and Round 3 of the RCP. Round 8 of the MBSP is expected to open later in 2024.

Federal Member for Eden-Monaro, Kristy McBain MP said "This is a positive step towards addressing the connectivity issues faced by the Majors Creek community. This funding round reflects the Albanese Government's ongoing efforts to support regional communities with the infrastructure they need to thrive."

For more information on the MBSP, visit:

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NARG Winter Whoop-up for wildlife fundraiser



Wildlife carer Julia Gibb, with Mayor Kenrick Winchester holding Rufus the swamp wallaby and Bill Waterhouse



Deborah Thompson and David McClymont performing.

The NARG Fundraiser was held on SUNDAY 28 JULY at the Braidwood Old Sunday School Hall, organised by Inke Falkner and Ally Kemp. Inke said "Many of you may have contacted NARG in the past to get help with rescuing a joey or euthanising an injured animal. NARG happily provides this service free of charge. Most of the funding NARG receives is for infrastructure e.g. new enclosures, and very little is allocated to the direct care of the animals e.g. marsupial milk, vet bills etc. This is why Ally and I have put together a community lunch with charity auction to raise funds for the care of our cherished wildlife."

With a 3-course meal cooked by Chez Mey, there was live music from Deborah Thomson, David McClymont and Nicki Tanuton, the auction was conducted by Hamish Hudson.

Raffle and Auction items were kindly donated by: Braidwood Quiltstore, Len Mutton & Co, Nutrien Ag Braidwood, Casanovas, Braidwood Arts & General, Braidwood Clayworks, Smokey Horse, Mud Department, Studio Elke, Stringybark Graphics Clothing, Deadwood Braidwood, Charleys Forest Silver, Saloon Design House, Ally Kemp fresh truffles, Braidwood Yoga Studio, Original print by David Boyd donated by Lucinda Boyd, Round the Bend Studio, Bursaria Workshop, IGA Supermarket, Sandalwood, Bunyip Jungle, Braidwood Rural Mitre 10 and the Braidwood Bugle.

Bill Waterhouse said "thank you to everyone who attended to support NARG. We hope to make the Winter Whoop-Up for Wildlife an annual fundraiser. Thanks to ticket sales, door prizes and a charity auction we were able to raise about \$4500. That's a quarter of NARG's annual costs for rescue, specialised animal feed and medical treatment. Thank you to the wonderful businesses that donated their artisan wares and products for the auction.



Deb Muscat with Rufus.

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Yuin mural making at Braidwood Central School



The mural created by BCS students with Yuin Cultural Educators.



Phil and Felix at the school farm.

By John Longhurst

Braidwood Central School (BCS) First Nation Students participated in a two day workshop last week led Phil Butler, Felix Salmon and Em Fishpool, Yuin Cultural Educators from the Budawang family group.

The Butler Family has an ancestral connection to the Braidwood area and are very active in sharing cultural knowledge. Em Fishpool is an established musician and her great grandfather was born in Majors Creek.

The Educators spent the first day with the students on the banks of Monkittee Creek, inside the school's agriculture farm. Phil and Felix talked about Yuin Country and used lots of Dhurga language to tell Budawang creations stories. Students were taught a song and a dance embodying animals.

Felix focused on Aboriginal Art and the use of animal tracks to tell stories in a visual manner. Students made a design whilst sitting around a fire by the creek which was later collated in the art room. BCS Art Teacher Ms Ruby Green co ordinated the incursion.

Ms Green said "Day one was all about introductions and deepening the students knowledge of culture and country. The Educators were able to establish an immediate rapport with the students."

The second day of the workshop was very hands on. Students worked with Felix and Em on a large mural designed to acknowledge BCS is on Yuin Nura.* The mural is a hand drawn map of Yuin Nura and features significant mountains in culture, including Balgan (Pigeon House Mountain), Gulaga (Mount Dromedary) and Mount Gillamatong.**

The north western boundary of Yuin Nura, the Shoalhaven River is prominent in the mural as well as Bhundoo (Clyde River).

Animals students chose to feature in the mural include Mirridar (Sea Eagle), Djirinan (Magpie), Baru (Kangaroo), Narran Narran (Lyrebird), Goombawa (Koala), Googunyalla (Kookaburra), Garawul (Whale) and significantly, Umbarra (Black duck), which is a totem for the Yuin Nation.

Students will now work on completing the mural before it is displayed prominently at the school.

BCS Student, Jaxon Hoban found the two day workshop enjoyable and enlightening. Jaxon said "The Educators were really knowledgeable and connected to country. They were really generous with their knowledge and were fun to work with. I certainly have a deeper understanding of Yuin Country and Culture following the two day workshop."

BCS Principal thanked the Yuin Cultural Educators as well Dargues Mine. Ms Mosely said "The two day workshop has provided a fantastic opportunity for our First Nation Students to not only connect with Yuin Country but to use their artistic skills to create a permanent acknowledgment to country by way of the mural. A big thank you to the Educators for their time and expertise. Also a big thank you to Dargues Mine which funded the workshop by way of a grant BCS successfully submitted earlier this year."

*'Nura' means country in Dhurga.

**Felix and Phil acknowledged Mount Gillamatong was a significant landform but lamented its story had been lost.

STEVE WHAN MP
MEMBER FOR MONARO

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Electric Vehicle Charging Fee

QPRC are aiming to increase the availability of EV charging infrastructure to support the uptake of EVs. Sales of EV are expected to make up to 52% of new car sales in NSW by 2030-2031. This trend is evident in our area as EV registrations surged by nearly 160% in 2024 when compared to the previous year.

QPRC currently own 12 public electric vehicle charging stations:

- 10 at the rear of the Nellie Hamilton Centre building in the Lowe Car Park, and
- 2 at Googong Common

Staff are proposing a fee of \$0.60 per kWh (inc. GST) for electric vehicle charging. This will be reviewed annually, including monitoring the usage patterns as well as any required maintenance and repairs. Data will be used to review the fee to ensure that we are charging enough to recoup costs and that the fee remains competitive.

The proposed fee covers the gap between installation and handover to a third-party operator, aligning with our commitment to installing at least 100 EV charging stations within the LGA by 2030.

By proposing a fee for use of EV charging infrastructure, we can start installing, operating, and managing the EV charging stations ensuring uninterrupted service to the community. Projected income

The chargers have the potential to generate revenue. The budgeted income amount is calculated on the assumption that each EV charger will be used for 4 hours per day.

12 chargers x 4hrs per day = 48 hours use per day

48 x 365 = 17,520 hours use per year

17,520 x 0.55c (ex GST) = \$9,636

Have your say

- By completing the survey below by Thursday 22 August
- By email to council@qprc.nsw.gov.au referencing "New EV charging fee" in the subject line
- By mail to PO Box 90, Queanbeyan NSW 2620

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Apprentices and trainees wanted for major regional transport projects in 2025

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Coby Burkill, currently in her second year of the program, exemplifies the transformative impact of the Regional and Outer Metropolitan Apprentice and Trainee Programs. She has been able to transition from hospitality to construction despite having no prior professional experience in the industry. The Regional and Outer Metropolitan Apprentice and Trainee Programs give successful applicants paid training on the job while gaining valuable skills, and finishing with a nationally recognised qualification.

Having grown up in regional NSW, Coby has always been hands-on, helping build sheds and more. Participating in the Regional and Outer Metropolitan Apprentice and Trainee Program has allowed her to hone these skills, learn new ones, and expand her career prospects—all while staying close to home and earning a living.

The programs offer training in twelve different areas, such as Civil Construction, Business, Finance, Fitter, Plant Mechanic, Project Management, Bridge Construction and Maintenance, Heavy Diesel Mechanical, Metal Fabrication, Painting and Decorating, Electrical, and Operational Management Systems. Earlier this year, Transport for NSW worked with local high schools in regional NSW during six industry days, giving students in years 10, 11, and 12 hands-on experience and information about these career options.

Diversity is important to the program, with 35 per cent of positions in the 2024 intake filled by women and around 24 per cent by Indigenous Australians.

Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education, Steve Whan said "The state finds itself crying out for more apprentices and trainees, after more than a decade of neglect from the former government. The Minns Labor Government is committed to investing in hiring new apprentices and trainees, which will help build better communities across NSW."

"The work these new apprentices and trainees will undertake will make a real difference across NSW by delivering vital infrastructure projects that communities rely on."

"Alongside our commitment to deliver 1,000 additional Apprentices and Trainees across New South Wales Government agencies, this work demonstrates our commitment to strategically utilising government as a genuine contributor to training the skilled workforce of the state's future."

Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, Jenny Aitchison, said

"This is an investment in people. These positions are designed to kick-start careers in the regions, boost the current workforce and create a pipeline of meaningful work into the future."

"These entry level programs not only strengthen our workforce, but they also encourage diversity and inclusion, and we are extremely proud to increase Aboriginal and female representation at Transport for NSW."

Applications for the 2025 Regional and Outer Metropolitan Apprentice and Trainee Programs are open now and close at midnight on Wednesday, 28 August 2024.

For more information about the 2025 Regional and Outer Metropolitan Apprentice and Trainee Program offerings, visit <https://jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au/go/Transport-for-NSW-Apprenticeships/5261010/>



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FCNSW fined for breaking bushfire harvesting rules

NSW ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY Forestry Corporation of NSW (FCNSW) has been fined \$360,000 for breaching conditions imposed by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) to help the recovery of the Yambulla State Forest, near Eden, after the Black Summer fires. FCNSW plead guilty to two offences in the Land and Environment Court today after it failed to identify two environmentally significant areas on its operational map, resulting in 53 eucalypt trees being cut down in one of those areas. These illegal harvesting activities were in breach of the Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approval and the Site-Specific Operating Conditions issued by the EPA after bushland on the South Coast of NSW was ravaged by the 2019/20 bushfires.

EPA Executive Director of Operations, Jason Gordon said breaching these conditions was totally unacceptable and welcomed the Court's conviction.

"These special conditions were introduced to protect parts of the forest that weren't as damaged by fire, giving wildlife and biodiversity an opportunity to recover.

"FCNSW contractors cut down a total of 53 eucalypt trees in an "unburned" environmentally significant area that was home to important shelters and food resources for local wildlife or native plants.

"FCNSW and its contractors have a responsibility to comply with the rules, and in this case, there was a failure to mark the area off-limits in the operational map used for harvesting operations," Mr Gordon said.

The Court found the harvesting operation caused substantial environmental harm and impacted the refuge of various native flora and fauna species. The Court also found the offending conduct potentially harmed the Dusky Woodswallow, Scarlet Robin and the Varied Sitella, being threatened bird species known to inhabit the area.

FCNSW was ordered to pay the EPA's legal costs and publish details of the convictions in the Sydney Morning Herald, the Daily Telegraph and Merimbula News Weekly.

Boosting Queanbeyan's Housing Supply

The Federal Government is getting on with the job of building more homes in Eden-Monaro, with more investments in town planning. Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council will benefit from \$720,000 funding under the Housing Support Program.

The project will include technical Studies to inform a Housing Strategy for Queanbeyan CBD and Surrounds.

This funding will support master planning and development projects to accelerate housing supply and ensure residential growth in local communities is accessible, affordable and sustainable.

A total of 80 projects across Australia will receive funding, including 73 local government projects and seven under the states and territories.

The Housing Support Program is one of a range of measures designed to help achieve the ambitious national target of building 1.2 million new, well-located homes over the next 5 years.

It also forms part of the \$32 billion in new housing initiatives we are delivering through our Homes for Australia plan.

States, territory and local governments are encouraged to apply for Stream 2 of the Program, which is now open.

This stream will provide funding for enabling infrastructure that supports housing growth, such as roads and utility connections, and community amenities like parks, footpaths and public spaces.

Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Catherine King said "The Albanese Government's Housing Support Program is helping to turbocharge infrastructure planning so we can deliver more homes, more quickly, for more Australians.

"It's a critical part of our plan to work with states and territories to help them meet the ambitious national target to build 1.2 million well-located new homes." Member for Eden-Monaro, Kristy McBain said "This is an extremely exciting funding announcement that will greatly benefit Queanbeyan by accelerating our local housing development.

"The project supported under this program will enhance our local infrastructure and ensure sustainable growth. We need to ensure Queanbeyan's growth is well managed and sustainable, and this funding will help achieve this."

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council Mayor Kenrick Winchester said "We are really grateful for the Australian Government's support through the Housing Support Program to allow Council to do the technical studies to improve housing availability in the Queanbeyan CBD and surrounds."

"Queanbeyan is a great place to live and work but it's important we have the necessary infrastructure to support our growing community and its needs."

"These studies will help us prepare an Infill Housing Strategy and inform our strategic land-use planning program that guides how we plan and invest in community infrastructure."

"Council adopted an Affordable Housing Strategy last April to improve the availability of affordable housing in our region and with this funding we can seriously explore infill housing as one of the important actions."

Applications for Stream 2 of the Housing Support Program will be open until 5.00pm AEST 16 August 2024.

For more information on the Program, including a full list of successful Stream 1 projects, visit www.infrastructure.gov.au/territories-regions-cities/cities/housing-support-program



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A Beer with Bazz #159

With
John
Longhurst

Mick landed the schooners and sighed.

"Too many choices, Bazza. First of all, you have to choose between Netflix, Stan, Prime, Binge or whatever and spend another half an hour scrolling through the content trying to reach agreement on what to watch. Crikey, it's almost enough to yearn for the good ole days when the free to air channels chose what you were going to watch and at what time. As a kid, we would all sit round the television come Sunday night and watch whatever movie was dished up. Nowadays... too many bloody choices, Bazza."

Bazza took a measured sip and chuckled.

"I have given up on all the streaming services, Mick. I watch the news instead. It doubles up as drama, comedy, entertainment, variety and the odd bit of news."

Mick rubbed his forehead and Bazza leaned back.

"In fact, Mick, I reckon you cannot go past the United States Presidential Election for all your viewing needs."

Mick's eyes widened and he took a decent sip.

"First up you have Donald Trump outdoing the Almighty. It took God six days to create the Earth before resting on the seventh. Donald Trump has promised to end the wars in the Middle East and Ukraine, stop illegal immigration, impose tariffs and generally make American great again all within the first day of taking office. I don't think he is even going to rest on the second day. It beats a thriller movie any day."

Bazza took a sip.

"But... it gets even more biblical, Mick. I could go to a streaming channel and watch the scene from 'The Life Of Brian' where the mob chase Brian demanding he give them a sign he is the Almighty. When he loses his sandal in the chase it is taken as a sign.* When the Donald Trump faithful all sported an ear bandage in solidarity with their leader following the assassination attempt... well...why bother with Netflix or whatever. Clearly, the ear bandage is a sign. It's comedy on the nightly news."

Mick smiled and rubbed his head.

"Ahh... you have thought this through, Bazza. Come to think of it, The antics of Joe Biden and the Democrats resemble a scene from 'World Championship Wrestling' which we would watch on Saturday mornings. There was a wrestler called Mark Lewin who would put a sleeper hold** on his opponents and they would end up looking like Joe Biden. Now, that beats an action flick."

Bazza grinned.

"You have got the hang of it, Mick... all there on the nightly news. We also have Kamala Harris now entering the presidential race. She has strolled into town like the sheriff 'Wyatt Earp'*** vowing to go after the convicted felon. It will do me for a western movie. She may even evolve into a superhero as we get closer to November."

Mick skulled his schooner and wiped the froth from his lips as Bazza leaned back.

"Sorry Bazza... I am going to call it quits. I want to get home to watch the news."

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

Gadfly

In this year of the international test of Democracy versus autocracy, something unexpected is happening – the good guys have taken the lead.

At the beginning, prospects looked dreadful. Russia's murderous Vladimir Putin cleared the field of candidates by jailing the small fry and killing Alexei Navalny by unknown means in a far-off gulag. And Pretend Emperor Xi Jinping eliminated his opponents by charges of corruption as a legal system bent to his will.

And speaking thereof, the US Supreme Court of the United States, which would-be dictator Donald Trump had stacked with reactionary cronies, began giving legal imprimatur to his policies and preferences. The anti-democratic forces looked to be on a roll.

But then in short order came India where the would-be theocratic kingpin, Narendra Modi met democratic resistance that forced him into coalition with a more reasonable grouping. His faith-filled fantasies fell in a heap. Meanwhile, the British poll threw out the Tories in favour of a centrist Labour Party; and the remarkable French electoral manoeuvring saw Marine Le Pen's far-right extremists run into a solid wall of fiercely democratic parties. Even the Iranians elected a 'moderate' against the wishes of their "Supreme Leader" Ali Khamenei.

Suddenly the 2024 race was looking good for Democracy. In Melbourne Cup terms, our horse had stumbled at the start but had now joined the pack as the runners passed the finish post for the first time.

But then, down the back straight Pretend Emperor Xi secured himself a fourth term from his hand-picked lackies and the also-rans bunched up behind him. However, the weight of Xi's economic policies were beginning to show the vulnerability of chubby Pretend Emperor rule that will inevitably threaten his Mandate of Marxist Heaven. Some even say his race is run already.

That takes us via Xi's 'beautiful letter' to the man in orange colours on the back of the Republican elephant who would enact Project 2025. This is the plan designed to clip Democracy's fetlocks and place 'the entire executive branch under the direct control of the President under the unitary executive theory.' Indeed, it proposes to replace tens of thousands of neutral federal civil service workers with political henchmen of a President Trump.

Xi's letter celebrated Trump's survival from an assassin's bullet, courtesy of his God; and as they approached the turn towards the home straight he looked odds on to replace his ageing opponent sitting astride the Democratic Party donkey.

That's when the seemingly impossible happened and at the top of the straight, the old jockey surrendered the saddle to his female stablemate. He tossed her the whip. 'The baton is in our hands,' she cried. 'Let's win this!'

By now it was a two-horse race as they thundered towards the finishing post on that special Tuesday in November. In two mighty strides she overtook distance between them. Punters raced to place their bets – \$100 million in a single stroke.

And then...well, who knows for sure, but Democracy has its nose in front. And if you think about it, even the murderous Putin paid lip service to what Churchill called 'the worst system of government except for all those other forms that have been tried from time to time.' After all, once he'd killed off his opponents, the Russki didn't have to bother with an election.

Perhaps he knew deep down that the people valued the right to vote, even if it was utterly meaningless...except of course to the deluded little man in the mirror.

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Mid Winter Musings

It's usually around mid winter that folks start to make plans to move north, but they would miss the blossoms of spring, and spring is not that far away. Infact, we might be set for an early spring, what is your microclimate telling you?

Conditions

It's been an interesting Winter thus far. The lack of sun in June really slowed the grow of late planted veggies and stressed solar systems around the district. Regardless, I was still planting into June, as I always do.

There has been no dam freezing yet, it takes a long -9C to achieve this. So far this year -4C is the lowest experienced in my garden. The June frosts were long, lasting 12 hours, but the July frosts have only happened for a few hours before sunlight. Historical records show low temps but not for how long it lasted. Pay attention and take note about what is happening in your Microclimate, it is the key to your gardening success. It'll pay dividends every season.

Garden beds

I've been doing some experiments with my garden bed preparation. I've mentioned my No Weed Veggie Bed that I've been growing in for a very long time with great success. As an act of convenience I prepped some beds without my usual treatment. I used straight compost instead, topped with sugarcane mulch. These beds are lacking in nutrient at the end of their 2nd year compared to my usual preparations. Beetroot and Carrot is struggling to get a grow on. Onions are faring better, and Parsnips doing ok. I usually get good growth from my roots at the end of the second year, but this season I'm disappointed. This experiment shows me there is no substitute for manure based compost. I will return to refreshing garden beds with my full treatment.



In the Garden Spinach

Spinach has been a top performer this winter. Delivering leafy greens in 5 weeks. The Spinach and Lettuce in the photo was planted into a brand new bed at the start of June. This is a demonstration to show that planting into June can be successful in our Unpredictable Highland Climate. The spinach has been heavily picked, lettuce less so.

Brassicas

I planted out Cauliflower in succession every 2 weeks from mid May. I would have started in Feb/March if my Summer garden wasn't still thriving. I'll have more space next year so I should be able to avoid this space mistake and start planting earlier. I could be eating Caulis now, 90 days after planting. Sprouting Broccoli was planted at the start of June and is growing on. I have Sprouting Broccoli in another part of the garden that is providing heads to eat. It has been stumped for 2 years and is still providing. Don't remove your brassicas, stump them, and harvest again.

Storing Onions

My chosen red variety usually take around 200 days to produce a full bulb. They are edible after around 90 days albeit with a reduced bulb. I planted these back in early spring with my tomatoes, 290 days ago. They have provided plenty of effortless tucker. I like to store my onions in the garden and harvest when I need one. Conventional thinking would have them all harvested at once, but a bulk harvest requires space, and the right conditions to store them successfully, so I leave them in the ground. The onions remaining in the garden started to divide in late autumn/early winter. So far it looks like there may be 5-7 new onions where there was one left in the ground. I love to lose an onion or two in the garden.

Celery

If you can keep the water up to it, Celery is fantastic in winter. Plenty of sugars to beat the cold and no chlorophyll flavour from excess sun exposure, make for the tastiest celery you will ever eat. A stick a day will keep the doctor away, and there is plenty for soup and stock.

Sunshine

The difference between a dismal winter and a great one is down to the hours of actual sunshine. Sunshine makes the plants grow. It warms the earth, and it warms the human who stands in it. It's one of the reasons I love living in the foothills of The Great Dividing Range. Sunsets over Mt Palerang are spectacular in winter and have kept me amazed since my first winter here. Sunsets glowing colours through cloud masses that appear to form above the mountain. I miss them a lot. In recent years the sunsets are not as reliably spectacular. No longer worth the walk to the top of the hill to witness in its panoramic glory. Some days, a lacklustre vision is offered through the haze instead. A haze that forms most afternoons. It really takes the punch out of the setting sun, but most days sunsets are not really visible.

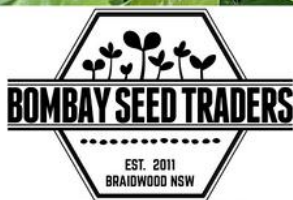
The lack of sun in June really stunted early growth, but July sun has provided great growth. Even the Lucerne is growing in the middle of the gardens. Let us see what August brings. Wind. That's what August will bring.

Soil temps in my garden are currently 9C for older beds and 10C for fresh beds measured at 10am. Warm feet enable growth in winter vegetables and keeps them ready to take advantage of any sunshine that reaches them. What is your soil temp?

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Making renting fairer in NSW

The Minns Labor Government is delivering on its election commitment to improve rental laws and help make renting fairer, announcing new laws to end no-grounds evictions. This change will be the one of the biggest reforms to the rental market in a decade and will help to ensure we get the balance right between renters and homeowners. We have a housing crisis in NSW. In fact, housing is the largest single cost of living issue facing the people of NSW. More people are renting than ever before, with around 33 per cent of the NSW population renting, an increase of 17.6 per cent since 2016.

However, the current rental market in NSW is the toughest that renters have seen for decades with historically low vacancy rates, median rent prices increasing by around 7 per cent over the last 12 months, and a system that leaves them vulnerable to eviction at any time.

These changes bring NSW into line with other states including the ACT, South Australia and Victoria who have legislated their own model to end no grounds evictions.

Ending no grounds evictions

Under the existing law, the owner of a rental property can choose to end a residential periodic lease at any time for any reason or no reason at all.

This creates insecurity and financial pressure for renters whose lives can be upended at any time.

Under our proposed reforms, homeowners will now need a reason to end a tenancy for both periodic and fixed term leases.

These will include commonsense and reasonable reasons such as:

- The existing rules where the renter is at fault, because of a breach of lease, damage to the property, or non-payment of rent.
- Where the property is being sold or offered for sale with vacant possession.
- Where significant repairs or renovations make inhabiting the property too difficult or it will be demolished. If a homeowner seeks to renovate or repair a home, it cannot be relisted for a period of at least 4 weeks.
- If the property will no longer be used as a rental home, i.e a change of use.
- Where the owner or their family intend to move into the property.
- If the renter is no longer eligible for an affordable housing program or if the property is purpose-built student accommodation and the renter is no longer a student.

If the homeowner wishes to end a lease, evidence must be provided with a termination notice, with penalties payable by homeowners providing non-genuine reasons.

For those on fixed term agreements of less than 6 months, the termination notice period to tenants will be increased from 30 days to 60 days. For fixed term agreements of more than 6 months, the termination notice period will be increased from 60 days to 90 days.

There will be no change to notice periods for those on periodic agreements.

The package follows a comprehensive consultation process with more than 16,000 submissions and survey responses received from the general public and multiple sector based roundtables.

The Minns Labor Government will now begin stakeholder engagement on these reforms and will aim to introduce new legislation in the September sittings of Parliament to end no grounds and provide more security and stability for renters. The new reforms are set to begin early next year, subject to this consultation.

WHY IS THERE A BANK HOLIDAY?

Everyone loves a 3 day long weekend and bank staff are no exception. On the first Monday in August each year it is known as the NSW Bank Holiday. But why did it originate and why do we still have the holiday?

The NSW Bank Holiday originated in the United Kingdom of compensating counting house staff for extra work involved in the June 30 end of financial year balances by granting them a holiday on the first Monday in August. This idea then flowed into Australia and was first introduced in New South Wales by the Bank Holiday Act of 1875. The holiday was observed on the first day of August each year, however, it was then changed in 1912 to be the first Monday in August. This has remained unchanged.

Of course, the manual balancing of ledger books in banking has changed over the years and computers have assisted in the majority of banking procedures. Banking itself has changed dramatically over the years with internet banking, Tap and Go, forms of insurance, continual policy, procedural and governance updates just to name a few.

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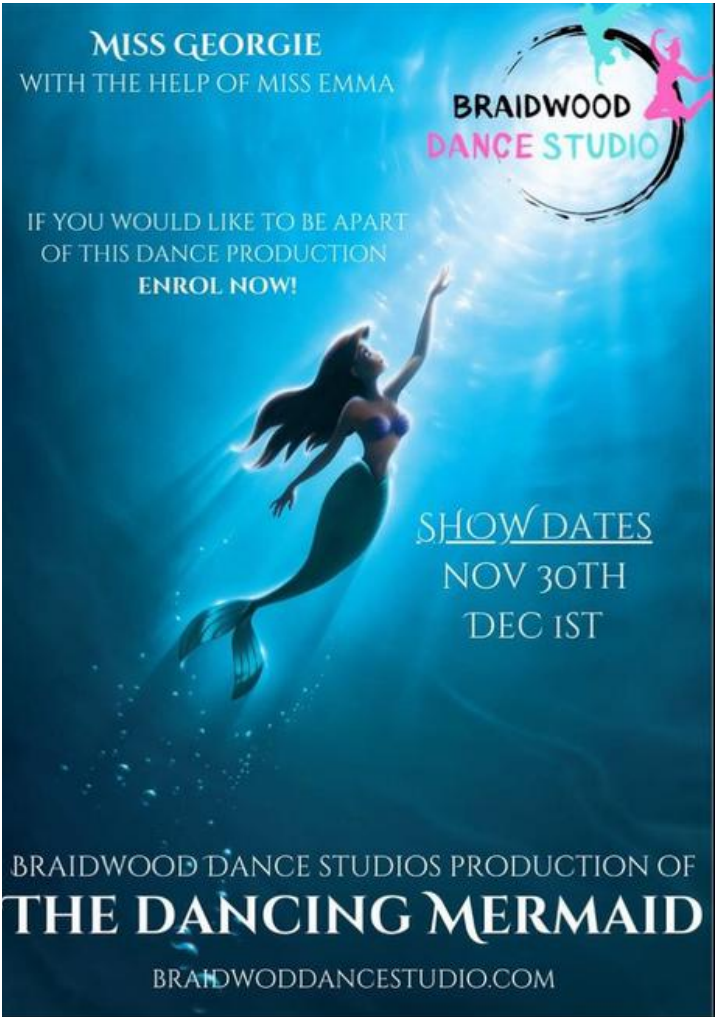


Braidwood Concert Series News

SUNDAY 11th August, 2pm, Braidwood Uniting Church.
Limestone Consort is bringing a fantastic ensemble to Braidwood:
Singers: Greta Claringbould (soprano), Maartje Sevenster (mezzo soprano) and Jade McFaul (mezo soprano) and featuring John Ma (viola d'amore), Jennifer Brian (baroque flute), Ariana Odermatt (harpsichord), Clara Tenniswood (cello), Lauren Davis and Michelle Higgs (violins), performing Vivaldi's Nisi Dominus RV803. Many of these performers performed with Canberra Bach Ensemble to great acclaim at the Leipzig Bach Festival in Germany.
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‘there is always beauty..’ ~ A solo exhibition by Shunyam Smith



Suki & Hugh Gallery, Bungendore, will open an exhibition of oil paintings and tapestries by artist Shunyam Smith on Saturday 3 August 2024.

Smith is based on the Far South Coast of NSW, her studio of many years is surrounded by Spotted Gum forests. She previously lived in the High Country of NSW and Victoria which is the inspiration for the work in this exhibition, entitled ‘there is always beauty..’

Her close relationship with nature has resulted in her work being predominantly about her concerns for the environment, particularly forests constantly under the pressure of logging, bushfires, and climate change.

‘Travelling through the high country of Victoria and New South Wales after the devastating bushfires of the past few years, I began to see the incredible beauty in the burned-out forest. Bone white skeletons of trees spread across the ridges as far as one could see. A whole new world had appeared, like foam on the ocean. Then, within a few years, these white skeletons had sunk below the green waves of the regrowth as the forest grew back’. ~ SS

‘It is a great reminder that even in the darkest days, there is always something good or beautiful to be found in everything if you are open to seeing it. Change is often the gateway to remarkable things, rather than an ending.’ ~SS

Smith has a long history in the arts since graduating with Honors from the Australian National University, Canberra in 1994. Her passion for weaving goes back to the early 1960s when living in Norway, where some of the oldest tapestries originated depicting ancient myths and legends. The slow nature of tapestry weaving is a meditative process, allowing deeper meanings to surface as the work evolves. Using a mixture of wool, cotton, linen, and even silk threads, she creates a surface that reflects light, colour, and shadow, very differently from a painted surface.

Smith has exhibited widely including in Melbourne, Sydney, Canberra, and New Zealand.

Opening drinks with the artists will be held on Saturday 3 August 2024, 2-4pm. All welcome. An online catalogue will be available via www.sukihugh.com.au The exhibition runs until 1 September 2024.



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What a location, surrounded by 100's of hectares of rural land yet within 2 minutes of Braidwood's main street! This large 3 bedroom home has a unique floor plan and was built to fit into the surrounding landscape. Over 6,200m2 with exotic plantings (some over a century old and heritage listed) and some of the most fertile soil in the region. If you're a gardener you won't find better, an existing bore provides plentiful water of the highest quality, this was relied upon throughout the drought and has always produced. A large double garage with office is ideal for working from home or would lend itself to many other uses. This is a property that would suit a wide range of buyers, a chance to live in the country - have a few chooks, vegie patch or enhance what already exists in the orchard with rare and heirloom fruits.

If you're settling down or starting out, you will go a long way to find better than this 3 bedroom home on 7721m2 (just under 2 acres). Located in the pretty village of Majors Creek which is not dissimilar to The Southern Highlands with green fields, historic buildings and a vibrant, happy community without the hype of big city locals. The solar passive home faces due north allowing the sun to penetrate and heat the thermal mass or on the colder evenings slab heating and wood fire keep you cosy warm. A chain of ponds on the western side presents a blank canvas for enhancement of this "natural beauty" whilst also providing water for gardens or a couple of horses in this separate paddock.

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Next Sunday's gospel reading (John 6: 24-35) follows on from Jesus' miracle of feeding the 5,000 (plus women and children) from one boy's basket of five loaves and two fishes. And bread is the metaphor Jesus uses to try to get his message across about who he is.

John opens with a series of question and answer exchanges between Jesus and the clamouring crowd; somewhat frustrating as both parties seem to be talking at cross purposes. Seemingly it's about bread, but it isn't. Who is this Jesus?

The crowd hadn't grasped the miracle 'sign' of the feeding, that Jesus' is the gift of God. As he chides, they've had their fill. But there is more, as Jesus says, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he [God] has sent". Believing, faith, is the gift. It is not a task or a series of works. In the act of believing is the release and resolution of our deepest hunger. Returning to the metaphor, Jesus declares "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Anne Sanders, parishioner

Braidwood Uniting Church

On the one hand...

Yesterday, I met a couple of old friends for lunch. It was an astonishing distance for them to come for lunch. We glowed in the history that we'd shared together. As usual most of our conversation was intellectual – pushing each other in a kind of philosophical wrestling match that happens between curious friends. Both husband and wife are seekers of truth, suspicious of their own arguments, even when passionately expressed.

We spent a lot of time, observing the nature of paradox. At about the second cup of coffee, the man was arguing that there was no such thing as free will. He challenged me to cite any action that had, 'no cause'. His argument was strong, logical and compelling. We all three had studied Buddhism and so the argument was familiar. Yet we had made lots of negotiations, decisions, for our meeting to take place. Yet he argued that the lunch meeting was "caused" by factors beyond our control.

In the 1970's in South Australia, every juvenile court appearance had to be supplied with a "background report", supplied by a social worker. I spent a lot of time visiting families and writing reports that would explain to magistrates the circumstances that might explain the aberrant behavior of the young offender. Most of my reports, not only explained but rather "explained away" with the effect of minimizing the responsibility of the young person. They were funny days. I think I was well hated by most police prosecutors and equally, barely tolerated by all the magistrates. I forced all those involved to acknowledge that there was no level playing field. Nevertheless, they all knew that the key to a brighter future for any young person, was the taking of responsibility for their actions.

Now I'm an old bloke and I have full sympathy with the police and magistrates for whom I caused so much annoyance. I've learned my own excruciating moments of taking responsibility. Indeed, these days I'd say, the process of learning anything is also a process of discovering how I am currently in error. I've discovered that my intellect and learning, have often been counterproductive to life; wasting time arguing my own case rather than discovering my own error.

At the end of lunch, the funniest thing happened. The lady asked if she could read my psalms. In all our years, I've not spotted any sympathy for such hocus pocus. I was shocked but amused. She seemed to be channeling a higher power and then made a bunch of rather obvious observations about me and my life. What can I say? Hilarious? Cute? When it was all over, I said, "I think you might have just wanted to hold my hands."

When we returned to the subject of paradox, I kept saying, "on the one hand" and "then on the other hand..." Whatever else, a lovely friendship was affirmed.

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St Bede's Parish

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

Pope Francis encourages us to remember that 'Jesus came to bring us something more' than just food or even miracles. Jesus seeks 'to open our lives to a wider horizon.'

Jesus, the Pope points out, 'encourages the people to go a step further' than being receivers of bread. Jesus wants his followers to ponder 'the significance of the miracle, and not simply to take advantage of it.'

In a sense, the crowd in this Gospel passage got hung up on spiritual work and gain. They ask: what must they do? Jesus says: believe in him. 'What work will you do?', they ask in turn. It is as if their relationship with God was transactional.

Jesus wants his followers to avoid this sort of thinking. 'This is a common temptation', the Pope says, where 'the crowd wants to know from Jesus which actions it must perform in order to please God.'

The reality which Jesus reveals is quite the opposite. Rather, as the Pope puts it, 'faith in Jesus allows us to carry out God's works.'

It is, after all, the giver of life itself who is the giver of bread. That creative love precedes any of our thoughts or actions. We receive God's love by recognising its presence. Which in turn allows us to play our part in making it present to others

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Fairer funding for farming communities

NSW Farmers has renewed calls for fairer local government funding for regional and rural communities as it fronted a state parliamentary inquiry today.

NSW Farmers Business, Economics and Trade Committee Chair John Lowe said local councils were on the brink due to increased financial pressure, calling for a critical review of funding structures to ensure rural and regional communities had the support they need.

"Local councils have more responsibilities than ever before, and the cost of maintaining and building services and infrastructure has also spiked – leaving many local councils right on the brink with resourcing," Mr Lowe said.

"With these councils struggling to generate revenue, farmers and local residents are being left to shoulder huge rates while they cope with sub-standard services and infrastructure that won't be fixed anytime in the near future.

"From roads needing urgent repair to key community facilities, there is a lot left lacking in the bush, and better funding for our local councils will be the key to building better communities."

Special variation rates, cost-shifting, infrastructure funding and accountability were just some of the challenges Mr Lowe said must be addressed to improve local government funding, with six recommendations put forward by NSW Farmers as part of the hearing.

"Removing local council rate exemptions on Crown Lands and pausing special variation rate applications are just two solutions we're putting on the table to support fairer funding," Mr Lowe said.

"Boosting federal support for Financial Assistance Grants, prioritising more indexed block grants for roads and providing better training for local governments to handle finances and administration would also go a long way to supporting local councils and the services they provide.

"At the end of the day, it's all about proper resourcing, so we can do the work that needs to be done to keep our local communities strong and sustainable well into the future."

Farmers welcome glyphosate ruling

NSW Farmers has welcomed the Federal Court's ruling that key agricultural chemical glyphosate (Roundup) is safe to use as directed.

NSW Farmers Ag Science Committee Chair Alan Brown welcomed the decision and said glyphosate had been rigorously tested by the scientific community, with the Court's decision consistent with international regulatory assessments such as that of the APVMA.

"The use of glyphosate in accordance with the instructions on chemical labels has been scientifically proven to be safe, and it has not been found to cause cancer," Mr Brown said.

"More than 800 scientific studies and reviews, including numerous independent regulatory safety assessments, are in support of this fact, and Australian farmers are well aware of how to use this chemical correctly to protect the health of their families and communities."

As a key ingredient in over 500 chemical products including popular weed killer Roundup, Mr Brown said the continued use of glyphosate was critical to the agricultural industry's ability to sustainably produce food.

"Glyphosate was almost as big a game changer for farmers as the invention of the wheel was to man – it is such a critical component of modern and sustainable agricultural production," Mr Brown said.

"Without access to the chemical, farmers would have to resort to cultivation to manage weeds – degrading our landscape and making it harder than ever to maintain productivity.

"Australian farmers need every tool they've got in the toolbox to continue to produce healthy plants and healthy animals at a rate that matches rapidly increasing global demand, or else our industry will lose its ability to stay competitive on an international scale."

Community urged to consider organ donation this DonateLife Week

People in NSW are encouraged to consider organ donation and have conversations with their family about their decision this DonateLife Week.

There are approximately 1,800 people currently on the organ transplant waitlist in Australia, with 14,000 more on dialysis for kidney failure who need help.

In 2023, more than 47,000 people in NSW registered as an organ and tissue donor. There were 142 people in NSW who died and became organ donors, giving the gift of life to 392 transplant recipients, including 12-year-old Osman Akel.

Osman was diagnosed with congenital heart disease while in utero and needed three heart operations before he was five. Last year, Osman went into heart failure and his family were told he needed a heart transplant to save his life.

Osman became the first patient to undergo a paediatric heart transplant at The Children's Hospital at Westmead since the Paediatric Heart Transplant (PHT) service was officially established and funded by the Minns Labor Government in 2023. Osman is now back at school and doing well.

As the biggest paediatric liver transplant centre in Australia, The Children's Hospital at Westmead performs around 25 lifesaving liver transplants for patients like Ari every year.

Sadly, more than 50 Australians died last year while on the organ transplant waitlist.

Families are always asked to support someone's decision to be a donor before donation goes ahead. Families are much more likely to agree if their loved one is registered on the Australian Organ Donor Register, and their family knew they wanted to be a donor. Anyone aged 16 and over can register online to become an organ donor in just one minute at donatelife.gov.au, or with three taps in the Medicare app. For those who think they're already registered, it only takes one minute to double-check.



2024 NSW
Local Government elections

Key dates

Monday, 5 August

Nominations open

Tuesday, 6 August

Postal vote applications open

2pm Thursday, 15 August

Ballot paper draw

5pm Monday, 9 September

Postal vote applications close

Friday, 27 September

Last day to receive postal votes

6pm Monday, 5 August

Close of electoral rolls

12 noon Wed, 14 August

Close of nominations

Saturday, 7 September

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Saturday, 14 September

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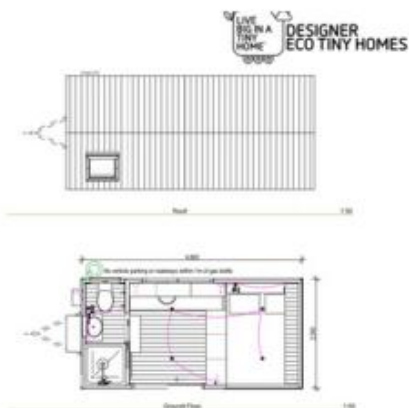


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Daylight saving and wild dogs up for debate

Wild dogs, shortening daylight saving and improving the renewable energy rollout were just some of agriculture's hot topics up for debate as NSW Farmers returned for the final day of its 2024 Annual Conference last week.

NSW Farmers President Xavier Martin said while Australia needed strong farms to feed the future, the sector was facing a wide range of challenges that delegates were keen to address – including how to minimise the impact of the renewable energy transition.

“Wild dogs are clearly an area of growing concern for industry, with delegates passing a motion that called on the state government to take urgent action against increasing wild dog and dingo attacks on livestock,” Mr Martin said.

“The energy transition is having a huge impact on our industry – and support to ensure fair, logical and equitable contracts with adequate compensation for farmers with renewable installations being constructed on their property was one of several solutions members supported today to ease the pain of this process.

“The protracted daylight saving period – which seems to get a couple of weeks longer every few years – was also debated, with delegates pointing out the huge difference in sunrises and sunsets between Sydney and Broken Hill.”

NSW Premier Chris Minns and NSW Agriculture Minister Tara Moriarty also announced the appointment of a permanent, independent Biosecurity Commissioner at yesterday's Annual Conference, which Mr Martin welcomed as positive news for the state's agricultural industry.

“As farmers face a battle on countless fronts against biosecurity threats, it's never been more critical that we strengthen our biosecurity systems so we can protect our industry from the serious impacts pests, weeds and diseases present,” Mr Martin said.

“The appointment of Dr Marion Healy as our permanent, independent Biosecurity Commissioner is warmly welcomed, and we thank the Minns Government for delivering on this promise for our sector.”

Energy and Environment Minister Penny Sharpe also addressed delegates, revealing she had told her department to “do better” in the energy transition.

A number of other motions passed during event proceedings yesterday included motions in support of:

- Ground-truthing all Combined Drought Indicator (CDI) results
- Extending the Universal Service Obligation (USO) to cover voice and data
- Additional police resources to tackle rural crime
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Join us for the Queanbeyan NAIDOC Community Day on 30 September 2024 at Queanbeyan Park.

Celebrate our vibrant First Nations community from 10am to 3pm. There will be a Welcome to Country, Flag Raising Ceremony, food and music. This event is organised by the Queanbeyan NAIDOC Working Group.

Regional Teleco Review Hearing in Braidwood

If you live or work in regional, rural, or remote areas of Australia, the Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee would like to hear your experiences using services in your area.

Have your say by participating in the face-to-face session in Braidwood on 9 August.

► Learn more at buff.ly/3y8za2O

Have Your Say

Projects & initiatives open for community comment	Closing Date
Braidwood and its Setting Review - Milestone 3 Report	5 August
Electric Vehicle Charging Fee	22 August

► 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

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Wood smoke - Reduce the risk

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While removing wood smoke from our homes and urban areas is the best way to reduce our exposure we can also improve the way we burn. Tips to reduce smoke from your existing wood heater include:

- Burn small logs of aged, dry hardwood
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 - Stack wood loosely in the firebox
 - Don't let your heater smoulder overnight
 - Have a professional clean your chimney every year
- Read more at epa.nsw.gov.au/woodsmoke

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 by midday on Tuesday
 - Zoom presentation (register by midday on Wednesday)
- Register to make a presentation at bit.ly/QPRCinvolved

Next meeting dates are:

- 14 August
- 28 August

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.

Local Government Elections - 14 SEPTEMBER

The Local Government Elections are fast approaching and below are some key dates:


- The electoral role closes on 5 August
 - Candidate Nominations are open from 5-14 August.
 - Postal vote applications are open from 6 August to 9 September.
 - Pre-polling is open from 7 to 13 September. Polling locations will be announced closer to the elections.
- For a comprehensive list of key dates head to elections.nsw.gov.au/lge24

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- **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 next **Australian federal election** will be held on or before 27 September 2025
- **Braidwood Open Gardens** 5- 6 October
- **Antiques Fair** 4-6 October
- **The Machine Show** 25 -26 October
- **Majors Creek Festival** 8 – 10 November
- **Airing of the Quilts** 23/24th November

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NSW LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

MEET THE CANDIDATES

in Braidwood THURSDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER at 6.30pm at the Club hosted by the BCA.

in Queanbeyan

MONDAY 26 AUGUST 2024 at the Queanbeyan Hotel (the Top Pub). Be there at 6.30 pm for a 7.00 pm start, hosted by QRRRA

Braidwood Men's Shed

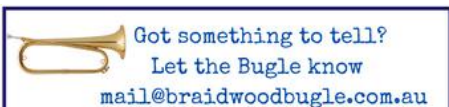
Braidwood Men's Shed Meet every Tuesday and Friday from 9:30 AM till Lunchtime. New members are always welcome. Drop in for a chat and/or Morning Tea. Do you need something done but don't have the right tools? Why not pop in to the Mens Shed just off Cowper Street next to the SES and have a chat to "Shep" and the lads. You will be warmly welcomed.

Braidwood Preschool's Annual Trivia Night!

Sat 3rd Aug 2024, 5:30 pm - 11:00 pm ,National Theatre.
The same Trivia Night you've come to know and love in a new location - The Braidwood National Theatre. A bar will be operating throughout the evening with thanks to the Braidwood Lion's Club. No BYO alcohol or drinks.
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This year we've boosted our support, providing access to additional funding for scholars in their final two years of study specifically for placement support, recognising the financial strain that student placements can cause.

To find out more and apply: <https://www.rasnsw.com.au/.../ras-foundation-rural.../>



QPRC Annual Community Grants Program is now open for applications!

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council says :
This grants program has two categories and supports community groups in our local government area that are charitable or not-for-profit. The grants can be up to \$3000 or in-kind through facility hire. Applications close at 11pm on Friday 2 August 2024. You can learn more about this program and apply online at <https://buff.ly/3zsYcKg> or at <https://buff.ly/4cO7IGe>
If you have questions please contact our Grants Officer on 6285 6044 or by emailing liz.mirowski@qprc.nsw.gov.au.

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Milestone 3 final Heritage Report released

The third and final milestone report relating to the 15-Year Management Review of 'Braidwood and its Setting' SHR listing is on public exhibition until 5 August 2024.

'15 - Year Management Review of 'Braidwood and its Setting' State Heritage Register Listing' Milestone 3 recommendations for future management, was prepared by GML Heritage for Heritage NSW.

The 52 page report (plus appendices) sets out goals for the future heritage management of 'Braidwood & Its Setting' for the short, medium and long term.

You can view and provide feedback on the Milestone 3 report here: <https://www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/braidwood>

FRRR Grants

APPLY NOW: Applications for grants of up to \$5,000 through the Nutrien Ag Solutions Community Grants Program. If you have a project that contributes to the success, vibrancy and wellbeing of remote, rural and regional communities nationwide. Learn more about how to apply: <https://frrr.org.au/funding/place/nutrien/>

Moved recently? Update your enrolment by 5 August

The NSW Electoral Commission is encouraging NSW voters to check their enrolment before 5 August 2024 to make sure they are ready to vote in the 2024 Local Government elections. The elections will be held in NSW on Saturday, 14 September 2024. Voting is compulsory. The electoral roll used at the election cannot be updated after 6pm on Monday, 5 August.

Acting NSW Electoral Commissioner Matt Phillips reminded voters that at council elections voters must attend a polling place in their council area or ward. "If you've moved recently or aren't enrolled to vote where you currently live, update your details now so you can vote at a polling place near you on 14 September."

"You cannot vote outside your local government area at local council elections, so it's important your details on the electoral roll are correct." Further information about enrolment and about the [2024 NSW Local Government elections](#) is available on the Electoral Commission website.



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Backing the Future for youth in NSW

Applications now open for \$50,000

FRRR and VFFF are now inviting applications for grants of \$50,000 from individuals and groups of individuals working to enhance the lives of people aged 12-30 who live in remote, rural and regional NSW. The funding is through the Backing the Future program.

The grants are a rare opportunity for individuals to test out a new "big idea" to support young people in their community, without having to first prove the concept. The money can be used to assist in researching, piloting or accelerating early-stage ideas and can be used for a range of purposes such as paying a salary, purchasing technology or covering rent for office space, as long as it supports the approved initiative.

VFFF CEO, Jenny Wheatley, said this is the third round of this program in NSW, but the first where VFFF is partnering with FRRR.

"It is fantastic to have FRRR onboard. Not only will more people know about the program, recipients will have access to FRRR's capacity building support throughout the duration of the grant term for example, training on impact measurement, developing sustainable projects, or good governance.

"In the first four rounds of Backing the Future, we've seen passionate people make wonderful progress on youth-related issues that matter to them and their community and have enhanced the lives of young people."

For example, Jae Briefies had a vision to inspire young people in central NSW to think more broadly about their career opportunities, boost their aspirations and provide support to create practical plans for their future careers and lives. She and her team delivered the Bright Generation program to students in years 9-12 at five central NSW high schools, with 86% reporting increased confidence in making decisions about their future. They also hosted a three-day trip to Canberra, connecting them with mentors but also running workshops on financial literacy and job applications, alongside exploring the Australian National University and Parliament House.

"Not only was this a great outcome for young people, but Jae, as a young person, was empowered to carry out her vision. This is the kind of initiative that we are keen to support and I look forward to seeing this year's applications," Mrs Wheatley said.

FRRR CEO, Natalie Egleton, said that FRRR is excited to have the opportunity to support the next generation of leaders in remote, rural and regional NSW to bring their ideas to life.

"From our work over the last nearly 25 years, we know that young people living in the regions have some wonderful ideas. But often they can't access the funding to get started. That's what is really special about this program - we're backing young people and, together, we'll provide more than just money to help them step into these leadership roles and be a catalyst to real change.

"The exciting thing about this program is that while the project must benefit younger people, anyone who has an idea that supports young people can apply for the funding," Ms Egleton explained.

Applications from people in NSW opened 26 July. FRRR and VFFF encourage anyone who is interested in the program to join a free webinar on 7 August, where more information about the program will be shared, including some case studies on the impact of past grants. Register at: <https://events.humanitix.com/backing-the-future-webinar>.

The 2025 QLD round will be opening early next year.

In the meantime, to learn more, head to

<http://www.frrr.org.au/backing-the-future/> or call 1800 170 020 and speak to FRRR's Youth Futures Manager, Lauren Ryan.

NFF calls on new minister to unlock ag's potential

Australia's peak farm body has acknowledged the new frontbench lineup announced by Prime Minister Anthony Albanese in Canberra.

Significantly for the sector, the changes include a new Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry - with QLD Senator Murray Watt making way for Tasmanian MP Julie Collins.

NFF President David Jochinke welcomed Minister Collins to the role.

"The agriculture portfolio holds enormous strategic importance. The farm sector is central to Australia's climate and energy plans, as well as our economic prosperity.

"Most importantly, a thriving farm sector means quality, affordable produce for Aussie families amid cost-of-living pressures. We hope Minister Collins will be a champion for sensible policies to support and grow our farm sector," Mr Jochinke said.

Mr Jochinke also welcomed Senator Anthony Chisholm into the role as assistant minister to the agricultural portfolio.

"We look forward to also working with Senator Chisholm and having that additional horsepower of an assistant minister in the portfolio."

Mr Jochinke also acknowledged the tenure of outgoing minister, Murray Watt.

"Minister Watt's time will most likely be remembered for its heated conflicts with the sector - from live sheep, to water buybacks, to the biosecurity tax proposal and visa disputes.

"There's no doubt we've seen some policies that have deeply impacted and enraged our sector.

"But we also acknowledge his partnership and willingness to work with the sector on sustainability, establishing the workplace tripartite working group, and delivery of enhanced funding for biosecurity. His commitment to normalising our trade with China and ensuring Australian agriculture didn't end up with a bad deal in the EU free trade agreement will also be remembered well.

"With Minister Watt now leading the Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio, we hope his knowledge of producers' concerns surrounding the recent industrial relations changes means their concerns are addressed."

Mr Jochinke said the NFF looked forward to working with the new-look frontbench on a positive plan for the sector as the next election draws nearer.

"We need Minister Collins to work closely and collaboratively with industry to strengthen agriculture's relationship with the Government. We look forward to meeting with her soon.

"What farmers are looking for is a demonstration of this government's commitment to our \$100 billion growth target. We want to see positive plans and investments to grow the economy through food and fibre production.

"I look forward to continuing that conversation with the new Minister and frontbench team," Mr Jochinke concluded.

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Braidwood Golf Club News

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RESULTS-Saturday July 27- Medley 2BBB Aggregate - Barry McDonald Trophy.

With our thanks Barry for your continuing support.

Winners: Michelle Henry & Andrew Clark 79 pts

Runners Up: Carmen Byrne & Michael Tillman Ryan 65 pts

Men's NTP 3/12: Terry Hughes

Women's NTP 8/17: Lorinda Stuart

Jackpot 3rd \$250: Not Won

Ball Comp: Michael Toirkens & Rod Royds 64, Roger Hovey &

Terry Hughes 61, Margy Gardner & Tom Duffy 61

Birdies Men: 5 Birdies Women: 1 Women Pars: 4

Handicap Changes: Michelle Henry down 1 to 30, Andrew Clark down 1 to 19, Michael Toirkens down 1 to 7, Michael Tillman Ryan down 3 to 34.

Golf Club Coming Events

- **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
- **September 7 Saturday** Medley 2BBB Stableford - Greg & Les Hart Trophy
- **September 8 Sunday** Braidwood Women's Open Day
- **September 14 Saturday** Men's & Women's Stroke & Monthly Medals
- **September 21 Saturday** Medley Canadian Foursomes - Lucille Farm Trophy. Shot Gun Start Annual General Meeting (following golf)
- **September 28 Saturday** Men's Single Stableford - Spiro Agnew Trophy Women's Single Stableford - Braidwood Food Company Trophy
- **September 29 Sunday** Men's & Women's Foursomes Championships
- **October 5 Saturday** Labour Day Weekend - Medley 3 Ball Stabrose - Mafia Trophy Daylight Saving Starts
- **October 12 Saturday** Men's & Women's Championships Round 1 Monthly Medal
- **October 13 Sunday** Men's & Women's Championships Round 2
- **October 19 Saturday** Committee Meeting 10.30am Men's & Women's Championships Final Round
- **October 21 Monday** ACT Vets (hit off 9.30am)
- **October 26 Saturday** Mixed 2BBB Satableford - Peter Young & Aaron Clark Trophy
- **October 27 Sunday** Mixed Foursomes Championships

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RACING NEWS WITH THE JEMBAICUMBENE PUNTER

CANBERRA RACES -

Last Friday Aaron Clarke and team travelled to Canberra with Don't Think About It and Kenseye Charmer.

'Don't Think About It, ridden by Jade McKenzie in Race 2, the TAB same Race Multi over 1206 metres, finished back in the field. It was then Kenkeyse Charmer and Jade McKenzie in Race 6, Thorbreed Park Function Centre over 1280 metres. They were able to claim a very nice second.

Greg Backhouse entered Race 4 - Hops and Hooves Festival over 1280 metres but had no luck and finished last. Punter's Godson's handy little horse Fangelo, carrying a heavy weight, ran a good race to finish in third place in Race 7, TAB Federal Handicap Over 1206 metres. Punter had invested \$2.00 each way and received a 50c profit. (Not a lot of money to be made in this Racing Game.)

The Race caller had a busy day when the caller scheduled for Mackay flight was cancelled, Anthony Manson called Canberra and Mackay 1500 kms away from his laptop.

Trainer Keith Dryden will take out the Premiership for the eight time.

BREW - Brew (Sir Tristan) celebrated his 30th birthday this week at the Legends. Brew is best remembered for his win in the 2000 Melbourne Cup.

LONGREACH - A twelve-year-old horse Fab's Cowboy (Greenwood Lake USA) had his 159th and last start at Longreach last Saturday. Horses are required to retire at the age of twelve. Unfortunately, he was not to claim victory finishing in seventh place. The race was won by The Hanger Cat (Duporth). Fab's Cowboy will now enjoy retirement at the Living Legends near Melbourne. During his career he has won 54 times and had 46 placings.

THE AUTUMN SUN - Leading sire The Autumn Sun will not be standing the 2024 season as he has a pelvic injury sustained while out in the paddock last March. A lot of breeders who had their mares booked in to him are now scrambling to find other stallion to cover their mares this season. His progeny in the last twelve months are Autumn (4 wins), Coco Sun (4 wins) Vibrant Angel (2 wins), Autumn Ballet (2 wins), Seasons of Mist, Sparkling, Red Vicar, Tulsi and Natural Deduction one win each. His fee was to have been unchanged at \$66,000.

RANDWICK RACECOURSE - A \$94 million Luxury seven story Hotel is planned for Randwick Racecourse in a deal struck between NSW Turf Club and the NSW Government. It will be four and a half stars and will have 190 rooms.

MICHELLE PAYNE - Michelle Payne has retired from Race riding handed in her jockey's licence and will focus on a training Partnership with her brother Patrick.

ASHLEY MORGAN - Welsh jockey Ash Morgan left Wales not knowing if he would ever get a ride in Australia. Rides in the U.K. were drying up and he found himself working on London in a real estate office and later for an employment recruitment firm until he decided to start riding again. He spent three months in Canada and jumped on a plane to Australia. In May 2018 he took up a position with Brett Cavanough at Scone. At present it is looking like he will win his second NSW Jockey Premiership. He has 137.5 wins just ahead of Aaron Bullock with 137, Tyler Schiller 122, Zac Lloyd 108.5, Jason Collett - 105. Tommy Berry - 102, Jean Van Overmeire.

SHARE HORSES - INFATUATION - Is reportedly still recovering from her throat operation. She will have three more weeks off and should return to training on August 19th.

CHICAGO KING - He was due to race at Pakenham, but he had drawn too wide a barrier and now will have his first start on a synthetic track at Ballarat on Friday in a Maiden over 1100 metres.

HAPPY CASINO - He has progressed to even time and should be ready to jump out in 4 - 6 weeks time.

Until next time.
Happy Punting.

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TABLES OF 7 and 14
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South Coast Monaro Rugby Union

Results – Rd 14 – Saturday 27th July 2024

- Braidwood "Redbacks" 19 beat Crookwell "Dogs" 10
 - Braidwood continue their recent good form to win a way from home and stay in contention for a top 2 spot
- Hall "Bushrangers" 17 beat Taralga "Tigers" 12
 - A very hard physical game but Hall got away with an important win away from home
- Yass "Rams" 30 beat Cooma "Red Devils" 24
 - Despite the close scoreline Yass had control of the game for most of the game
- Jindabyne "Bushpigs" 72 beat ADFA ACT 12
 - Jindabyne just don't know how to lose with another undefeated dominant performance
- Both Batemans Bay "Boars" & Bungendore "Mudchooks" had a BYE

Competition table

• Jindabyne "Bushpigs"	53
• Hall "Bushrangers"	43
• Braidwood "Redbacks"	40
• Yass "Rams"	40
• Bungendore "Mudchooks"	32
• Taralga "Tigers"	29
• Crookwell "Dogs"	23
• ADFA ACT	18
• Cooma "Red Devils"	13
• Batemans Bay "Boars"	0

Next weekend – Rd 15 – Saturday 3rd August 2024

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



FRIDAY 16 AUG

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8PM