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Week ending 20th August 2024 **Braidwood Weather** With Roger Hosking

As I wrote two weeks ago, we need a decent fall of rain. The continuation of above-average temperatures is stimulating the increase in soil dryness. Long-term August average daily SDI is 47mm

Day	Min	Max	Rain
Wed	7	13	8.8
Thurs	8	18	0.6
Fri	7	17	
Sat	5	14	
Sun	6	15	
Mon	5	14	0.2
Tues	4	17	

Grassland SDI (soil moisture deficit) 53.2mm
Total rainfall so far:
- this month 15.6mm - this year 485.4mm

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Is the Braidwood Book Fair turning its final page?

As the well-known song goes -

'It's been fun but the time has come, to bring down the final curtain'....

For more than 25 years, the Anglican Church of Braidwood has organized the Book Fairs and provided the storage and sorting facilities. Starting all those years ago, as a small stall outside the church each Sunday and growing exponentially to the huge event it is now, a true Braidwood icon that is enjoyed by so many. A small committee from the Church oversees the organisation and has watched it grow like topsy both in size and popularity.

Traditionally held twice each year, around 26th January holiday and the June long-weekend, the Book Fairs are very much enjoyed by the locals and bring many visitors to Braidwood, several of whom come just for these Fairs and consequently also visit the café's and other Braidwood attractions.

Over the past 5 years, even with 2 COVID related cancellations, 8 Book Fairs have been held, averaging gross takings of approx.\$18,000 for each event. Many local community groups have benefitting from the distribution of these funds being a huge help in an environment where it is difficult to fundraise.

All the books offered are donated and come from near and far, thus providing the huge and interesting range of books that have become synonymous with our Book Fairs.

A very supportive band of community members volunteer their time and energy, regularly pre-sorting the donated books and also each day of trading at the Book Fairs. Their help is integral to the smooth running of the events and on a happy note, gives them time together which otherwise does not happen.

During the past 12 months, interest in taking over the organisation was sought from selected community groups but a commitment was not able to be secured, so it is with great sadness that we announce the final curtain will be coming down on this iconic Braidwood event as, basically, we're like our old books - well worn! At this stage, we plan to hold the last Book Fair in January 2025- around the Australia Day holiday - and ask that no more donations be delivered please, as we have plenty of books for this Fair and everything must be gone on the final day. So, the 2025 January Book Fair will be the last hurrah...

UNLESS...

as the Beatles sing - 'we say good-bye, you say hello'

Can a new committee be formed?

Just 3 or 4 local people who can work together and are committed and passionate about keeping this important community event happening.

There are plenty of Indians waiting for some chiefs! Thus allowing these 3 chiefs to retire to their teepees without this feeling of sadness.

We are more than willing to offer help and advice about the organisation required.

Contact: braidwoodbookfair@gmail.com

Marjorie, Lois and Ros

Braidwood Book Fair Committee.



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**ALL RESIDENTS OF BRAIDWOOD AND DISTRICT
ARE INVITED TO ATTEND**

**Ordinary Council meeting in Braidwood
Wednesday, 28 August 2024 5:30pm to 7:30pm**
QPRC will be holding an Ordinary Council meeting in Braidwood at the Braidwood Community Centre (formerly the old library and also known as The Glasshouse) at 4 Park Lane. Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Members of the public can register online to make a presentation via Zoom to the meeting about items that appear on the agenda.

BRAIDWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Results of the Survey of Priority Issues and Projects for Braidwood and surrounding district to be progressed during the next term of Council

Approach used

The **Braidwood Community Association** (BCA) conducted a survey of the local community in Braidwood and surrounding district (2622 post code) asking them to rate 18 issues and projects to determine priorities to be progressed during the next term of Queanbeyan and Palerang Regional Council (QPRC).

These 18 issues were determined from issues identified in previous surveys, issues which the BCA is working on, and suggestions by members of the BCA. The survey was open from 12 July until 12 August and involved both an on-line and hard copy survey of all residents in 2622. To reduce bias in the responses, the on-line survey randomized the order of the questions.

Residents were informed that the survey results would be used to create a shortlist of 5 to 6 priority projects which the BCA would then ask all Council candidates to commit to supporting and progressing. should they be elected, prior to the upcoming QPRC elections.

The BCA will not endorse any particular candidate or group but will give publicity to those who have committed to progressing the community's priority projects and those who have not.

Results

Some 188 people responded to the survey with 173 on-line and 15 with hard copy forms. This represents a response rate approaching 9 percent of the estimated voting population[1]. All indicated they lived in 2622, with 83 living in Braidwood, 28 in a surrounding village and 84 rural (some respondents put more than one type of location). 92% indicated they were full-time residents.

Respondents were invited to rate each potential project from very low to very high importance on a 5-step scale. A weighted average can be calculated by giving 'very low' a score of 1 and 'very high' a score of 5, with appropriate weightings for the intermediate ratings. If the average score is over 4, then respondents believe the issue is over high importance.

The projects in order of descending priority are given overleaf, with the top 6 projects being:

1. Better maintenance of rural roads
2. Long-term strategic plan for Braidwood
3. Securing Braidwood's water supply
4. Harmonisation of water, sewage, and waste charges across QPRC
5. Environmental enhancement
6. Community Transport

If an issue/project is not on this list above, it does not mean it will not be progressed during the next term of Council. It just means that the BCA is not asking Council candidates to commit to supporting and progressing them.

The full results are given in the table overleaf.

[1] The population over 18 years old and over in Palerang Eastern Areas in the 2021 census, which approximates to 2622, and totals 2197 persons.

Issue / Project	Weighted Average ²
Better maintenance of rural roads – including fully meeting the maintenance schedule for unsealed roads and better communication of the grading schedule.	4.35
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.	3.89
Securing Braidwood's water supply - QPRC is undertaking a review of water security for Braidwood, which may consider additional source / storage options.	3.78
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.	3.66
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.	3.65
Community Transport – Council to investigate ways to provide or facilitate community transport for medical appointments and outings as done by other LGAs.	3.62
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.	3.57
More affordable rental housing in Braidwood. With increasing house prices there is a real need for a supply of appropriate affordable rental housing.	3.57
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.	3.55
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.	3.29
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 Monkitee streets.	3.26
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.	3.19
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.	3.09
Truck and RV Parking – need for designated parking areas and signage.	3.03
Facilitate the development of a caravan park for Braidwood.	2.86
Develop cycling infrastructure to make the region a cycling destination (eg. mountain bike trails, signage).	2.71
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.	2.55
Regulating short-term holiday rentals and capping the number of days per year that can be booked.	2.35

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At the meeting held on 14 August Council endorsed the naming of the new Council Chambers as the WB Freebody Chambers. Council is now seeking the community's feedback on the proposed name.

'This is a great opportunity to honour Mr Freebody and his contributions to the region by naming the new chambers after him,' said Mayor Kenrick Winchester.

'We recently honoured Queanbeyan's First Nations history with the naming of our Council headquarters and surrounding spaces and I think this is a great way for us to honour our more recent history with someone who has played such a significant role in our town.'

William Byrne (WB) Freebody served as alderman on the Queanbeyan City Council continuously from 1917 to 1956. During this time, he was elected and served as Mayor for six terms (1926-1927, 1930-1932, 1951).

Mr Freebody was born in Dalgety in 1887 and moved to Queanbeyan in 1907. He was a prominent businessman who operated a bicycle and sports equipment business. He extended his business interests and opened a petrol depot.

He had a keen interest in cycle and motorcycle racing and formed the first motor cycle club in 1916. In the 1930s he purchased and rebuilt the Triumph Theatre and in the same period obtained a lease of a building on Monaro Street which became the Star Theatre.

Mr Freebody was a keen sportsman participating in cycling, rugby union, cricket, tennis, and bowls and served as the President of the Queanbeyan Park Tennis Club for a number of years.

Mr Freebody passed away in May 1962.

To have your say on the naming of the new Council Chambers as the WB Freebody Chambers by 12 September 2024, visit <https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au/naming-of-queanbeyan-council-chambers>

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30 years Certificate of Service Award



Sue Whelan is presented with her Award by the Mayor at last week's Meeting

At last week's meeting, former Councillor Sue Whelan was awarded the Local Government NSW 30 years Certificate of Service Award. Mayor Kenrick Winchester presented Sue with the award on behalf of the LGNSW President Cr Darria Turley AM.

Sue was a Councillor at Queanbeyan City Council from September 1983 to June 2016, serving 32 years and 10 months as Councillor.

Sue served 6 years as Deputy Mayor for Queanbeyan City Council, and chaired various boards including the Capital Region Enterprise Centre, Capital Region Development Board and the NSW Country Public Libraries Association. Sue has been awarded life-time membership to NSW Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) and regularly attends ALGWA conferences and events to mentor and support women who are entering local government.

Sue remains actively involved in many volunteer and community groups.

Changed traffic conditions on Braidwood Road at Boro

Motorists are advised of changed traffic conditions from this week on Braidwood Road for maintenance work to be carried out between Roseview and Boro roads at Boro. One lane will be closed under a stop/slow arrangement as drainage improvements and road resurfacing work is carried out to improve the road surface for motorists. Work will be carried out between 7am and 5pm on weekdays from **Wednesday 21 August for four months**, weather permitting.

Traffic control and a reduced speed limit of 40 km/h will be in place for the safety of workers and motorists. Motorists are advised to drive to conditions and follow the directions of signs and traffic control.

Transport for NSW thanks motorists for their patience during this time.

For the latest traffic updates download the Live Traffic NSW App, visit livetraffic.com or call 132 701.

A Masterpiece Unveiled!

From Page one - The Community Bank are thrilled to share the stunning artwork commissioned from our talented local artist Rebekah Rice Hamilton. This incredible piece captures our Bank Building on a bustling day in Braidwood, filled with so many rich details—who can spot someone they know?

Bek used a unique technique, blending colours and crayons to create something truly special for our bank. We were so taken by it that we ordered two prints as well: one was a farewell gift for Marnie Baker, CEO and Managing Director of Bendigo Bank, as she retires after an amazing 35 years. The other found a home in our Company Secretary Susi Pluess' office in Park Lane.

We invite everyone to come into the bank and see this extraordinary artwork in person! And don't forget to check out the video in our story where Bec reveals the piece to our staff for the first time. She also did a fantastic job framing the original and the prints at her [Round the Bend Art and Framing Studio](#). A big thank you to Bek for capturing the heart of our community!



Marnie Baker, CEO and Managing Director of Bendigo Bank, with the gift from Braidwood community Bank as she retires after an amazing 35 years.



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Who are the Candidates running for QPRC on 14 Sept?

Ballot Draw : 2024 Local Government elections

The ballot of candidates for the 2024 NSW Local Government elections was drawn on Thursday, 15 August. The Bugle will be publishing all candidate statements in coming weeks.

GROUP A

WINCHESTER Kenrick	GOOGONG	
WATERHOUSE Bill	MAJORS CREEK	Independent
SACHSE Margot	JERRABOMBERRA	Independent
PRESCOTT Kylie	JERRABOMBERRA	Independent
TINE Alex	ROYALLA	Independent
TIPA Shane	JERRABOMBERRA	Independent
LINDBECK Peter	GREENLEIGH	Independent
MARTIN Dean	GOOGONG	Independent
WOOD Tony	QUEANBEYAN WEST	Independent
RAYNER Tony	BUNGENDORE	Independent
BROWNE Jan	QUEANBEYAN WEST	Independent

GROUP B

HOLGATE James	GREENLEIGH	SUSTAINABLE
AUSTRALIA PARTY - STOP OVERDEVELOPMENT / CORRUPTION		
THOMPSON Michael	CRESTWOOD	SUSTAINABLE
AUSTRALIA PARTY - STOP OVERDEVELOPMENT / CORRUPTION		
REYNOLDS John	QUEANBEYAN WEST	SUSTAINABLE
AUSTRALIA PARTY - STOP OVERDEVELOPMENT / CORRUPTION		
HOLGATE Katrina	GREENLEIGH	SUSTAINABLE
AUSTRALIA PARTY - STOP OVERDEVELOPMENT / CORRUPTION		
GARNON Darren	QUEANBEYAN	SUSTAINABLE
AUSTRALIA PARTY - STOP OVERDEVELOPMENT / CORRUPTION		
SNARE Philip	PRIMROSE VALLEY	SUSTAINABLE
AUSTRALIA PARTY - STOP OVERDEVELOPMENT / CORRUPTION		

GROUP C

MACDONALD Ross	WAMBOIN	LIBERAL
SCHWEIKERT Mark	BUNGENDORE	LIBERAL
BROADBENT Morgan	GOOGONG	LIBERAL
SCHWARTZ Robert	MOUNT FAIRY	LIBERAL
BURTON Louise	WAMBOIN	LIBERAL
TERNOUTH Jacqueline	JERRABOMBERRA	LIBERAL
BROWN Wayne	GREENLEIGH	LIBERAL
ROYDS Margaret	BRAIDWOOD	LIBERAL

GROUP D

WILSON Bryce	JERRABOMBERRA	LABOR
LIVERMORE Esma	CRESTWOOD	LABOR
PRESTON John	BUNGENDORE	LABOR
SOUTH Barrina	GREENLEIGH	LABOR
NICHOLSON Timothy	KARABAR	LABOR
EVANS Shelley	BYWONG	LABOR
MACWILLIAM Michael	BUNGENDORE	LABOR

GROUP E

HICKS Trevor	CAPTAINS FLAT	Independent
HART Scott	MAJORS CREEK	Independent
ABBOTT Natasha	CARWOOLA	Independent
KIRCHNER Horst	QUEANBEYAN	
O'BRIEN Bonnie	KINDERVALE	
WEBB Jason	KARABAR	Independent

GROUP F

MACDONALD Rachael	MAJORS CREEK	Independent
RAYNOLDS Walter	MANAR	Independent
KOWALSKI May	MULLOON	Independent
MCKITTRICK Todd	LAKE GEORGE	Independent
KEW Samantha	BRAIDWOOD	Independent
LAWRENCE Joanne	CAPTAINS FLAT	Independent

GROUP G

WILLIS Katrina	CRESTWOOD	THE GREENS
ANSELL James	KARABAR	THE GREENS
ROONEY Tonya	BRAIDWOOD	THE GREENS
MAHER Kathleen	BUNGENDORE	THE GREENS
BUCKMAN Gregory	CRESTWOOD	THE GREENS
WOOLDRIDGE Simon	QUEANBEYAN	THE GREENS

GROUP H

TASKOVSKI Steve	KARABAR	Independent
CHEEMA Manpreet Singh	GOOGONG	Independent
TRAJANOSKI Velice (Vic)	GOOGONG	Independent
BALDAN Lou	QUEANBEYAN EAST	Independent
KIRCHNER Samantha	QUEANBEYAN	Independent
FAYAQ Bashir	GOOGONG	Independent
TRAN Charles	CRESTWOOD	Independent
AHMED Hasina	QUEANBEYAN EAST	Independent
AGRESTA Frank	GOOGONG	Independent
HILL Alan	BURRA	Independent
DUCKINOSKI Zoran	KARABAR	Independent

GROUP I

GRUNDY Mareeta	BYWONG	Independent
IVIMEY Shane	GOOGONG	Independent
LANGE Johnny	CARWOOLA	Independent
SCATTERGOOD Rachel	QUEANBEYAN	Independent
WOODS Antoni (Billie)	JERRABOMBERRA	Independent
EDWARDS Bec	BUNGENDORE	Independent
RINALDI Sian	QUEANBEYAN EAST	Independent
BAGLEY Michael	JERRABOMBERRA	Independent

Ungrouped candidates

GRAHAM Richard,	BUNGENDORE	Independent
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2024 NSW
Local Government elections

Key dates

Monday, 5 August Nominations open	6pm Monday, 5 August Close of electoral rolls
Tuesday, 6 August Postal vote applications open	
2pm Thursday, 15 August Ballot paper draw	12 noon Wed, 14 August Close of nominations
5pm Monday, 9 September Postal vote applications close	Saturday, 7 September Pre-poll voting (early voting) opens
Friday, 27 September Last day to receive postal votes	Saturday, 14 September Election day
	Tuesday, 1 October Progressive declaration of results

See Meet the Candidates date in Public Notices



BCS set for a MADD night out

By John Longhurst

Braidwood Central School (BCS) is gearing up for its annual celebration of Music, Art, Drama and Design (MADD) with its MADD Night on 3rd September.

The evening will begin with a gallery opening in the music room from 5pm where guests will be entertained with a piano accompaniment whilst enjoying canapés prepared and served by Food Technology students.

At 6pm parents, carers and friends will be ushered to the school's small hall for musical and dramatic acts including songs, monologues, creative works and band items.

A special treat this year will be preview renditions from the upcoming BCS Musical scheduled for 21st and 22nd September (tickets available by phoning 4842 2249).

BCS Head Teacher, Ms Jill Kuchel is overseeing the preparations.

Ms Kuchel said "MADD night has become a proud annual tradition at BCS. This year it has moved to the small hall from the gym space because the 'stage is installed' for the upcoming musical. It will be a little snug, but we are also excited to share this space with you and celebrate each individual artist who takes to the stage. The musical acts have been developed in class and individually. Students have been attending music jam sessions at lunch times and participating in period music for MADD allowing them to join together as a band and produce rocking numbers. We have band ensembles from year 8 and a combined ensemble including students from Years 7 to 12." With BCS student, Sana Ernst regaling gallery observers with her composure on the piano and stars from the upcoming musical, Mason Kelly and Audrey Noye acting as MCs, the evening is a student led extravaganza.

Without doubt, one of the highlights of the evening will be acts from BCS senior HSC students.

Ms Kuchel said "Our seniors will add a touch of emotion to the evening as it is their final appearance on the stage before they graduate."

Visual Art is also a standout feature of MADD Night.

Ms Kuchel said "Visual Art students have been working hard all year to produce some beautiful portrait and still life artworks in the form of paintings, photography and printmaking. The works are outstanding. Parents, carers and guests are invited to inspect these art works from across the school in our Gallery. Art Teacher, Ms Ruby Green has been workshopping collaborative large art project works across the years, working collaboratively and integrating the work of our younger students. There will also be artworks from our secondary art classes who have been exploring different modes and methods of art production."

A further treat on MADD Night will be an exhibition of artworks from secondary students who have been studying portraiture and still life painting, and a sneak peak of the collaborative primary/ secondary ceramic mural projects that are still in production.

BCS is providing somewhat of a cultural feast for Braidwood in September.

BCS Principal, Nerida Mosely said "MADD Night is all about celebrating our students' talents across Music, Art, Drama and Design on the 3rd September. It is a fantastic opportunity for our community to appreciate the creative talents of our students. It is also an opportunity to get a taste of our upcoming musical blockbuster that is set to rock the community on the 21st and 22nd September."



MADD Night is all about celebrating our students' talents across Music, Art, Drama and Design on the 3rd September

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1134 Charleys Forest Road Charleys Forest - \$625,000

What a classic bush retreat! Bordering Budawang National Park and located on 40 hectares you won't find a more typical Australian bushland setting. The timber and corrugated iron hut blend perfectly into the landscape, almost like it grew there. All conveniences are in place and all Council approvals have been obtained. An inside toilet and bathroom with hot water, kitchen with gas cooking and a solar system mean you won't be missing any creature comforts at all. Just imagine watching the sunsets from the wide verandah as you sip on a cool drink after a big day bush walking or just enjoying the many activities a location such as this provides. This property is approximately 28 kilometres from Braidwood and 31 kilometres from Nerriga.



12 Bluebell Road Braidwood - \$750,000



Acreage with Accommodation - Just 8 kilometres on the coast side of Braidwood you will find 12 Bluebell Road an 8 hectare property offering a relaxed country lifestyle. Plans have been approved for a permanent dwelling and thousands have been spent on selective plantings to add to the natural beauty of the landscape. A tiny home and 40 foot lined container are in place for temporary accommodation with solar power and water connected. Although tiny it provides a lot of space due to the practical layout with 2 loft bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen and newly completed timber deck looking towards the Budawang Mountains. Approximately 30% of the land is clear and would be ideal for a large country garden, the rest is native bush with lots to explore. The location allows easy commute to either Batemans Bay- 51 kilometres or a little over 82 kilometres to Queanbeyan.

44 Lascelles St Braidwood - \$530,000

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Harmful products spread with full knowledge
Former Cabinet Minister Matt Kean knew that contaminated recycled waste products were being distributed across the environment and communities, but did not act to stop the practice.

A Ministerial Briefing note, obtained under freedom of information laws, has revealed that in December 2021 the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) told the Government that recovered waste products, known as recovered fines, were "not fit for purpose" and "should not be reused broadly in the community".

Between December 2021 and May 2022, the EPA halted planned changes to the recovered waste industry after pressure from commercial interests. No further regulatory action was taken by the EPA or Government to prevent asbestos, glass, plastics and heavy metals from being sold and distributed in consumer products across NSW.

Greens MP and spokesperson for the environment Sue Higginson said "Something happened between the end of 2021 and mid 2022 that allowed hazardous materials to continue to be sold and distributed by producers of recovered fines from waste,"

"This briefing note, signed by the then Environment Minister, recommended changes to the regulatory system for these products, recognised the harm that the materials could cause, and pushed back on the financial consequences for commercial interests. The EPA specifically recognised the potential financial impacts, but asserted that it's primary function is protection of the environment and communities," "It is baffling, that by May 2022, the EPA cancelled any changes to the industry, and the Coalition Government did not act to make changes to protect the environment or communities from contaminated recovered fines,"

"The current Leader of the Opposition, Mark Speakman, made representations in 2021 on behalf of one of the companies that produced recovered fines that indicated the EPA's evidence was flawed and out of date. But 3 years later there is still asbestos and other contaminants being sold at garden supply stores and being spread over playgrounds,"

"There is a case to be answered here, whether there has been undue political interference or plain incompetence, why was this industry not fixed at any of the times it was highlighted as a risk. The reviews in 2013, 2019 and 2020 all proved that the product was dangerous - but no one acted to stop it. This is a toxic legacy that needs to be explained and fixed." Ms Higginson said.

Nominations open for 2025 NSW Women of the Year

The search for the most inspiring and extraordinary women and girls in NSW has begun, with the opening of nominations for the NSW Women of the Year Awards 2025. The annual awards program recognises and celebrates women and girls who inspire us with their actions, whether they are ground-breaking thinkers, everyday heroes, social reformers or innovative role models.

The 5 award categories include:

- Premier's NSW Woman of Excellence
- NSW Aboriginal Woman of the Year
- NSW Community Hero
- NSW Regional Woman of the Year
- NSW Young Woman of the Year

Nominations have also opened for the Ones to Watch category, recognising 10 rising stars between the ages of 7 and 15. These exemplary girls will be highlighted for their courage, strength, determination and kindness to help and support those around them.

Successful 2024 Award recipients showcased the achievement of diverse and talented women and girls across NSW. They included Premier's NSW Woman of Excellence Walkey Award winning journalist, advocate and public speaker Jess Hill, Aboriginal Woman of the Year Dr Casey Sullivan and Regional Woman of the Year Theresa Mitchell.

The recipients of the awards will be announced at the NSW Women of the Year Awards ceremony on Thursday 6 March 2025 as part of NSW Women's Week 2025 which will run from Sunday 2 March to Saturday 8 March.

Minister for Women Jodie Harrison said "New South Wales has some of the state's most exemplary women and girls, dedicating their hard work, skills and passion to advancing our community, industry and society.

"I am thrilled to launch nominations for 2025 NSW Women of the Year Awards today. This successful program is one of the most prestigious awards to recognise women and girls whose determination, bravery, skill and passion should be commended. It recognises and honours them with the appreciation they genuinely deserve.

"I encourage everyone to nominate a woman or girl in your life who is excelling in their fields and achieving incredible goals."

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Mick straightened his shoulders.

"It's very straightforward and if you are not doing it..... well poor fool you..... it means you subsidise blokes like me who are pretty good at it."

Mick pulled out his phone, scrolled and tapped the flybuys app.

"Ok you blokes..... watch and learn. First up, you have to maximise your points. That means shopping at places signed up to flybuys."

Bazza took a sip and rubbed his chin.

"But Mick...what if you want to buy something from a shop that does not recognise flybuys?"

Mick openly sighed and tapped his phone.

"Don't be difficult, Bazza. If you are going to be a serious collector of points you have to make the odd sacrifice. Now, here is a list of retailers that recognise flybuys. If you cannot get what you need from that list there is something wrong with you."

Mick paused for a sip.

"Now let's get back on track. It is not just a case of shopping at the right store but shopping smarter. You have to work the system. Here in my emails are the promos and if I spend \$170 in one transaction before 16th August I get 6800 bonus flybuys points."

Mick let out a deep breath, Timeless Tom's eyelids became heavy and Bazza motioned to speak.

"No need Bazza...I know what you are going to say. You just have to try hard to make sure you spend the \$170 in a single transaction. You have to use a bit of imagination to reap the rewards. Now... a little tip for everyday shopping. At the supermarket checkout it is important to stop the cashiers on each spend of \$30 and ask them to start a new transaction. You will get more points for separate transactions."

Timeless Tom's head leaned towards his shoulder and Bazza chuckled.

"You can't be serious, Mick.... so on a shop of say \$150... you ask the cashier for five separate transactions. The people behind you must want to throttle you."

Mick bit his bottom lip and positioned his phone on the bar table.

"Skin in the game, Bazza. It's all about maximising your points. I admit it can get a bit stressful but check out my efforts. I have 173,964 flybuys points which converts to \$869.52. Now.... you also need to spend the points in the smartest possible way."

Mick scrolled through his phone for a few minutes as Timeless Tom let out a snore.

"Ok Bazza... here's the best deal. A hairdryer for 7000 flybuys points. That is a great deal and I would be mad to pass on that one."

Bazza took a long sip and fixed his gaze on Mick's bald head.

"Yep...mad is the word, Mick. Now how long would you spend working through all these tricks?"

"Hours upon hours, Bazza. In fact, I plan my day around accumulating as many points as I can."

Bazza rubbed his forehead.

"Out of curiosity, Mick...do you reckon the time spent rewards you to the same extent as your hourly rate of pay?"

Mick blinked a number of times and Timeless Tom shook himself awake.

"Don't be ridiculous, Bazza. Anyhow, I've got to get to work on spending that \$170 before midnight or I will miss out on the 6800 bonus points."

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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

I have never met an Aboriginal of any age and either sex whom I didn't like...immediately and thereafter.

The first bloke I met was a boundary rider on a far northwest Queensland sheep station where I was a rouseabout in the property's shearing team. My mate, the team's wool presser, Alan Blunt and I were hunting plain turkeys in his VW when we crossed paths on the boundary line.

We stopped and after a while he climbed down from his old mare, and we boiled the billy. Turned out he'd had a small part in Jedda the movie and we had a good old yarn. I met his family later and his father showed me how to throw a killing boomerang, the kind that flies flat, doesn't come back, but can break a kangaroo's neck at 70 paces.

After that I met the poet Kath Walker who became Oodgeroo Noonuccal when she expanded her artistic and political range beyond her poetry that at the time was only fair to middling. No, I tell a lie; it was awful. But she was a lovely person, and I was a Cadet journo on The Courier-Mail. I wrote a piece that helped get her started on her activist path.

Since then, as private secretary to a Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Ralph Hunt I've met and talked with very many of our Continent's forebears; other times as a documentary video maker; then as a Canberra Times columnist initiating our own reconciliation walk across Commonwealth Bridge; and finally while researching my last two books.

I've never been disappointed once.

I'm not suggesting they were all paragons of virtue. When the men get a taste for the whitefella booze that offers an escape from the reality of their place at the bottom of the Australian totem pole, they can lash out at the nearest person to them – usually a wife and mother of their children – just like the wife beaters in our own community.

No one's perfect, but I've constantly felt a unique gentility and an instant generous connection that is all their own. Then four years ago, I began work on the biography of a whitefella who gave his life to the Aboriginal cause, a man of immense courage and deep sensibility, named Donald Thomson. Our first home-grown anthropologist, Donald spent most of his adult life with them and his experience was similar to mine. The book was a joy to write because he felt exactly the same about them.

He was also a writer and newspaper columnist for much of his life. I used a lot of his work in the book and though he died in 1970 it often felt as though we were sitting side by side, writing together. It was an absolutely joyous experience. But here's the thing we can't understand – and I invite you to answer the question: Why do our white compatriots so easily forgive the British for not just stealing the Aboriginals' homeland but then trying to wipe them out?

And now that the land and its treasures have made us rich, why are they so reluctant to welcome them into the great councils of government? Why do they select just the 'stolen generations' to offer an apology, rather than a treaty and some decent recompense to the survivors of the holocaust our kind visited upon them?

How do they suppress a bitterly ironic laughter when our Prime Ministers and Foreign Ministers from both sides of the political aisle, berate other nations for their human rights' shortcomings while standing up for 'our Australian values'?

I can think of a few answers but none that really makes sense. The Aboriginal people are our own patriotic forebears in the great south land. They are good people. Why do we hate them so?

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I like to do as little as possible to achieve a given result. If I miss the target, the next time I will add one new action to the sequence. I've been 'advised' to do all manner of things to achieve a goal. Valiant efforts with all the bibs and bobs, but it becomes difficult to see what elements worked and what did not. When something goes wrong, how do you deduce what area to explore, and how to replicate it somewhere else.

Life is relentless, I can't afford to repeat things that don't work, I'm unsure about, or wastes my precious time. So, I approach my garden a little differently than most. I've found many benefits to my lazy approach; I've saved time and learnt a lot about my veggies.

Cleanup

I don't clean up my garden at the end of the season. My beds are rarely empty, with vegetables at different stages of growth based on my crop rotation. When it comes time to refresh the beds after 2 years of work, there is always plenty still growing.

Disrupting the delicate structure of the soil is like a Microbe Tsunami. Microbes die, fungal webs are broken, and the soil suffers. The Microbes I have been breeding in my garden beds have done a great job of creating a healthy soil structure and creating nutrient dense tucker for my plants. It seems counter intuitive to rip out plants and disrupt their work. The soil nutrient cycle works best when it is left undisturbed.

Stumping

When it comes to removing old plants from the garden, my preferred method is Stumping. Grab your secateurs and cut the plant off at the base of the stem, maybe 50mm above the mulch. I have used this technique for years and I have learnt something, Brassicas are perennials, not annuals. If you've been playing along at home and eating from your garden this winter, you have been harvesting your Brassicas, Kale, Cabbage, Broccoli and Cauliflower. The healthy plant looks good enough to eat whole after the first harvest. It seems a shame to remove them. I usually don't and the plants deliver a second smaller harvest. At the end of this season, I stump them, and next season they provide again.

Stumping the plant leaves the soil intact, the roots become part of the garden, and new pathways are created for water and air to move through. Boosting the soil naturally and reducing compaction without mechanical assistance.

Brassicas

As Spring arrives, Brassicas go to seed. I have many varieties growing in my garden, I don't want them all to go to seed at once, so I cut them down to slow their seed making. I can usually get 3 varieties to set seed in an average Spring.

My Cabbages are starting to flower now, so is my Kale, so I cut the flowers off one of them to allow the other to produce seed. Sometimes it's a previously stumped Brassica and is very leggy, so I Stump it and let it come back again to produce seed. This usually buys me enough time between varieties.

Once the variety has produced seed, I Stump it and wait until next season to harvest tucker again. I usually leave a Brassica for 2 years with good success, and a I have a few that are 3 years old. Cabbage, Broccoli and Kale are good for stumping, Cauliflower less so. As the Stumped plants are in the ground, they will be ready and waiting for the conditions to be correct and then they start to grow. I find that the stumped varieties provide tucker quicker next season than freshly planted seedlings, so I eat winter vegetables sooner.

Celery

Celery is one of our vegetables that takes longer than 90 days to harvest, but it may provide stalks to eat within that time. I never harvest the whole plant as I'm not a market gardener. Instead, I pick one stalk off each plant for the stock pot and one a day for me to munch in the garden.

I don't need any more Celery in my garden so when it starts to set seed, it gets a stumping. I need to stump it 2-4 times through spring to avoid seed. It's the same for Brassicas, when Summer hits and the threat of seed has passed, it will start to grow tucker again. I've had some of my Celery for many years and I've been eating it all winter.

Peas and Beans

It is important to Stump all vegetables because some roots are more beneficial to the soil. That's why I grow Broad Beans over winter. I rarely eat them. I love the biomass for compost and they provide nitrifying nodules on their roots just like Peas. Removing the roots will be removing nutrients, and the makers of the nutrients who attach themselves to the nodules. Don't pull them out, Stump them and leave the roots in the soil.

This week

Manchurian Pears are in full bloom and starting to produce leaf. The Chinese Elms in the ground have started to produce leaf. Mulberries are producing leaf. The Caladenias are in flower, the first of the orchids on our hill. King Parrots have returned.

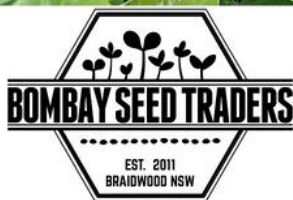
Broccoli planted in succession, at the end of May are starting to produce heads, the Broccoli I stumped last spring is still producing. Cabbages stumped last spring are going to seed after producing smaller heads. Lettuce and Spinach providing plenty of leafy greens even though it was planted late in June.

Snow Peas have had a mixed winter. Some planted with friends provided Peas to eat, but most didn't do well. The possum has munched on the good ones growing up trees. With the subtle arrival of spring, all the Snow Peas have started to grow again with vigour.

The late planting didn't let them create their own microclimate and thrive through winter. The haggard ones in the garden are now looking great and will out preform a freshly planted seedling, so it is still a win.

Soil temp in my garden has climbed to 12C, a significant jump from 8C only 2 weeks ago. My soil temp may be ready to plant Tomatoes in August for the very first time. Happy Spring!

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After the success of last year's Diwali Mela celebration we are back in Queanbeyan on 26 October 2024.

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council is again partnering with the Queanbeyan Multicultural Centre and local community groups to hold the Queanbeyan Diwali Mela Lantern Festival.

Festivities will be held in Waniassa Park in Queanbeyan from 6-10pm on Saturday 26 October.

The evening will be full of cultural performances from different communities that celebrate Diwali, along with an array of delicious food options and lots of singing, dancing and of course lights. The very popular Lantern Parade is also back with Southern Tablelands Arts facilitating lantern making workshops as part of this year's event so everyone can be involved.

The event is free and everyone is welcome to come along and celebrate Diwali Mela, the Festival of Light.

Council are currently seeking applications from food vendors and stallholders that will help make this event even better! Apply until September 30 at

www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/diwali

More information will be released closer to the event so keep an eye on Council's website and Facebook page for updates.

Time is running out to complete your farm census

Time is running out for NSW farmers to report their livestock numbers and agricultural land use before the annual land and stock return portal closes on 31 August.

Local Land Services Executive Director Regional Delivery Rob Kelly said around 170,000 land managers were taking part in the 2024 farm census.

"This is the last chance farmers have to lodge returns before the reporting portal closes," Mr Kelly said. "We are encouraging all ratepayers to take the opportunity to lodge their return to help protect NSW farming and agriculture. "This helps us shape the support we offer land managers during disasters and if there was a biosecurity outbreak in NSW.

Completing returns is an easy process, with two options available:

- submit returns online via www.ils.nsw.gov.au/aslr
- Return the paper form via mail or to a Local Land Services office.

Mr Kelly said it was important all landholders completed their annual land and stock return even if they carried no livestock.




"Everyone needs to do their annual land and stock return to avoid unnecessary fees," he said. "The Animal Health and Meat Industry Levy is automatically applied to their next rates notice if they fail to complete their return."

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<https://nga.gov.au/exhibitions/a-century-of-quilts/>

Image below : Christina Brown, Quilt (detail), c.1890, National Gallery of Australia, Kamberri/Canberra, purchased 1989



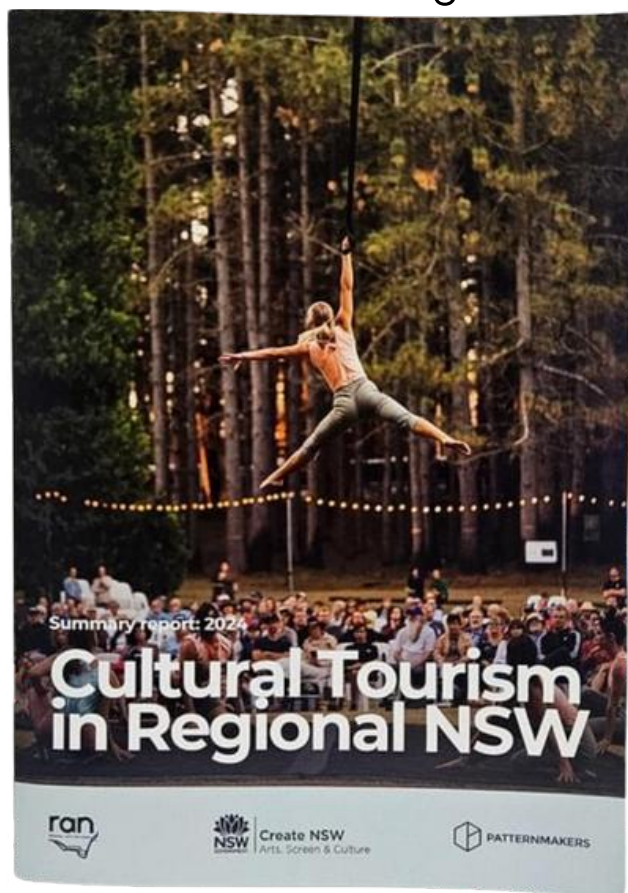
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This month saw the launch of the Regional Arts Network's report on 'Cultural Tourism in Regional NSW'.

The report is the product of a state-wide project led by @southeastarts and their Executive Director Andrew Gray, in partnership with @thepatternmakers.

The report is an advocacy tool for cultural tourism infrastructure in regional NSW. There are so many incredible attractions in our regions that deserve to be in the national and international spotlight.

The key findings include:

- There are over 3,200 cultural tourism experiences on offer in regional NSW – three times as many as previously estimated.
- Cultural tourism visitors spend over \$6bn while travelling in regional in NSW, but the contribution to the state's economy is likely much larger than the statistics suggest.
- The drivers of visitation are not well understood, and policy and funding mechanisms can do more to support authentic and distinctive experiences.

Head on over to www.southeastarts.org.au/cultural-tourism-report to read the full report





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Joining us on Saturday 24 August not only helps you and our community to have some fun and light hearted competition but more importantly aids to raise money for a healthier future. If you can't make it on the day but would like to donate please click on the link..... [HERE](#)

Nerriga Hotel says : If you are wondering how to get your tasting ticket to the Nerriga Camp Oven Cook Off 2024 in support of Black Dog Institute, read on!

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Eat me

This short gospel passage (John 6: 56-69) is full of drama; of confusion, outrage, offence and rejection. Jesus is teaching in a synagogue at Capernaum. Its bursting with people who have been following him since the feeding of the 5,000. The drama turns on the interpretation of his claim to be "the bread of life...whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in them." Many respond with a rising crescendo of outrage and confusion: "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?" Jesus responds: "Does this offend you?" Many leave. Taken literally, yes, its offensive to our sensibilities. However, those offended did not hear or understand his clarification that 'The Spirit gives life...the words I have spoken to you - they are full of the Spirit and life'. 'Flesh and blood' is an idiom still much in use today that refers to shared intimacy, of the same kind, kin, or to take the whole person as they are, their very being. The Aramaic word for 'eat' is 'akal'. The following explanation offers something deeper.

"There are two possible root words [for 'akal'], 'alakam' which means to consume or 'kallah' which means your inward physical parts, like your kidneys, or spiritual [part] like your soul... The root word is 'alakam' but it is a play on the word 'kallah'. In other words, you are to consume the words of Jesus 'alakam' so they become a part of your being - 'kallah'... In other words, 'Consume my Words [full of Spirit] and let them become your source of life.'"

Anne Sanders, parishioner

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<https://www.chaimbentorah.com/2020/01/aramaic-word-study-eat/>

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From my heart

It's a mistake for churches to focus on God. The whole point of all revelation is to find and confirm meaning in the world. One of my favorite scholars says, "all revelation is a summons and a sending". The goal of revelation ought not be 'reflection' but rather, 'realization'. No wonder that so many people have memories of church that ring of pointlessness. Intuitively they know that something crucial is missing. All the singing and prayers are ok but it's hard to see how they lead to life. All the people who dismiss the church and tell me, "Hey, I just aim to do my best in life", have a revelation that the church desperately needs to hear.

This week all main-line churches will ponder Jesus words, "I am the bread of life". Most clergy who will give a homily will concentrate on the "I am" of that statement. But this is I suspect, to miss the point. The emphasis of the statement should be with, "on life". Jesus was the fellow who after doing some amazing things, generally instructed people not to talk about it. His focus always seemed to be on life, lived to the full. Jesus did all he could to avoid celebrity. He knew he could draw a crowd, but he'd tell them to their faces, "you like fish fingers and bread rolls but you don't have a taste for that which would bring you to life".

Remember the astonishing time when Jesus was caught working on the Sabbath? In his cultural context, he was breaking one of the biggest rules. His response to "god's policemen" at the time was, "The Sabbath was made for man (ie the good of humanity) rather than man being made for the Sabbath". In other words, if your religious requirements crush life, there's something wrong with your religion. Think of how many ways this principal should apply. How many people lived in misery because marriage was constructed as a religious absolute and moral prison. The plain truth is that there many bringers of death who quote the bible or church tradition and who feel somehow justified or better for having crushed someone.

So, I have no interest in running a "god franchise". I want to be part of a people who will help each other embrace life, reaching for the highest and best. I love to gather on Sunday mornings with folk - it gives my week balance - it reminds me of just how fast is the current of life - it reminds to say "wow" - it calls me to the best version of my life BUT the point of this summons is to be sent. The point of the exercise is to embrace life. My test for finding the best? My test of knowing the will of God? Is it good for life - will this set people free to be their best - will the maximize good for all. grahamlong@mac.com

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NSW patients more likely to rate hospital care highly despite increasing pressures on NSW healthcare system

A new report from the **Bureau of Health Information** (BHI) shows patients' experiences in NSW hospitals improved between 2022 and 2023 despite increasing pressures on the healthcare system during this time. BHI Chief Executive Dr Diane Watson said the latest results of the Adult Admitted Patient Survey show NSW patients are generally positive about their hospital care. "Of the more than 20,000 NSW patients surveyed, 92% said, overall, the care they received in NSW public hospitals in 2023 was either 'very good' or 'good'. Of those, 68% of patients said 'very good', up from 66% in 2022," Dr Watson said.

"These results reflect real improvements in the hospital care experiences of patients across the state and are a credit to the health professionals caring for them." Across the survey, there were improvements from the previous year for more than half of all questions, with patients more likely to provide high ratings for questions about health professionals, their involvement in decisions about their care, and the coordination and timeliness of their care.

For example:

- 66% of patients rated how well the health professionals worked together as a team as 'very good' (up from 63% in 2022).
- 69% said they 'definitely' had enough time to discuss their health or medical problem with health professionals (up from 66%).
- 74% said 'the right amount' of information about their condition or treatment was given to their family, carer or someone close to them (up from 71%).

The report also compares the experiences of more than 10,000 patients who were admitted to large rural hospitals with those admitted to urban hospitals. "Our analyses found that patients admitted to rural hospitals reported significantly more positive experiences for most questions, including for questions related to overall satisfaction and outcomes, involvement in decision-making and the physical environment of the hospital," Dr Watson said. Patients who attended urban hospitals were significantly more positive for just one question, with 83% saying they received a document summarising their hospital care at discharge, compared with 70% of rural patients.

Aboriginal patients' hospital experiences were also a focus of the report. Of the 2,656 Aboriginal patients who provided feedback, almost eight in 10 (77%) said they were 'always' treated with respect and dignity while in hospital, and that their cultural and religious beliefs were 'always' respected by the hospital staff. However, fewer than three in 10 Aboriginal patients (29%) said they received support, or the offer of support, from an Aboriginal health worker while they were in hospital.

"Our report provides more evidence for the importance of access to Aboriginal health workers for Aboriginal patients, with almost all people who were supported by these staff (94%) reporting that they felt more supported with their care," Dr Watson said.

NSW Supreme Court dismisses legal challenge to feral horse control

The NSW Supreme Court has today comprehensively dismissed a legal challenge from a pro-feral horse group seeking to overturn the use of aerial shooting in Kosciuszko National Park. The Snowy Mountain Bush Users Group Inc has been ordered to pay taxpayers costs.

Jack Gough, Advocacy Director of the Invasive Species Council said: 'We are pleased that the ongoing removal of feral horses from Kosciuszko National Park will continue through the use of aerial shooting. 'We have full confidence that national park staff are undertaking these important operations professionally, safely and humanely, as has been confirmed by numerous independent reviews, including by the RSPCA and vets.

'This is a comprehensive dismissal of a deeply flawed legal challenge by a small group who don't want to see a single horse removed from Kosciuszko National Park.

'The original grounds for the challenge were that there were animal welfare issues or problems with the scientific count of horses. The plaintiffs then dropped these grounds when they clearly realised they had no hope of success.

'Instead they focussed on a narrow procedural argument which the Supreme Court has thrown out. The court has also ordered this group to pay the taxpayers costs of defending this case.

'We have now seen 7 cases in Victoria and NSW where a small group who don't want to see a single horse removed are trying to frustrate the important work of our national park staff. Every single one of these court cases have been dismissed.

'No one likes to see animals killed, but the sad reality is that we have a choice to make between urgently reducing the numbers of feral horses or accepting the destruction of sensitive alpine ecosystems and habitats, and the decline and extinction of native animals.

'A Senate Inquiry questioned the constitutional validity of this legislation and its ability to comply with both the EPBC Act and the NSW Kosciuszko Wild Horse Heritage Act 2018.

'With Labor, the Liberals, the Greens and key independents all committed to urgently removing feral horses from the Snowies, the Parliament must now step in and step up to fix this law urgently.

'We may not like it, but culling by highly trained professionals is the only viable way of reducing numbers and saving the national park and our native animals that live there."



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Telco problems significantly impacting regional, rural, and remote Australians

Data collated by the Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman (TIO) has found that Australians living outside of metropolitan hubs are experiencing significant issues with their telcos.

Between 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2024, the TIO received 51,854 phone and internet complaints from consumers living in regional, rural and remote Australia about faults, poor service quality, poor mobile service coverage, outages and accessibility barriers.

Regional consumers told the TIO that faults and service problems can take longer to be resolved in regional locations. In some cases, a regional customer may report faults over several years without any lasting improvements to their services.

Unlike people in metropolitan areas, regional consumers may have no choice but to depend on their landline or satellite service when there are no other options. Often, mobile coverage is poor in regional, rural and remote areas in Australia.

The TIO also heard about consumers who sign up to a mobile service after being told that their mobile will work in their area, but when returning home to a remote location find they have no service.

This can be especially dangerous for consumers living in areas at greater risk of bushfires, cyclones, floods and other natural disasters. Reliable access to telco services plays a critical role in the coordination of disaster response, recovery and in sharing timely and accurate information during major outages and crises. While satellite services may resolve connectivity issues for some consumers, these services can be highly dependent on weather conditions. The TIO's complaint data shows consumers in regional areas continue to experience unreliable connections and service quality problems. Satellite is also a more expensive service type, and may not be affordable for all consumers. The telco regulatory framework needs to be modernised to ensure regional consumers can have reliable telco services.

The TIO's recommendations to improve phone and internet services for regional, rural and remote Australian's include:

- One coherent, robust and modern regulatory framework rather than the USO scheme, SIP regime, and CSG regime to offer standards for different services
- The SIP regime should have clear benchmarks and standards so that consumers can seek compensation from a SIP
- In reviewing the USO framework, the government should consider the essential nature of mobile services, to ensure the regulatory framework meets community expectations
- Mobile coverage maps should be standardised, accessible to all consumers, and should include information about geographical location, quality of coverage, and data speeds.
- First Nations consumers should be consulted on plans about how to help close the digital inclusion gap.
- There needs to be an increased focus on mobile accessibility to improve connectivity for First Nations consumers living in regional areas.

Ombudsman Cynthia Gebert said "Telecommunication services are essential services, as important to our health and way of life as the electricity and water in our homes. We rely on phone and internet services in emergencies, for work, banking, telehealth services, social cohesion – everything. We need a policy agenda that reflects the indispensable nature of telecommunications."

"Regional, rural, and remote consumers are getting left behind, and it's time that serious efforts are made to address the digital divide in this country. If you've told your telco about the problems you're experiencing and you're not able to get it resolved with them, contact our office on 1800 062 058. We're here to help."

[Read more in the Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman's submission](#) to the 2024 Regional Telecommunications Review in July 2024, outlining the problems experienced by regional, rural and remote phone and internet consumers in Australia.



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This donation will be used to help cover the costs of our members who are attending the Australian Jamboree in January next year. AJ 2025 NSW Contingent

Our Chairperson Mel, proudly accepted this donation on the Group's behalf.

Our Group are extremely grateful for this wonderful donation, and we thank the Lodge for their continued support. Just another example of what a fantastic community we live in.

Reporting Crime Works - "An increase in reporting crime is helping solve crimes for farmers"

"Reporting crime works" is the message from Crime Stoppers and the **NSW Police Force**.

Since the launch of our Rural Crime Awareness Campaign, NSW Police Force have seen a 12% increase* in the number of rural crime related incidents reported. Information from rural communities and the prompt reporting of offences are key to helping solve crimes for our farmers and in some instances enable police to return stolen property.

In a recent survey** by the Centre for Rural Criminology at the University of New England shows the five most common crimes experienced by farmers in NSW are trespass (75%), Illegal shooting / hunting (52%), theft of equipment and tools (41%), theft of livestock (40%) and theft of fuel (36%).

Many of our farmers have experienced crime more than seven times.

Crimes are usually committed by the same offenders and if not caught, they will keep offending. Reporting crime doesn't only help one farmer, it can help an entire community if the offender is caught.

Rural crimes continue to have a devastating effect on farming families, rural communities and the wider NSW community and economy.

CEO of Crime Stoppers NSW, Mr Peter Price said every farmer matters, every community matters, and every piece of information matters. If a crime has been committed against one person, its likely this is not just one offence. Reporting your crime, might help your neighbour.

"We are seeking assistance from rural communities to report anything suspicious, anything they know and any crime, no matter how small they think it might be," said Mr Price. In smaller communities, something or someone out of place is easier to spot. Help your farmer, help your community by reporting even the smallest detail."

In the past six months a number of rural crimes have been solved thanks to a farmer reporting a crime or information received from the community.

(31 Aug) Police were notified of stock theft on 23 July 2024, in the southern tablelands and the following day police found the offender and seized the stolen sheep which were returned to the owners.

(27 June) In another case, a man was charged with ten firearm and drug offences including possession of a stolen firearm and prohibited drugs. He has been refused bail and is due to appear in court later this year.

(19 June) In another case a man was charged with 13 offences including hunting on a private property without a licence and stolen firearms. NSW Police Force, Rural Crime Prevention Team, State Rural Crime Coordinator, Detective Acting Inspector Andrew Maclean said the community and police need to continue to work together and increase the reporting of rural crime.

"Working with regional communities to target rural crime is a priority for the Rural Crime Prevention Team," said Detective Acting Inspector Maclean.

We would like to encourage farmers to accurately record livestock identification, remove keys from machinery, keep photos of valuable stock and install quality locking devices on farm gates, sheds and equipment.

"If you see or hear of anything you believed to be suspicious, such as a vehicle in an area that's not meant to be there, or stock being moved late at night; we urge you to call Crime Stoppers or your local police."

We need to be informed; we can't do that without the public reporting crime.

When reporting a crime, police advise to leave the area as it is to be able to conduct a thorough analysis so that they are able to collect evidence to help with the investigation.

There are many different ways the community can report crime in their area including PAL, their local police station, Crime Stoppers and Triple Zero for emergencies. The campaign centres on the tagline - Be a pal and report any theft, any time, to PAL on 131 444 - and - report suspicious or actual criminal information to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Fact sheets with prevention measures for farmers can be found on the NSW Crime Stoppers website at <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au/be-safe/>.



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Date: 5 Sept 2024

Location: The Q Performing Arts Centre 5:30-7:00 PM
Whether you're part of a local community group, a passionate leader, or just someone who cares about the future of Queanbeyan, we want to hear from you! This event is all about listening to the voices that make our region unique and finding ways to support your efforts.

Why Attend?

Voice Your Ideas: Share what matters most to you and your community.

Collaborate: Connect with local leaders and key stakeholders to drive positive change.

Access Resources: Learn about opportunities for support, funding, and development.

Your input is crucial in shaping the future of Queanbeyan. Let's come together to create the vibrant, connected community we all envision.

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Don't miss this chance to make your voice heard and contribute to the future of Queanbeyan. We look forward to seeing you there!

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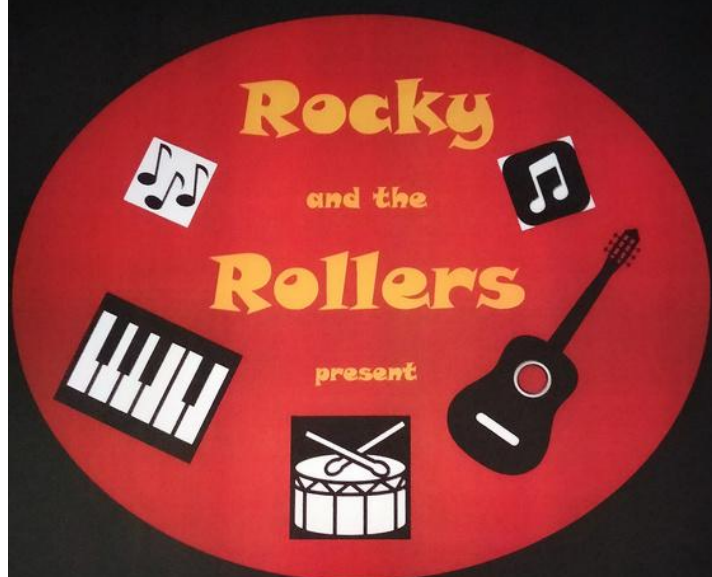
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- 9am (9.30am start time for the winter months) to 12noon Saturdays
- **Captains Flat regional Market** 10-2pm every 2nd Sat

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
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Access for All will be held at 10.00 a.m Sunday morning 25 August 2024 at Braidwood Servicemens Club, followed by a General Meeting.

In addition to the election of the Committee, a discussion will be held on attempts by the NSW state government to remove all National Parks from public ownership and transfer the freeholds to private groups.

We are delighted to also announce an expert Guest Speaker , Mr Marc Hendricks, who in addition to wrting the authorised guide book to the history, cultural significance and geology of Mount Waring National Park, is now in conflict with the local NPWS over breaching a total ban on non-aboriginals visiting the area. It should be an interesting talk.



The Committee looks forward to welcoming members of the public to our meeting.

Hugh Hodgkinson Hon. Sec. Ph 9498 2877.

Braidwood Men's Shed

Braidwood Men's Shed Meet every Tuesday and Friday from 9:30 AM till Lunchtime. New members are always welcome.

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This meeting is scheduled for
Thursday 5th September at 6.30pm
at the Braidwood Servicemen's Club.

2024 Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council election

Wamboin and Bywong Communities'

Meet the Candidates Night

Tuesday 3 September at 7.30 pm

Wamboin Community Hall, 112 Bingley Way, Wamboin

Meet the Candidates Bungendore War Memorial Hall

Saturday 31st August at 3pm
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Queanbeyan

MONDAY 26 AUGUST 2024

The QRRA is holding a Meet the Candidates Forum on Monday 26 August at the Queanbeyan Hotel (the Top Pub).
Be there at 6.30 pm for a 7.00 pm start.

October Antiques Fair

The Braidwood Lions Club is running an Antique Fair from Friday 4 October to Sunday 6 October in the Braidwood National Theatre. For sale will be antiques, collectables, bric-a-brac, linen, porcelain, jewellery, vintage clothes, and furniture. Still some tables left. For more information contact Murray on 0408 292 111."

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Here earning from racing - \$7,955,931.000.

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She was trained by Peter Moody and was usually ridden by Luke Nolan.

The last day she raced over 185,000 people attended.

After retiring she has had nine foals in eleven years.

News has just come through that her foal has also died last Sunday night.

ROSEHILL RACES - Rosehill saw Tom Kitten (Harry Angel) make his return as a gelding and win in fine style. This win brings his total prize money to \$1,856,950.00. If you had followed him in his career you would have a 68 per cent return on your money.

As well as Tom Kitten, James McDonald won another four races on Internvarsity (Mike Isle - Japan)

Gatsby's (Snitzel), Kazoul (Zoustar) and Etta Rosso (Decorated Knight). JMac is on his way to another Premiership by the look of things.

ROSEHILL RACECOURSE - The debate is certainly heating up with a lot of mud being thrown in Court. The decision on the fate of the course continues.

TRIAL AT ROSEHILL - At a trial held at Rosehill yesterday Keysborough (I Am Invincible x Oscietra), and the thing here is that Oscietra is Black Caviar's daughter. Keysborough would be a good one to keep an eye on, looking at the breeding on both sides.

SHARE HORSES -

INFATUATION - Infatuation has moved into pre-training following four weeks in the paddock. She will remain there for two weeks before returning to Warwick Farm.

CHICAGO KING - Chicago King had his second run at Ballarat on 16th August over 1200 metres to run second. He played up pre-race and watched the field nearly all the way. He then decided to run and overtook the field, except for the winner, Immortal Shield (I Am Immortal) who beat him by five lengths. His pace would best be described as an extended canter. He was ridden by Beau Mertens who said post-race that he will take plenty of improvement from the outing as it was obvious that he was still quite green and the experience will be beneficial for him going forward. They have now decided to spell him again.

HAPPY CASINO - Happy Casino is to trial at Pakenham on Tuesday 20th.

Until next time.

Happy Punting.

Rural Aid's iconic photo competition opens

Australia's most trusted rural charity has opened its annual photography competition to the public for its fifth year.

Spirit of the Bush is an Australian-wide photography competition run by Rural Aid.

Rural Aid CEO John Warlters said the competition was a great way to get a glimpse into life on the land.

"Our Spirit of the Bush competition is always very popular, attracting hundreds of entrants from across Australia," Mr Warlters said.

"The winning 12 photos are turned into a beautiful wall calendar."

"I encourage amateurs, professionals and everyone in between to submit their photographs to the 2024 competition."

"Spirit of the Bush is a wonderful celebration of the highs and lows of life on the land."

Mr Warlters urged photographers to get in quickly this year.

"We've shortened the competition window slightly this year, so if you'd like to take part, make sure you don't dilly-dally."

"It's our fifth year running this iconic competition, and we'd love it to be bigger than ever!"

"We've already received some amazing high-quality images from previous entrants, but we'd love to see some new faces on board before the comp closes on October 1," Mr Warlters said.

Winners will be featured in Rural Aid's 2025 wall calendar and will also receive a \$250 pre-paid VISA card.

The competition closes October 1, 2024.

Entrants must submit a high-resolution, landscape image via Instagram or Facebook, with the hashtag #SOTB2024 and tag @ruralaid in the picture, or upload their photo through the Woobox link: <https://www.ruralaid.org.au/spirit-of-the-bush/>

The competition's Terms and Conditions can be found at:

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Braidwood Golf Club News

Check in by 11.30, Hit off at 12

COMMITTEE NOTES

Just a heads up for the working bee that is planned for WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 4 to prepare the course for the Braidwood Women's Open on Sunday September 8. If you are free on the Wednesday, a reminder will be published sooner to the time and volunteers will be most welcome.

A number of the Golf Committee members will be retiring from their positions as they have reached their 5 year maximum term. We are calling for nominations from the members for those wishing to serve for the 2024/2025 year. The AGM will be held on Saturday September 21 and if you can step forward to serve our club, please see Deb Ferguson for a nomination form.

An interesting article on the Golf Club affiliation fee debate has been published in the issue of June 2024 of the magazine Inside Golf and it is well worth reading.

Our friend John Harb has relocated to Dural, NSW and he is reported to be going well. He is still in training for his big run from Sydney to Perth so here is a link to his page at The Royal Hospital for Women Foundation Web Site if you would like to support his effort in raising sponsorship.

[Royal Hospital For Women Foundation - Luna's Run \(royalwomen.org.au\)](http://royalwomen.org.au)

RESULTS-Saturday August 17-

Medley 2BBB Stableford-Hans & Donna Kuhn Trophy. Thank you Donna & Hans for your generous sponsorship.

Winners: Michelle Henry & Steve Glenday 44 pts c/b.

Runners Up: Michael Toirkens & Michael Tillman Ryan 44 pts.

3rd Place: Peter Bacon & Terry Hughes 43 pts.

Men's NTP 8/17: Mark Newman.

Women's NTP 3/12: Deb Ferguson.

Jackpot 17th at 2m, \$250: Virginia Groot Obbink

Ball Comp: Billy Lang & Tom Duffy 42, Deb Ferguson & Barry McDonald 42, Virginia Groot Obbink & Michael Fitzgerald 39.

Birdies Men: 3 Birdies. Women: 2 Pars & 1 Birdie

Handicap Changes: Michelle Henry out 1 to 30, Steve Glenday down 2 to 22, Michael Fitzgerald down 1 to 26, Barry McDonald down 1 to 34, Don Burke out 1 to 38.

Golf Club Coming Events

- **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 Stableford – Peter Young & Aaron Clark Trophy
- **October 27 Sunday** Mixed Foursomes Championships
- **November 2 Saturday** Men's & Women's Stroke & Monthly Medals
- **November 3 Sunday** BRAIDWOOD MEN'S OPEN
- **November 9 Saturday** Diggers Day
- **November 10 Sunday** Medley 2BBB Multiplier – Debby & Keith Ferguson Trophy
- **November 16 Saturday** Committee Meeting 10.30am Men's Medal of Medals Stroke – Gordon Scott Trophy Women's Medal of Medals Stroke – Judy Scott Trophy
- **November 21 Thursday** CSGA Gala Day at Braidwood

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Monday 4pm
Tuesday 9am
Thursday 9am
Saturday 8am

\$20 casual
\$170 for 10 weeks

Braidwood Regional Arts Centre

WHAT'S ON AT THE BRAIDWOOD SERVICEMEN'S CLUB



Sport Recreation Entertainment Bar

The Pine Garden Restaurant is open 6 days a week for Lunch & Dinner!

Members draw & raffles this Friday night.
Members draw \$800.
Raffles on sale from 6.00pm draw starts at 7.30pm.

- **Social Bowls** every Wed & Sun 12.45pm, everyone welcome
- **Social Darts Comp** every Sunday 5pm
- **Members Happy Hour** Fri & Sun 6 - 7pm

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Redbacks inaugural Long Lunch 2024



Photo Kathy Toirkens

Braidwood Redbacks say “Thank you to all the Redback sponsors, and to those businesses and individuals who donated prizes for the Auction and Raffle items.
Thank you to Anthony & Wendy V & M, and their team of helpers for a delicious and plentiful 3 course lunch and their gift for each lady attending.
Thank you to Ben Alexander for coming to Braidwood and donating his Wallaby jumper to the Redbacks. Thank you to Ben and Hamish Hudson for entertaining the crowd.
Thank you to everyone who attended.
There were smiles all round, lots of conversations among rugby friends, spirited bidding and excited raffle winners!
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**South Coast-Monaro Qualifying
Final**

Braidwood Redbacks



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Yass Rams



**Braidwood Rec Ground
Saturday 24 August
2:30pm kick off**

Tess is through to the Nationals!



Tess Lindwall from St Bede’s School has made it through to the Australian Championships in both Ski Cross and Alpine. She was top 10 in both event.
Having qualified through the Regional Interschools competition Tess competed at the NSW State Interschools Championships where she placed 5th in the Ski Cross event and 9th in the Alpine event which means she will now progress in both events to represent St Bedes at the Australian Interschools Snowsport Championships which will be held at Perisher 3rd September.
Tess was so excited to meet Scotty James at Thredbo with the new Halfpipe he has helped put in to help young Aussie kids



Tess pictured with Scotty James, Australian Olympic medalist in the snowboard Halfpipe.

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