



Photo of the week: Tuesday night's fleeting sunset captured by Sarah Holiday over Majors Creek.

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# Shoemark name back on Wallace Street



Phil and Denver Shoemark at their 141 Wallace St premises in 2007

In 1984 Phil & Penny Shoemark opened their doors in Braidwood and began their Real Estate office to service the town and district in buying, selling and renting properties. The business quickly grew into more than just offering a real estate service and started selling livestock, produce and other farming related products. Building on that chapter, the business kept evolving and a bigger premises at 84 Wallace Street was purchased to accommodate the ever growing inventory of farming produce and the real estate team were kept busy listing and selling.

The produce side of the business was eventually sold and Phil and Penny returned to their roots and went back to just the two of them in an office at 141 Wallace street to focus on the real estate business and managing the rent roll. In 2000 Denver Shoemark joined the family business and began selling alongside Phil to assist in the increasing demand of buyers who were discovering what the area had to offer. These were still in the days of Phil handwriting the window cards and waiting for the bus to drop off a fresh packet of photos so the best photo for each property could be chosen. The candid photo was then added to the card to be displayed in the window, it was then just a matter of waiting for someone to wander past, read the ad and then hopefully come in and want to have a look.

In 2007 the business was relocated into a brand new building located at 112 Wallace Street where a fresh and modern office was fitted out offering clients a bright and professional reception area, separate sales office complete with conference room, tv's for viewing property videos, the handwritten window cards were replaced with printed ones and by this stage the internet was booming and access to the broader market was evolving.



The new signage going up last Friday at 112 Wallace Street

In early 2010 the family business was approached by the Ray White family and a new partnership was born, in late March 2010 the Shoemark Real Estate signs came down and the newly branded Ray White Braidwood name was up with doors back open on April 1st. This change offered the business a name that was quickly recognised by buyers from near and far and business was booming.

The Ray White family offered the business the latest training and systems, networking & marketing and above all, the Whites and staff offered the Shoemark family business a friendship which went beyond the fees.

From 2010 to 2024 the Ray White name has been on the front of the building and on multiple signs around town and the district. Over the 14 years with the Ray White brand, Denver Shoemark has won multiple awards within the group including reaching Elite Sales Agent level, Top 10 Rural Agents for NSW and other growth and premier awards.

2024 marks the 40th year of the Shoemark Family selling Real Estate in the Braidwood town and district and it's now time for a new chapter, another change and exciting news. The signs are once again changing on 112 Wallace Street and the Shoemark Real Estate branding is once again going to be proudly displayed back as it was and the family name that Phil & Penny started will be once again part of the Braidwood main street. If you are thinking of selling, buying, investing or just would like to come in for a chat please call the team and let them take care of all of your real estate needs.

## Braidwood Bugle

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Last year was the hottest average maximum temperature on record. This year only three days have been below the August average of 15.4 degrees. Median September rainfall is 42.9mm

Day	Min	Max	Rain
Wed	9	19	
Thurs	7	18	
Fri	-1	17	
Sat	8	21	
Sun	11	18	
Mon	6	18	1.8
Tues	2	18	

**Grassland SDI** (soil moisture deficit) 62.1mm  
**Total rainfall so far:**

- this month 17.4mm - this year 487.2mm

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# Celebrating Two Decades of Impact – The Braidswood and District Education Foundation Gala!



By Amanda Hall

The 20th anniversary celebration of the Braidswood and District Education Foundation was held with great success at Mona Farm on Saturday, August 17th.

This milestone event for the BDEF saw an impressive turnout, with 72 attendees coming from both near and far to support the foundation and commemorate this significant occasion. Among those present were donors, past and current recipients, residents of Braidswood, and committee members, including founding members Steve Piper and David Cargill, with apologies from Rob Martin and Mick McGrath.

During the event, Katie Jayne O'Brien, a past beneficiary and the 2022 Alumni Community Champion, shared her inspiring journey from receiving a BDEF grant to her current role teaching in Indigenous communities. She highlighted the importance of putting yourself out there, taking and making the most of every opportunity that presents itself.

The evening was further enriched by performances from local talents Layne Saunders, a current recipient, and Sana Ernst, a Central school student, as well as speeches on the Foundation's origin by founding members Steve Piper and David Cargill.

A highlight of the night was a successful auction, with items generously donated by community members and businesses such as Mona Farm, Thompsons Bespoke Jewellers, Hold Fast Distillery, Borrehma White Suffolks, Ian Cargill, Braidswood Butchery, Kate Carruthers, The Whole Soul Pilates, and Ray Hall, all contributing to the fundraising efforts for the foundation. The BDEF extends its heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed to making the evening a memorable one, helping to ensure ongoing support for young students, trainees, and apprentices from Braidswood and the surrounding districts.

Looking ahead, the **BDEF GRANT APPLICATIONS OPEN** for the year 2025 starting SEPTEMBER 1st, with the application period CLOSING ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th.

For an amazing opportunity to double your donation in September/October view online – <https://cef.org.au/community-champion-connects-with-kindness/> for the CEF philanthropic Dollar for Dollar Campaign.

Furthermore, the BDEF's Annual General Meeting is scheduled to take place at the Braidswood Servicemen's Club board room at 6:30 pm on Thursday, October 31st. Both existing and prospective members are encouraged to attend.



Founding members Steve Piper and David Cargill. Photos Nathan Hindmarsh

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# Decisions of QPRC Ordinary Meeting 28th August 2024

Decisions from the 28 August Ordinary Council Meeting held in Braidwood.

Check the livestream available at  
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- Council is now hearing from three members of the public who are making presentations about items on tonight's agenda.
- Council approves QPRC Annual Community Grants and Donations Program 2024/25, allocating Category A Grants totalling up to \$25,000 and Category B Venue Hire Donations totalling \$35,214.
- Council endorses the Draft Bywong/Wamboin Greenways Master Plan March 2024 prepared by Bywong/Wamboin s355 Greenways Committee.
- Council notes the Abbeyfield Bungendore Housing Development project status report and allocates \$500,000 to an internal reserve to ensure funding agreement obligations are met.
- Council receives public hearing and submissions reports for the reclassification of 19 Gibraltar St, Bungendore from community land to operational land and agrees to progress and finalise the amendment to the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Local Environmental Plan 2022.
- Council endorses renewal of the licence agreement with Air Services Australia for a further five-year term from December 2024 to November 2029 to host a noise monitoring station on Community Land at 4 Coral Drive, Jerrabomberra.
- Council receives the Investment Report for the month of July 2024 noting a return of \$2,050,236.
- Council receives the June 2024 Quarterly Budget Review Statement, noting the carry forward of the 2023-24 unspent budgets for Capital and Operational Works. 1/2
- 2/2 Council adopts the 2023-24 unspent budgets for Capital Works that had not commenced yet into the 2024-25 budget; notes the Cash and Investments position as at June 2024; and adopts the proposed Internal Reserves balances as at June 2024.
- Council receives report on performance in the development assessment area, noting that the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces has made an Environmental Planning and Assessment (Statement of Expectations) Order 2024.
- Council receives report on the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) Housing Summit held on 16 August 2024.
- Council receives report on the Economic Impact Assessment for The Q and The B (Bicentennial Hall) which shows the total spend on dining and entertainment expenditure in the Queanbeyan CBD increases by 51% on show nights.
- Council receives report on options for future use of the Medical Centre at 172 Foxlow Street at Captains Flat.
- Council receives report on response from Minister for Local Government to a letter requesting the Australian Government restore the Financial Assistance Grants to 1 per cent of Commonwealth taxation revenue.
- Council receives report on response from Minister for Planning and Public Spaces to a letter requesting a ceiling on tobacco and vape retailers for NSW and a plan for phased reduction in the number of tobacconist and vape stores authorised to operate in NSW.
- Council receives report on Resolution Action Sheet which provides information on the status of outstanding resolutions determined at Council meetings.
- Council notes the minutes and recommendations of the QPRC Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held on 8 August 2024.
- Council notes the minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Advisory Committee held on 29 July 2024.
- Council notes the draft minutes and endorses recommendations of the Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 6 August 2024.
- Council notes the minutes and recommendations of the Bungendore Town Centre and Environs Committee meetings held on 15 April, 20 May, 17 June and 15 July 2024.
- Council notes the draft minutes and endorses recommendations of the First Nations Advisory Committee meeting held on 21 February 2024.
- Council notes the minutes of the QPRC Sports Council meeting held on 5 August 2024.
- Council declines to submit a motion to the NSW Local Government 2024 Annual Conference regarding the Building Sustainability Index (BASIX), gas in new dwellings and renovations, and a transition away from fossil fuels towards electrification powered by renewable energy.
- Council will submit a motion to the NSW Local Government 2024 Annual Conference calling on the NSW State Government to develop a financial assistance package to help people remove old solid fuel heaters and install electric heating in their homes.

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## Book Launch- Schools of the Braidwood District by Jill Clarke and Brian McDonald.

**Friday 6 September 5.30, Braidwood Central School Hall.**

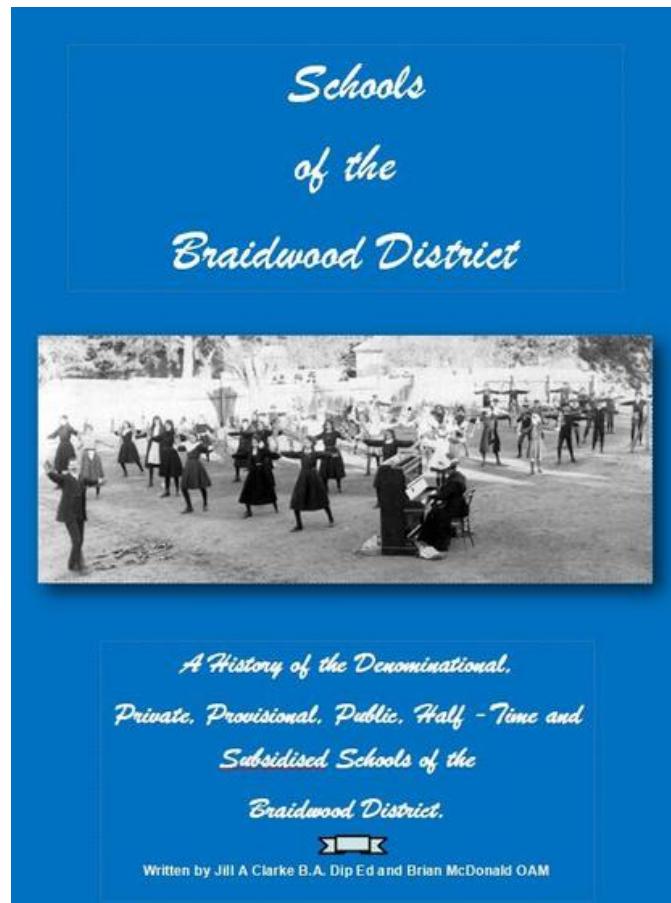
The book will be officially launched by Rod McClure, familiar to most of Braidwood as Retired Principal at Braidwood Central School, presenter on Braidwood FM and a committee member of the Braidwood and District Historical Society.

Jill has been piecing together information, photos and stories about the schools of Braidwood and the surrounding districts as part of her research into the Reidsdale schools for at least twenty years. She went on to work with her sister Lisa Pearson and local historian and local author Mrs Mary-Anne Bunn to collect reference material about the schools surrounding Braidwood as part of the 150th celebration of the Braidwood Public School in 1999.

Brian has spent many years researching the Major's Creek School and the smaller half-time schools in the Elrington/Major's Creek area. Together they have gathered many photos and stories about the teachers and the school buildings of the Braidwood District. An extensive network of local friends and residents have aided their research. They both have carried out extensive research of the local newspapers and the local Braidwood school's collections as well as the NSW archives. Not only does this book record the milestones of the various schools in the region, it also gathers information about the people who have helped and aided the growth of these school communities that were established alongside and around these places of education.

The book will have broad appeal particularly for anyone who went to school in Braidwood.

This publication has been made possible by the generosity of our Braidwood Community Bank. We are grateful for their support and extend our thanks.



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## Braidwood Country Women's Association News

### CWA Awareness Week

The first week of September is CWA Awareness Week and The Braidwood CWA would love to invite you to pop in for morning tea at our rooms at 152 Wallace St, Braidwood on Monday 2nd September. Come along and enjoy a delicious morning tea, meet the members and learn about the good work that we do in the Braidwood community and the fun things we do as a group. We look forward to meeting you!

#### Education Grants

The Southern Tablelands Group of the County Women's Association of NSW offers 15 education grants of \$250 for students completing Year 6 each year, to help with the costs of starting high school.

To be eligible, students must demonstrate a commitment to school life and their community and must show how they might benefit from a Grant to support their move into high school.

This grant is open to all students in who will be finishing year 6 at the end of 2024 and who attend school in Braidwood community or in the surrounding Southern tablelands area.

Applications are also very welcome from homeschooled students.

Applications are available at the front office at Braidwood Central School and St Bedes or you can contact Braidwood CWA to arrange to pick up a copy. Applications close on 11th October 2024.

For more information, please contact Braidwood CWA President Margaret Shea on 0459 264 437.

### NSW to consult on Forestry Industry Action Plan

The NSW Government has announced the appointment of an expert panel to lead consultation on a Forestry Industry Action Plan, which will outline the path NSW will take to ensure a sustainable timber industry that aligns with the government's key environmental priorities.

The Independent Forestry Panel will be chaired by Peter Duncan AM who has more than 40 years' experience in primary industries, infrastructure and regional NSW.

Professor Mary O'Kane AC and the Hon. Mick Veitch will also sit on the Panel. The Panel will be tasked with consulting with a broad range of stakeholders and report to Government on the best options to achieve the balance between sustainable supplies of timber and our environmental commitments. Stakeholders include representatives from the timber industry, forest growers, environment groups, unions, Aboriginal communities, local government, business, related industries, tourism, scientific experts and the Commonwealth Government.

#### The Plan will address the following key areas:

- Sustainability of current and future forestry operations in NSW;
- Environmental and cultural values of forests, including threatened species;
- Community demand for timber products, particularly as relates to NSW housing, construction, mining, transport and retail;
- The future of softwood and hardwood plantations and the continuation of Private Native Forestry in helping meet timber supply needs;
- The role of State Forests in maximising the delivery of a range of environmental, economic and social outcomes;
- Opportunities to realise carbon and biodiversity benefits and support carbon and biodiversity markets, and mitigate and adapt to climate change risks; and
- Greenhouse gas emission impacts of different uses of forests and assessment of climate change risks to forests.

The former Coalition Government neglected to plan for the future of this industry, so the NSW Government is taking action to give certainty to communities, workers and industry.

Minister for the Environment Penny Sharpe said: "Whether it's hardwood, softwood or private native forest, our forests and the native species which call them home have faced challenges including bushfires, floods and the ongoing risks due to climate change.

"We want your input on what forests and a sustainable forestry industry will look like in the next 30 years. The expert panel will consult a wide range of stakeholders and we encourage everyone to have their say."

To stay informed on the Independent Forestry Panel's process, please register your interest at [www.nsw.gov.au/have-your-say/forestry-industry-action-plan](http://www.nsw.gov.au/have-your-say/forestry-industry-action-plan)

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#### A positive plan

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- More resources into our DA team and locality plans for our villages.
- Working to equalise water rates charges across QPRC.
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## Building a piece of paradise at BCS

By John Longhurst - Over thirty parents, carers, students, siblings, friends and peers participated in a working bee at Braidwood Central School (BCS) last weekend to construct a stage extension and build sets for the upcoming musical.

Musical Director and BCS Drama Teacher, Mrs Elisa James, coordinated the working bee.

Mrs James said "Volunteers assisted in the construction of a stage extension, allowing the proscenium arch stage to extend and 'thrust' into the theatrical space and thus breaking the 'fourth wall'. The presence of the 'fourth wall' is an established convention of modern realistic theatre, which has led some artists to draw direct attention to it for dramatic or comic effect as a boundary is "broken" when an actor or character addresses the audience directly. It is a convention commonly upheld in proscenium arch stage spaces, as with the small hall at BCS.

We have, through construction, transformed the small hall stage from a proscenium arch to a 'THRUST' stage that juts out beyond the confines of the stage box and reaches for the audience - we have officially entered the 'auditorium' and joined the audience. This staging choice establishes contact between audience and actor."

The volunteers also reinforced the 'jetty' which is a key set.

Mrs James said "The 'jetty' was donated by a theatre company in Woolloomooloo, but it was a little rickety after transport and our intensive rehearsal process. It has had some repairs and been reinforced to support students travels from 'ocean' to 'shore'."

The backdrop was a major undertaking.

Mrs James continued "It was sketched and designed by a year 8 student and it is now being brought to life by a large group of volunteers. Art Teacher, Ms Green made a giant dye pot and created the ocean blue on the bottom half of the backdrop. A team of volunteers began to paint the seaside picturesque blue and the white buildings known to places like Santorini and associated images linked to the staging of this particular musical."

Year 12 music student and member of the chorus in the musical, Jade Andreata organised costumes.

Jade said "We were fortunate enough to have a team skilled at sewing make adjustments to suits, shirts and pants to make our op-shopped scores best fit our cast members. To ensure a smooth running of the musical when the curtain goes up costumes also needed to be in the right order of scenes and particular to the cast members, as per their allocated dressing rooms."

The BCS 'wheeled flats' are back again after another coat of paint.

Mrs James said "A flat is a lightweight timber frame with scenic canvas or plywood. They provide an easy to move and reconfigure backdrop. At BCS we own four double sided theatre flats and these are used to craft transportable backdrops to be used at the front of the stage or across the stage at different depths. They can be flipped to transform one location into another. These flats will be used to create bedroom, courtyard and night scapes. Our artists assisted us with creating light and variation along the buildings, creating a beautiful twilight ready for the Hens' Night Scene."

The sets continue to be refined at school with BCS Art Teacher, Ms Green leading a group of enthusiastic production designers.

BCS Principal, Ms Nerida Mosely, praised the efforts of all involved.

Ms Mosely said "It was a big day and the volunteers worked non-stop, gifting their time, skills and talent to bring these artistic visions to life. A big thank you to parents, carers, family members, students and friends for your efforts. There is a noticeable uplifting vibe around the school as opening night approaches. For a night to remember phone 4842 2249 to secure a ticket."



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### Assessment of Council transport infrastructure



Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council reports:

"We have engaged Talis Consultants to provide a comprehensive assessment of our transport infrastructure, including roads, bridges, footpaths, carparks, and drainage.

Over the next couple of months you might see cars on the road and bikes on footpaths with lasers and cameras travelling around the whole local government area and recording the condition of this infrastructure.

We have an extensive transport network of around 1000km of sealed roads, 730km of unsealed roads, 300km of pathways, 172 vehicular bridges and 8 pedestrian bridges.

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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

What happens when the new UK Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer realises that the ridiculous anti-Chinese AUKUS deal is irrelevant to Britain's defence structure, and harmful to its economy? Will AUKUS become AUS, or will we reject the whole silly shebang and give President Macron a call.

After all, in 1968 Britain's Labour PM Harold Wilson withdrew all defence commitments 'East of Suez'. In 1983 the Conservative Party's Margaret Thatcher underlined it by abandoning Hong Kong. In 1997, Labour's Tony Blair oversaw the return of the colony to China. By then it had become a British canon until the nitwit Boris Johnston signed the deal courtesy of our own oddball, Scott Morrison.

One of Sir Keir's first acts when he moved to 10 Downing Street, was to reassure Xi Jinping that Britain's 'One China' policy was unchanged. No surprises there. Britain is in fierce economic pain. He might like to resuscitate its 'special relationship' with the United States, but not at the cost of retaining – and expanding – every element of Chinese trade he can muster. In this endeavour, the United States is a competitor, as we learned to our cost when China barred some of our goods and the US leapt in to replace us.

Britain's AUKUS commitment is to supply certain technology and receive some from the US. They might get a guernsey in producing some parts, but the submarines will essentially be American. The AUKUS spin-off is small beer compared with the \$A168 billion annual Britain-China trade. Moreover, the terms of the AUKUS deal allow the Brits to depart without paying a cent in compo (though it would cost us an arm and a leg to do likewise).

No doubt Sir Keir watched the two US Presidential Conventions in Milwaukee and Chicago. While politically his own party is closer to the Democrats than the Republicans, his decision on AUKUS might well depend on the election result.

If Donald Trump returns to the Oval Office, only a tea leaf reader would dare predict his attitude to the tripartite AUKUS caucus. I suspect he'd rather keep all the subs in American hands, though he might see it as a chip to play in the game of diplomacy with his 'beautiful letter' pen pal Xi Jinping. If Trump's generals sell him the line that they've sucked Australia into becoming an American base that could give him pause. More likely he'll see it as a Joe Biden initiative, and that alone could kill it.

The Democratic Convention was also tricky. A presidential Kamala Harris is not about to publicly disown the deal signed by her beloved predecessor. In fact, she sounded much more bellicose than Trump on the night as she recommitted the US to the Ukraine war and showed her contempt for the autocrats like Putin, Kim Jong Un and Xi Jinping. What's more, her patron Nancy Pelosi broke a lifelong friendship with Joe to give Kamala her big chance, and recently led a delegation to Taiwan to give the finger to Xi. But once in the Oval Office, Kamala will need to be a new version of herself, and going war with China is not on her game plan.

The hard heads around Sir Keir will put their case. On the one hand the British defence contractors will be grasping for the dollars (and the technology) that might flow their way; on the other, the economists will be telling him the truth about China's goodwill gift to the Exchequer's bottom line, and that Morrison only included the Brits for show in any case. It's just possible that Paul Keating, Gareth Evans and a certain former Liberal PM might also weigh in and could even tip the scales.

Wouldn't that be fun. Albo might have to take a rare big decision.

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## Why I Grow My Own Seedlings

Early in my quest for Tomatoes on Christmas Day, I found myself buying the first seedlings available at the local nursery in early Spring. Planting them out immediately and having mixed results. Some would just die, others would wilt and come back. Most early plantings didn't do well. I felt like a failure, but I wasn't giving up, so I investigated. The only offerings were from commercial nurseries around sea level. Canberra and surrounds received seedlings from Sydney mostly, and if you were lucky, they may have come from Albury at 165m.

### Mimicry Does Not Guarantee Success

Since then, nurseries have popped up everywhere, but rarely at high altitude like our 700m here in Braidwood. Even the higher altitude nurseries that have popped up in recent times are just copying their sea level compatriots and growing Tomato seedlings in greenhouses.

There are good things and some not so good things about growing in a completely artificial environment, because you are playing God, or Mother Nature, with no assistance from an ecosystem. The good part is that you can control the parameters and force perfect conditions.

### Force Feeding

Water is important for the growth of all plants. Plants generally take water in through their roots, from available water in the soil. Plants can also take in water through their leaves, like morning dew, though it is less efficient, but it does increase the total water intake improving growth.

### Osmosis

Water is absorbed into the plant through the roots in a process called osmosis. The plant root is mostly water held in structure. Adjacent water molecules push against the root, become one for an instant, and move through the cell wall to nourish the plant. Understanding osmosis is how commercial nurseries use greenhouses to push the limits of Tomato seedling growth and other Summer vegetables. The leaves will take on water to improve growth when watered by sprinklers and if the humidity is increased enough, the growing process can be sped up.

If the surrounding environment becomes saturated, the Tomato seedling starts to take on water by osmosis, through every cell in its being. The roots, leaves and stem become the pathway for the plant to take on water, meaning more water is taken on and more growth is witnessed faster. Now that the seedling has been grown rapidly and acclimatised to the high humidity, high temp environment inside a greenhouse, how do we get it safely into our variable temp, low humidity garden climate?

### Hardening Off

In this modern day of overpromising and underdelivering, the hardening off process has been moved from the greenhouse grower to the retail nursery and onto you the consumer. Have you noticed how most nurseries display their veggie seedlings under shade cloth? This is because they understand that the role of hardening off has been passed to them. Being displayed under shade cloth, means the tiny seedlings are still being hardened off, not quite ready for the outdoors where your garden is. Seasoned gardeners know that they must take their new seedling and give it some time on the back porch before putting it in the ground.

The process of hardening off, after growing up in a greenhouse, is a contentious issue kept quiet by commercial greenhouse growers. Just me mentioning this will likely invite confused seedling growers to yell at me again at the next markets. I'll try to explain it to them again, because they haven't quite understood the logic of growing in our Unpredictable Highland Climate. It's very different than sea level.

For a greenhouse seedling to become acclimatised to the great outdoors, the plant must first adapt the cell structure in all its leaves and stems, leaving only the roots to take on water. If this process is not complete, the water in the plant will be lost through the cell walls. It will start to dehydrate; it wilts and dies.

It takes a lot of work to modify the cells of the plant, it takes time, energy and resources that could be better spent growing in a similar environment to your garden, more effectively. A lot of energy is spent growing in the wrong direction, quickly, before the seedling needs to be turned full circle to be ready for your outdoor garden. It works and the tomato seedlings grow very rapidly. Great for the greenhouse owner who don't experience any losses during the hardening off process because they pass that task and risk on.

Greenhouse seedlings may appear lush, but they couldn't be any further from what I need in my garden and that's why I started growing my own. In this state Tomato seedlings are vulnerable. They need to be carefully hardened off, for weeks before they can cope with the great outdoors, at sea level. Up here, they need to be hardened off very well, without putting them at risk of frost.

Growing seedlings in a greenhouse at altitude doesn't make much sense. The past 200 years and my own experience has shown us that it can be done without one. Some folks purchased BST Tomato seedlings last year in early Spring but waited until Tomato Cup day to plant out. They didn't need to, but the hardening off process has become ingrained in seasoned highland gardeners.

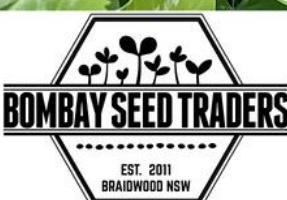
If Grandmas Grandma was growing Tomatoes to feed her family, do you think she used a greenhouse? Even at altitude, do you think she used a greenhouse? I can assure you that my Grandmas Grandma wasn't the queen, or anyone of nobility. I guarantee you she didn't use a greenhouse. Who could afford one then, in fact who can afford one now?

I prefer my seedlings to be grown as close to the climate I'm growing in as possible. I rely on seeds collected in my local climate, to carry important genetics to survive whatever our Unpredictable Highland Climate throws at us. I also prefer my seed chosen to produce tucker in the quickest possible time, be the best tasting and the best performing in the wilds of Bombay. That's how it started and it's why we are sharing it with you.

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## LUMINA ... let the light in

Come and celebrate with BRAG in October!

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With help from our friends at Braidwood Community Bank, and hard work from our volunteers, we're working to make the Arts Centre more welcoming for all our users, and create a more practical and beautiful exhibition space.

Once the work is complete, our Spring exhibition LUMINA will launch. Lumina is a community exhibition and we invite craftspeople and artists from the area - whether BRAG members or not - to submit an item to the show.

Please visit [www.bragart.com.au](http://www.bragart.com.au) for more information.

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## Anglican Parish

### Refresh!

September - time to spray the fruit trees, think about spring-cleaning, book the summer holiday, and plan who will be hosting the family Christmas dinner this year! Oh yes, time to organise a movie night, an annual hike, and the next family birthday party. Just some of the traditions that we hold on to. There are family traditions, culinary traditions, cultural traditions and religious traditions. Some things we look forward to with great excitement, other things we absolutely dread. Then there are the things that we do and absolutely no idea why we do them. A woman who always chopped the leg of lamb in half before roasting it...because that's what her mother did. When

she asked her mother why she did this, her mother responded with "because my oven wasn't big enough"!

A family tradition, but worth hanging on to – just because?

Is it time to look at that those traditions that fill us with dread, and give ourselves permission to say: this custom or tradition needs to change or cease? If we do something just because it is tradition and we feel pressured into meeting others' expectations and resentful at having to put on a "happy face", then we are really not being true to ourselves or authentic in our relationships! Traditions that are like a weight on our shoulders are devoid of enjoyment and become an act of duty laid out as rules that have to be followed.

There's no joy or freedom in that.

In this coming Sunday's Gospel reading from Mark (7:1-8, 14-23), Jesus responds to the Pharisees who have accused him of not holding fast to the traditions of the elders with a quote from Isaiah, "This people honours me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."

Healthy family and friendship traditions give us a sense of comfort and belonging and reflect our love and care of one another. Traditions that bring us together to celebrate, mourn or remember help us to be real with one another enabling us to go forward into another day and a new season.

Ruth McDermott, parishioner

Join us this coming SUNDAY 1st September, 10am at St Andrew's Anglican Church, 47 Elrington St, Braidwood for a Holy Communion service with Rev. Jane Foulcher, followed by a warming cuppa and chat. And wishing a Happy Father's Day to all the dads, granddads, brothers, uncles and father figures. Check out our facebook page - Braidwood Anglican - for updates.

This Thursday 29th August at the Parish Centre:

- 10am Crafty or Not
- 12.30pm House of Prayer. Bring your own lunch.

Thursdays at Casanova's, 10.30am Braidwood Men's Coffee

If you would like to go on the Parish email list to receive a monthly newsletter, please email with your name: [admin@braidwoodanglican.org.au](mailto:admin@braidwoodanglican.org.au)

## Braidwood Uniting Church

### Jesus the failure

Most of the crowd who followed Jesus, gave up on him. Things were great when people were being healed or when large crowds were being fed for free. You'd think at that time, Jesus would have posted photos of large crowds on his Facebook page or his Twitter account. You'd think that perhaps he'd have sown some sequins to his robes or perhaps bought some bigger, executive style sandals or at least perhaps, he'd have had his teeth whitened. I don't think he recognized marketing opportunities. Not only did his miss the bus on key marketing moments, but he also seemed to actively dodge his best opportunities. After some of his best miracles, he insisted that the witnesses not, talk about what they saw. His biggest mistake seems to be that he called things by their real name. After the feeding of the 5,000 he wasn't overjoyed by the crowd that followed. "You people love fish fingers and bread rolls, but you've got no appetite for that which gives real life." It didn't really go down. At one stage the gospels report a large crowd, "wanted to make Jesus, king by force". He slipped out a back door. He seemed to know that what you win people with, is what you win them to. On his doomed donkey ride into Jerusalem, the crowd were back and once again cheering for him. It was the lowest moment of his life to date. He knew the adulation was a form of separation, a hardening and cutting off.

He knew they'd be just as happy to cheer for Donald Trump or Barabbas. Even though Jesus missed so many funding opportunities, many of his followers have not. There's a whole world of noisy preachers saying, look at me. There's a pile of them living in mansions, with multiple executive jets and PR machines that will pursue the poorest person to their last minute and their last dollar. Surely, we must call this by its real name. It's business. It's managing money. It's taken the gospel that invites life and community and hardened it into a machine that runs little people over, promising them the world and delivering nothing.

So, with the crowds all gone (John 6), Jesus asked Peter if he'd go too. "Everyone seems to have words of power, or empty entertainment and a plan to rip me off but you've got words of life. Where else could I go?" [grahamlong@mac.com](mailto:grahamlong@mac.com)

## St Bede's Parish

### REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

Why did the crowd reject Jesus? They followed him! He fed them! And then they complain and leave. What was that about? In short, people were scandalised by what Jesus said. They thought differently than Jesus about his mission. They sought earthly triumph over spiritual truth.

An important lesson for us, Pope Francis says, is that 'we must not pursue God in dreams and in images of grandeur and power.' Rather, as the Pope explains, God 'must be recognised in the humanity of Jesus and, as a consequence, in that of the brothers and sisters we meet on the path of life.' This is a hard teaching for many to accept, even among those within the Church.

God, the Pope reiterates, 'asks us to seek him not outside of life and history, but in relationship with Christ and with our brothers and sisters. 'Seeking him in life,' the Pope adds, 'in history, in our daily life ... is the road to encounter with God: the relationship with Christ and our brothers and sisters.'

Therefore, with Peter, and his successor Pope Francis, 'we ask for the grace to let ourselves be provoked and converted.' To whom shall we turn? To our brothers and sisters in need. We need to be open to being Christ to them, for they may well be Christ for us.

Upcoming Mass', all are welcome

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## A Warning from Mt Warning

By Peter Smith

**Access For All** held its AGM last Sunday at the Servicemens Club in Braidwood. The guest speaker was Marc Henrickx from Berowra, president of a group called Save our Summits.

Marc delivered a strong message about loss of public access, involving the closure permanently to everyone except Aboriginal people by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment's National Parks and Wildlife Services (NPWS) after it declared Mt Warning to be 'a place of sacred ceremonies linked to traditional law and custom,' particular to the Bundjalung nation.

Mt Warning in Northern NSW is one of the biggest shield volcanoes in the southern hemisphere and is surrounded by breathtakingly beautiful scenery, which has drawn visitors to it since the mid-1800s. Since then, bushwalkers who have made the difficult climb to the summit have been rewarded with superb views of subtropical forests and the coast. Marc stated, "there are conflicting Indigenous claims. Before she died in 2007, Marlene Boyd, an elder of the Ngarakwal people, gave an interview in which she stated that Mt Warning had nothing to do with the Bundjalung nation, but the traditional custodians of Mt Warning were the Ngarakwal/Nganduwal people".

What is more, she was very happy for everyone to climb the mountain, stating emphatically that, "I do not oppose the public climbing of Mt Warning- how can the public experience the spiritual significance of this land if they do not climb the summit and witness creation!"

As Marc pointed out the Bundjalung nation are not the traditional owners. Mt warning has always been part of the Ngarakwal/Nganduwal people. National Parks Management have accepted a flawed claim, resulting lack of access to public land.

Understandably, the banning of non-Aborigines from this area of outstanding natural beauty has not gone down very well at all with the general public. Significant numbers of whom have continued to climb the summit with admirable impunity.

It has come to light that NPWS has been paying security guards \$7,000 per week to keep non-Indigenous people away, having spent a total of just over \$100,000 since April. A taxpayer-funded government agency has been using tax-payer dollars to keep taxpayers from climbing the mountain.



Marc Hendrikx 2nd left, with AFA Committee members, Hugh Hodgkinson, Garry Gowen, Joan Webb, and Terry Hart.

Marc has recently been fined for climbing the mountain and as he explained on a recent interview on Sky News, he will contest the fine in court. Marc believes the Mt Warning ban is just the beginning. We have already seen others such as The Grampians in Victoria, Uluru in NT and soon the Horizontal Falls in WA.

What worries Access for All is that the Minns government has adopted the policy of the previous liberal government that is to give all the NSW parks to Aboriginal groups that live within the vicinity of those parks, including land titles and management rights. That involves 10% of the state and 43% of the coast. The Government has further stated that it expects to have handed everything back in the next 15 to 20 years.

What future claims will affect access to National Parks by the public.

## 69 new local projects receive Veolia Mulwaree Trust funding

In its second funding round of 2024, the Veolia Mulwaree Trust has supported 69 local organisations to undertake a wide range of community projects through more than \$280,000 in funding.

Eighteen organisations were presented with grants at a presentation in Goulburn today, for a range of projects, many being undertaken by local schools as well as volunteer groups. A further 51 organisations have received donations from the Trust which will support smaller projects and local initiatives.

Trust Chairman and manager of Veolia's Woodlawn Eco Precinct, Justin Houghton said hearing about the range of projects which the Trust's funding was able to support at each grant presentation was inspiring.

"One of my favourite things about the presentations is seeing the range of projects that we support, from restoring a historical apple crusher through to improving safety on motorcycle tracks, school upgrades, bringing much needed equipment to musical groups and even on this occasion helping to pay for an outrigger canoe," Mr Houghton said.

"Knowing that we have supported almost every part of the community over the years and seeing the smile on the faces of the recipients is one of the most rewarding parts of my job.

We look forward to contributing to many more projects long into the future."

Of the 18 successful grant projects supported in round two 2024

- Braidwood & District Historical Society Inc - Restoration of Historic Apple Crusher, \$6,326
- Tarago Area Women's Shed Inc - Continuing the improvements project, \$6,220

In addition, 51 organisations will undertake small projects through almost \$60,000 distributed in the Trust's donation program, including:

- Tarago and District Progress Association - Support of operating costs
- Tarago Sporting Association - Equipment for management of Tarago Recreation area and facilities
- St Andrew's Church Tarago - Mulwaree Mission District public address system
- Tarago Fishing Club - Purchase a sunsafe gazebo
- St Saviour's Cathedral Goulburn - Directional signage for St Saviour's Cemetery Goulburn by Friends of Goulburn Historic Cemeteries
- The Legacy Club of Goulburn Inc - Support of Annual Legacy Appeals Week 2024
- Southern Tablelands Vintage Farm Machinery Club Inc - Support of annual rally in Taralga
- Celebrate Goulburn Group Incorporated - Beautify Goulburn Australian Grand Prix Memorial
- Tarago Men's Shed Association Inc - Support of Australian Men's Shed
- Association Zone 13 Cluster Meeting
- Majors Creek Recreation Reserve Land Manager - Repair of Majors Creek Recreation Hall verandah
- Braidwood Girl Guides - First aid training and new resources

The Trust's third round of funding for 2024 opens tomorrow (August 29) for applications. Eligible local organisations are invited to apply by September 24 2024. Funding program guidelines and application are available at:

<https://www.veolia.com/anz/about-us/corporate-social-responsibility/veolia-mulwaree-trust/funding-grants>

The Trust was established in 2004 to support community initiatives, with a specific focus on Tarago, the town in which Veolia operates its Woodlawn Eco Precinct, the source of Veolia Mulwaree Trust funding.



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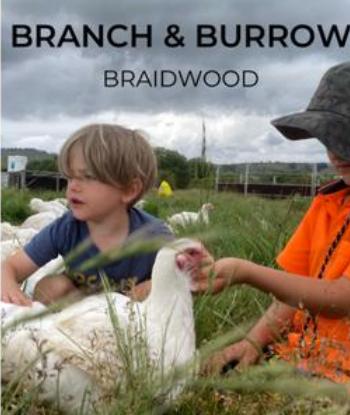


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## DIARY DATES

- **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

## 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."

## NEXT SERVICE NSW MOBILE VAN VISIT

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- Wednesday 10th 8.30 am to 5.30 pm
- Thursday 11th 8.30 am to 8.00 pm
- Friday 12th 8.30 am to 6.00 pm

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## 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 MOTOR CLUB

Meets 7.00pm second Thursday of the month.  
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## Meet the Candidates Braidwood

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.

## 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 11am

51 Molonglo Street Bungendore

Afternoon tea provided

## Commonwood Farm Inc.

### Annual General Meeting

2.00 pm Sunday 15th September

at The Glasshouse Community Centre, Park Lane Braidwood

all welcome

enquiries to [commonwoodfarm@gmail.com](mailto:commonwoodfarm@gmail.com)

## Braidwood Common Section 355 Committee

### Annual General Meeting

6.30 pm Monday 23rd September

at The Glasshouse Community Centre, Park Lane Braidwood

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## Regional Pennant Finals and championship Bowls

Over the weekend our Men's Pennant team travelled to Ulladulla to contest the South-East Bowls Division Four Pennant. Our team came up against Greenwell Point in the first match with Eden having a bye. The loser from Braidswood and Greenwell Point would then play Eden in the afternoon.

Team 1 consisting of Leigh Curtis, Liam Osmond, Jason Rumley and Skipped by Matt Styles, fought back and early deficit to go into the last end down 18-17. With the Jack being moved numerous times towards the ditch it became harder and harder to get the shot. Matts last bowl narrowly missed taking the jack to the ditch for a draw, but unfortunately, we dropped a 5 to go down 23-17.

Team 2 consisting of Trey Proctor, Sanders Watson, Barry Osmond and Skipped by Tom Watson, found themselves in a dogfight with the lead changing every couple of ends. Going into the last end Braidswood held a narrow lead 17-15. With the Skips coming to the matt Braidswood were holding 2, with Barry and Trey each not far away. Tom drew a beauty, with a slight trickle of the jack, bringing in Sanders's 2 bowls and another of Barry's to pick up a 6 and give Braidswood a 23-15 win.

Team 3 consisting of Stan Wisbey, Andrew Moran, Nigel McGrath and Skipped by Jack Marquet fought hard all match. They were behind the 8 ball all match and nothing seemed to go in their favor. Not to undersell the precision from Greenwell point though as they ran away to a huge lead and then were good enough to hold the Braidswood lads at bay. Unfortunately we went down 27-12.

Greenwell Point were rewarded with a 9-1 point win, 65 shots to 52 shots, and the afternoon off. Braidswood had to quickly eat lunch and head back out against Eden.

Braidswood requiring a win to keep any chances of going through alive started well with Team 1 of Leigh, Liam, Jason and Matt, leading from start to finish. A very special mention must go out to Liam Osmond, at 12 years of age, having a go and mixing it with players of much more experience and not being shown up. Matts team winning 24-10.

Team 2 struggled to find the form they had in game 1 from the start. Dropping scores of 4, 3, 3, 4 in the first 4 ends. It was always going to be hard to come back from there. They fought hard and at the halfway mark had the score at 19-10. On the 12th end and Braidswood holding 5 with 3 resting on the Jack, Edens skip played a beauty to squeeze the jack sideways and pick up shot. Our guys fought hard for the remainder but ended up going down 32-15.

Team 3 had a seesawing match. They all played well and complimented each other superbly. The match went down to the wire with Jack pulling off some absolute bombs to keep the scoreboard ticking over in Braidswood's favor. With the big board at 62-61 Braidswood's way, going into the last end, the Braidswood guys remained calm. With the sun setting and down 2, Jack had to play his last bowl. With vocal encouragement from the whole Braidswood team, Jack drew the shot to not only give his team the win 24-19, but ensuring Braidswood remained in the fight on overall with a 9-1 point, 63 shots to 61 shots win over Eden.

Eden and Greenwell Point played on Sunday morning, with Eden defeating Greenwell Point 9-1, 63 points to 60. This made the eventual winner of the Pennant Greenwell Point on Margins, as all 3 teams recorded 10 points. We congratulate Greenwell Point on their win and wish them well at State.

We'd like to thank Bowls Club President Damian Campbell-Davys for Managing the side and Wendy Robinson for assisting. Louise Moran ensured most of the team was well fed by providing a huge, cooked breakfast for the guys that stayed before heading to the matches.

Ross McDerchar ensured the team remained well hydrated during the matches, especially on a late Spring type day, it was very muchly appreciated. We'd also like to thank our new recruits to the Club in Joel, Trey, Jason and Matt who ensured we had enough players to enter a team. We wish Joel all the very best in his endeavors back with ACT Bowls where he was selected to play for the ACT and had to withdraw from the last round pennant match and finals series to fulfil these commitments.

On Sunday we had 15 players on the green. 9 social players and 6 playing championships. Graeme and Sarah Spencer won a great match against Kerri Mason and Brad Stephenson 17-15 in the mixed pairs. The lead changed many times, and the ladies lead great. Graeme and Brad complimented their partners greatly and many laughs and smiles came from the rink.

In the Open Minor Singles, Sanders Watson played Derek tooth. In a tight match from start to finish, Sanders managed to sneak home with a 25-21 win. Congratulations Sanders.

David Cargill was on hand to present Nigel McGrath with a Cheque from the Lodge of Truth. The Bowls Club thanks the Lodge for their generous donation, and the money will go towards upgrading and renewing the umpiring kit of the club.

## South Coast Monaro Rugby Union

### Results – Saturday 24th August 2024 – Qualifying Finals

- Yass "Rams" 36 defeated Braidswood "Redbacks" 33 Both teams scored 5 converted tries each with a penalty goal taken early in the game the decider
- Jindabyne "Bushpigs" 20 defeated Taralga "Tigers" 13 Taralga lead for all but the last 10 minutes of the game until Jindabyne kept composed and added 10 points
- Bungendore "Mudchooks" 45 defeated Hall "Bushrangers" 29

A solid 80 minutes of rugby by Bungendore resulted in a comfortable win

### Competition table

• Jindabyne "Bushpigs"	68
• Braidswood "Redbacks"	47
• Hall "Bushrangers"	46
• Bungendore "Mudchooks"	42
• Yass "Rams"	40
• Taralga "Tigers"	34
• Crookwell "Dogs"	33
• ADFA ACT	23
• Cooma "Red Devils"	23
• Batemans Bay "Boars"	0

### Next weekend – Saturday 31st August 2024

#### – Preliminary Finals

- Bungendore "Mudchooks" v Yass "Rams" @ Bungendore
- **Jindabyne "Bushpigs" v Braidswood "Redbacks" @ Jindabyne**
- The 2 winning teams to contest Grand Final 7th September 24



## Nutrien Info Session

### TOPICS:

#### PINKEYE

Technical info on management of the disease

- Dr Felicity Willis
- Dr Jane Morrison



#### Summer Forage Options

- Roger Garnsey

#### Animal Health Update

- Nutrien's Matthew Hallam, Animal Nutrition Specialist

Where: Braidswood Servicemen's Club

Date: Thursday 12th September

Time: 4.30pm

RSVP: 9th September Light Refreshment Served



## RACING NEWS WITH THE JEMBAICUMBENE PUNTER

CANBERRA RACES — Braidwood trainers had a great day at Canberra last Friday. In the second race on the program, the Capital Asphalt Handicap over 1206 metres, Aaron Clark had Red Redemption ridden by Jade McKenzie. He was a little testy before the race but jumped well and was in front most of the journey and finished in first place.

Then in Race 4 the Polytrack Stayers Cup over 1900 metres, Ross Lavis saddled Knights Armour for Rebecca Bronett Prag. He was a little fresh to start, but jumped well and settled back in the field, just when things were not looking well, he took off and the further he went the further he got ahead. He hit the winning post five lengths ahead of the rest of the field, it actually looked more than five lengths. Pretty to watch.

Aaron saddled Bon Frankie for a first up return for Jeff Penza in Race six Glen Mia ACT Saddlery Sprinters Cup over 1206 metres. He did not have a good trip finishing well back.

Keith Dryden trained Fangela was in the same race, ridden by Rebecca Bronett Prag, he finished in fifth place.

ROYAL RANDWICK - On Saturday at Randwick Goulburn Trainer Danny Williams won the TAB handicap (3 year old, CL2) with Atmospheric Rock (Your Song) ridden by Jason Collett. Williams also had Kreon (Rulership) ridden by James McDonald finish in seventh place.

The Winx Stakes over 1400 metres saw Via Sistina (Fastnet Rock) trained by Chris Waller and ridden by Kerrin McEvoy take out the honours. Second was Zougotcha (Jouster) and Tommy Berry and third was Fangirl (Sebring) and James McDonald.

James McDonald had a very mixed day on Saturday. In the first race his mount Smashing Eagle suffered a heart attack and sadly died. McDonald ended up with an injured ankle. He then rode two winners Ameena and Joliestar. He coped a suspension for his ride on Ameena.

MOONEE VALLEY - On Saturday at Moonee Valley a horse called Daggers won the second race. Well known Moruya identity Ray Jefferys is nicknamed Daggers and there were a lot of happy punters in the Moruya area on Saturday.

SHARE HORSES - INFATUATION - has completed a week of pre-training and her trainer Bjorn Baker has decided to bring her back to his stable at Warwick Farm earlier than previously planned. It is reported that she has settled in well and they are all very excited to see her back in work.

CHICAGO KING - he got \$5,173 for his second at Ballarat two weeks ago. Punter received her share of the prize money - 94 cents.

HAPPY CASINO - He had a jump out at Pakenham on 14th August and had a strong finish coming in fourth. He was due for another jump out on 29th August, but no results are in from this as yet.

Until next time.

Happy Puntig.



Knights Armour with Emily Lavis and the Cup



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## Braidoon Golf Club News

Check in by 11.30, Hit off at 12

### BRAIDWOOD WOMENS OPEN - Sunday September 8

Planning is well in hand for one of the major Women's events at our club and registrations are now open. We are asking for donations for our HUGE raffle, one of the highlights of our day and we hope all members could help with prizes, plus cakes and slices on the day. Donations for the raffle can now be left with any committee member.

A working bee will be organised to prepare the course closer to September 8 and thankfully the warmer weather is helping to bring the greens back. Now for a clear day!

### RESULTS-Saturday August 24 -Men's Single Stableford - Terry Hughes Trophy.

Thanks Terry for your generous sponsorship.

Winner: Mark Newman 36 pts

Runner Up: Michael Fitzgerald 35 pts

3rd Place: Barry McDonald 34 pts

Men's NTP 3/12: Not Won

Jackpot 3rd at 1m: Not Won

Ball Comp: Terry Hughes 31, Keith Ferguson 30, Chris Witt 29

Handicap Changes: Chris Witt out 1 to 21

Women's Single Stableford - Braidoon Beauty Studio Trophy.

We're pleased again for the Studio's continuing sponsorship.

Winner: Di Freeman 33 pts c/b

Runner Up: Debby Ferguson 33 pts

Women's NTP 2nd to the 6th: Debby Ferguson

Women: 3 Pars

## Golf Club Coming Events

- **August 31 Saturday** Medley 2BBB Stableford - Michael Eisen Trophy
- **September 7 Saturday** Medley 2BBB Stableford - Greg & Les Hart Trophy
- **September 8 Sunday** Braidoon 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 - Braidoon 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
- **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 Braidoon

## Spring Doubles Night Comp

7pm Mon or Tue night from:  
3 Sep (Grading)  
2 Dec (Finals)

Renew your membership and register on the website:  
<https://play.tennis.com.au/braidoontennisclub>

## YOGA WITH CHRISTINA

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

\$20 casual  
\$170 for 10 weeks

Braidoon 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 \$1000.  
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



# Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION



2024 NSW  
Local Government elections

Vote on 14 September  
or pre-poll from 7-13 September  
[elections.nsw.gov.au/lge24](http://elections.nsw.gov.au/lge24) or call 1300 135 736

### Study at the library

Our libraries will be open late for exam season! Students who need a quiet place to study for their end of year exams can visit the:

- Braidwood Library on Tuesdays until 8pm
- Bungendore Library on Wednesdays until 8pm
- Queanbeyan Library on Thursdays until 8pm

These extended hours run from 3 September to 7 November.

- ▶ For more information about the resources available at our libraries head to [library.qprc.nsw.gov.au](http://library.qprc.nsw.gov.au)

### Transport infrastructure assessment

We have engaged Talis Consultants to provide a comprehensive assessment of our transport infrastructure, including roads, bridges, footpaths, carparks, and drainage.

Over the next couple of months you might see cars on the road and bikes on footpaths with lasers recording the condition infrastructure all over our region.

This project will provide important data to help us develop asset renewal budgets in the future.

### Have Your Say

Projects & initiatives open for community comment	Closing Date
Naming of Queanbeyan Council Chambers	12 Sept
Jerrabomberra Traffic Campaign	17 Sept
Draft Cat Containment Policy - LGA wide	9 Oct

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

Submissions can be made:

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

### Queanbeyan Diwali Mela

We are again partnering with the Queanbeyan Multicultural Centre to hold the Queanbeyan Diwali Mela Lantern Festival.

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

- ▶ We are seeking applications from food vendors and stallholders until 30 September at [www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/diwali](http://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/diwali)

### Council Meetings and Times

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

Members of the public can watch the meetings 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](http://bit.ly/QPRCinvolved)

Next meeting dates are:

- 28 August
- 11 September

### Written Questions on Notice

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

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# Candidate Profiles for QPRC Local Government Elections

## 14 September 2024



### Ballot Draw : 2024 Local Government elections

The ballot of candidates for the 2024 NSW Local Government elections was drawn on Thursday, 15 August.

Pre Poll opens 7th September - Postal Vote applications close 9 September at 5pm - Last Day to receive postal votes 27 September

#### GROUP A Independent

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

#### GROUP B SUSTAINABLE AUSTRALIA PARTY - STOP OVERDEVELOPMENT / CORRUPTION

HOLGATE James	GREENLEIGH
THOMPSON Michael	CRESTWOOD
REYNOLDS John	QUEANBEYAN WEST
HOLGATE Katrina	GREENLEIGH
GARNON Darren	QUEANBEYAN
SNARE Philip	PRIMROSE VALLEY

#### GROUP C LIBERAL

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

#### GROUP D LABOR

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

#### GROUP E Independent

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

#### GROUP F Independent

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

#### GROUP G THE GREENS

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

#### GROUP H Independent

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

#### GROUP I Independent

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

#### Ungrouped candidates Independent

GRAHAM Richard,	BUNGENDORE
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## Candidate Profiles - Group A Winchester Group



### KENRICK WINCHESTER, GOOGONG

QPRC MAYOR KENRICK WINCHESTER About two months ago, I suffered a major heart attack, but with the help of a stent, I survived. If there's one thing a heart attack does, it gives you deep clarity on the legacy you want to leave behind for your family, colleagues and friends. I joined council in 2012 because I wanted to help shape the future of this region, and, 12 years later, I'm only just getting started.

In the past two years alone I've supervised the approval and implementation of hundreds of much-needed projects. We appointed five new staff members to help with the DA backlog, funded council's third road maintenance and grading crew and made entry to regional pools free for primary school-aged children. We upgraded 10km of road between Queanbeyan and Captains Flat. We delivered the new regional sports complexes at Bungendore and South Jerrabomberra, a new skatepark at Braidwood and upgrades to the Braidwood Pool, showground and recreational ground.

Leading our region, as Mayor of QPRC, has been one of the greatest privileges of my life. I want to continue the work I've started, so for the upcoming election I've hand-picked a team of candidates I'd love to have by my side on council.

The people that form Group A are among the region's hardest working and most upstanding citizens. They're respected and trusted within their individual communities, and they're already deep in the trenches, helping to make our region a better place for all.

"I've got a strong vision for the region and the right resources to get results. I'm ready to continue what I've started."



### BILL WATERHOUSE

Bill is a 'retired' Senior Education Officer, former Head Teacher and occasional Deputy Principal, who has recently returned to tutoring senior school students, recently at Queanbeyan High and now at Braidwood Central. He also recently taught music at Captains flat PS. He's also an occasional consultant to the NSW Department of Education, providing Quality Teaching professional learning to staff and leadership support to school leaders right across south-east NSW. Bill is known locally as 'Wombat Bill'. He is the president of the Native Animal Rescue Group in and around Braidwood, and also life- member and former Vice- President of Wildcare Queanbeyan. With his wife Lesley, Bill runs a self-funded wombat refuge at Majors Creek. When he's not assisting the public with wildlife matters and caring for injured and homeless animals and training carers across The eastern states, Bill is busy advocating for the people of his community on numerous committees. Past and current roles have included the Dargues Gold Mine Community Consultative Committee, Majors Creek Progress Association, the Braidwood Community Association and The Braidwood and Villages Business Chamber.

Bill was president of the Braidwood Regional Arts Group for several years and helped guide the group in establishing the Community Arts Centre on Wallace Street and is currently a patron of BYPAA as well as a member of the QPRC Culture and Arts Advisory committee.

He is a musician, a former cattle breeder and played lots of sports in his younger days.

"I have a strong commitment to Greater Queanbeyan but also believe that voting for me at the QPRC elections in September is an opportunity for the smaller towns and villages to have a stronger independent and rational voice from outside the centre on the new council."



### MARGOT SACHSE

As president of the Jerrabomberra Residents Association for the last 15 years, Margot has advocated tirelessly for the Jerrabomberra community on many issues, including the location of the Jerrabomberra High School, flight path noise and the need for Dunns Creek Road (a road to divert Googong traffic away from Jerrabomberra to Canberra). Margot is passionate about building strong communities and has organised the popular Carols@Jerra event since 2019. Margot's lengthy public and private career culminated in her team winning the prestigious Telstra Embracing Innovation Award in 2023.

"I have a proven track record as a leader in my community of Jerrabomberra. I will bring new energy and a fresh approach to the whole electorate."



### KYLIE PRESCOTT

Kylie's an active community member, involved with the Jerrabomberra Public School (JPS) and Jerrabomberra High School (JHS) P&C associations. She served as JPS P&C president for four years, and is currently the vice president.

As the inaugural vice president of the JHS P&C, Kylie led the successful 'Zone Jerra to Jerra' campaign in 2022 to overturn a state government zoning decision. She also secured a \$40 million commitment for JHS Stage 2, planned to open in 2027.

For her ongoing community work, Kylie was named NSW P&C Federation Volunteer of the Year.

"Representing Jerra is a part of my life; I want to elevate our community conversation on council."

>>> Continued over

## Candidate Profiles - Group A Winchester Group ~ continued



### ALEX TINE

From the first time he kicked a soccer ball for the Monaro Panthers at age five, Alex Tine was hooked. Today, he's deeply embedded in the club, serving as player, coach, treasurer and president over the past 46 years. A former Queanbeyan South and Karabar High student, Alex was an elite cyclist between the ages of 12 and 19, representing the ACT and winning many titles along the way. His career has been diverse: from push bike mechanic to bakery owner, he eventually made the move to the building industry in 2002. He's now the proud owner of Monaro Built Homes, focusing on high-end residential builds across the region.

Alex is a devoted husband and dad and his priorities, once elected, include opposing the Monaro Rock Quarry proposal, and ensuring first-class sporting and community facilities are delivered for the residents of Queanbeyan-Palerang.

"I'm real and I've got the community at heart. I'm approachable and I stand firmly for what I believe in."



### PETER LINDBECK

Queanbeyan personality and long-term businessman Peter Lindbeck says it's time for him to give back to the region that's been "unbelievably good" to him since he was born here in 1960.

Peter attended St Edmund's College before taking over from dad Bill at Lindbeck's Butchery on Cooma Street, Queanbeyan, in 1978. He's been there ever since; and his sausages are world-famous.

Peter admits he's always been opinionated but looks forward to bringing a strong vision and deep care for the people of the region to council once elected.

"Queanbeyan's been very good to me, and I want to see real people representing our city."

>> In 2008, Tony started "a job that quite literally changed my life" as client liaison coordinator for Baptistcare NSW & ACT, with George Forbes House. For 13 years now, he's helped local families and the elderly navigate and move into aged care. Tony's selflessness is evident through his volunteer work. He's an overnight caretaker for Home in Queanbeyan and a Board member of the Respite Care for QBN Foundation. He was awarded an Order of Australia Medal for his contribution to the community in 2021.

Even if you think you don't know Tony, you actually do. He's been inside the Victor the Viking suit at Canberra Raiders home games for almost 40 years.

"For me, it's about teamwork. Group A will work together to achieve results for the communities we're a part of."



### TONY RAYNER

Tony grew up in Nimmitabel and moved to Canberra at age 18. But his life changed forever when he moved to Bungendore to play centre for the Tigers in 1991. Two years later, Tony was appointed club secretary, marking the beginning of a 31-year commitment to the administration side of the club he loves. Bungendore instantly became home.

Outside of footy, Tony is a respected and trusted financial adviser. His firm – Linray Finance and Leasing – has operated for three decades in Queanbeyan. Tony sits on the Canberra Regional Rugby League Board. He has four grown children with wife Sharon, all of whom live locally, and representing and supporting the Bungendore community is his top priority. "I love Bungendore, I love the people, there's nowhere I'd rather live. We need strong representation on council."



### DEAN MARTIN

Dean is a proud ADF veteran who moved to Googong in 2017. He's been president of the Googong Residents Association since 2022, and vice President of the Googong Public School P&C since it was established.

Dean intends to bring his infectious positivity to council – and to work tirelessly to ensure our region continues to flourish.

"Inspired by Googong's beauty and spirit, I'm ready to be a positive voice for our future."



### JAN BROWNE

If you or your kids have ever played basketball in Queanbeyan, you'll definitely know Jan's face.

Jan has served as President and Invited Director of the Queanbeyan District Basketball Association for more than 30 years. As well as coaching over 500 kids, she's a huge advocate for all sports and the role they play in the mental and physical wellbeing of our children and teens across the region.

Jan launched her own small business, Bridge Strata, in 2017, managing schemes throughout the region. She's been a member of the Queanbeyan Business Council and Queanbeyan Women in Business. She raised her four children – and a few others – in the area.

"In everything I do, people come first. I love this region and I'll work hard for it. I'm a little woman with a big voice."



### TONY WOOD OAM

If there was ever a man well-known for channeling his time and energy into making the region a better place, Tony Wood is it. In his roles in hospitality, he's poured beers for literally thousands of locals, from the RSL Memorial Bowling Club to the Queanbeyan Leagues Club. >>

## Candidate Profiles - Group B

### Sustainable Australia Party – Stop Overdevelopment / Corruption

#### **James Holgate – Lead Candidate**

James lives and works in Queanbeyan where he is a Business Development Manager and Business Partner. He has studied and followed politics in Australia at all levels as well as overseas during an extensive international career while living and working in a number of countries. He became interested in the Sustainable Australia Party while campaigning as an independent candidate for the federal seat of Eden-Monaro, as the policies and values align with his own.

Having grown up and lived in the Monaro region, James returned to the area he loves after many years living and working in Asia, the Pacific and the Americas. He loves the natural environment of the Monaro region and enjoys the range of outdoor activities available locally, from the snow to the sea. He loves the traditional and diverse cultural richness unique to this region and wants to ensure that we fulfil our primary moral responsibility to pass on an economically, environmentally and socially sustainable Australia to future generations. During the last 10 years James has witnessed the effects of rapid and excessive urban growth and the impact this has on both the natural and urban environment. This includes increased congestion, greater pressure on, and costs of, infrastructure as well as the loss of natural habitat. He looks forward to working constructively with the QPRC to ensure our local community interests are prioritised over those of developers and other self-promoting parties that pay lip-service to protecting the social, natural and cultural legacy of our region.

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- THOMPSON Michael CRESTWOOD
- REYNOLDS John QUEANBEYAN
- HOLGATE Katrina GREENLEIGH
- GARNON Darren QUEANBEYAN
- SNARE Philip PRIMROSE VALLEY

**No other profiles supplied**



James Holgate

## Candidate Profiles - Group C Liberals

The Liberal Party's group for the upcoming Queanbeyan-Palerang council elections is one of diversity, experience and expertise.

Led by Councillor Ross Macdonald who is proud of his commitment to, and achievements for Braidwood and the villages, the Liberal Party team includes the most experienced local to contest the election with lifelong Braidwood identity Margaret Royds OAM. Joining them is current councillor Louise Burton, as well as former councillors Jacqueline Ternouth and Mark Schweikert.

In addition, local community minded volunteers Wayne Brown and Rob Schwartz will join the Liberal Party team and provide a wealth of experience and focus on serving our region.

The Liberal Party ticket also boasts one of the youngest candidates in our region's upcoming election. Morgan Broadbent will bring the perspective of young working people from across the region. He knows too well the struggles to break into the housing market – something that council must focus on.

Based on community feedback, the Liberal Party has developed a 5 point positive plan.

1. A 2.9% rates cash back
2. Building better roads and footpaths
3. Greater financial accountability
4. Support for small business
5. Reducing red tape and wait times

We're looking forward to being your voice on Council.

#### **ROSS MACDONALD**

Since being elected to a casual vacancy about 18 months ago or so I've had the honour of being your Councillor.

I'm based at about mid point between Braidwood and Queanbeyan so I see myself a good conduit, and advocate for our big population centres and the towns and villages.

Once I was sworn in I got straight to work. There was a lot of learning on my feet and listening to residents, business owners and community volunteers about what they want from me and what they want to see in our region. Sometimes it was a question about repairs to a cracked footpath and other times it's been at a more strategic level – housing, water, a bypass. Some things have been easy to resolve, others will take time, community input and someone who listens and will fight in the best interests of our region.

Despite the many days and nights that I've spent in Braidwood and the surrounds, despite the countless meetings I've had or the thousands of kilometres I've travelled, people have told me that there is sometimes a feeling of not being represented. I've listened to you, I get it.



I've worked hard every day to break down any barriers to equitable focus, treatment and investment and I'm so proud to have achieved outcomes for the residents of Braidwood and the surrounds and I'm committed to continue working hard each day. Our region has an incredible history and a great future. I hope to be re-elected to keep working hard for you. >>> continued

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Group C Liberals continued



## Mark Schweikert

Mark has spent nine years in local government, first in Palerang Council and then QPRC, with a year as Deputy Mayor. He was one of the most active and engaged councillors in Palerang and QPRC, being either Chair or a contributing member of more council and community committees than most other Councillors combined.

He spearheaded many initiatives while on Council, such as drought relief measures, climate change actions, infrastructure initiatives, was a strong supporter for Australia Day and community and multicultural events, and an advocate for local businesses by setting the regulatory conditions for them to thrive.

He has lived in the Queanbeyan and Bungendore areas for over 25 years, raising a young family with his wonderful wife. He has been a Artillery officer, Director in the Department of Defence (22 years), author and has recently started his own consultancy firm dealing with national security matters.

He is coming out of semi-retirement to return to Council to set things right again.

>> He believes that, just as in his professional work, attention to detail and a solutions-oriented approach are crucial in local governance. Morgan is determined to apply his skills and dedication to council, aiming to address the ongoing issues that affect the community and ensure that it remains a place where the soul of the community can thrive.



## Robert Schwartz

Rob has lived in the QPRC area with his wife, Robyn, for over thirty years, and moved from their rural property in Carwoola to Mount Fairy a few years ago. With over thirty years' experience living in a rural community, Rob has a good understanding of the challenges presented by the rural lifestyle, and the importance of a Council that focuses on its country residents as well as those in the major townships. Rob worked initially in the private sector, but spent most of his career in the NSW and then Commonwealth Departments of Agriculture, working on protecting Australia's agricultural industries and the natural environment from exotic pests and diseases, and helping Australia's farmers export their produce overseas.

Rob is now retired and is an active member of the local Rural Fire Service Brigade, the Men's Shed and garden club.



## Louise Burton

Louise has served over the last term on the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, having been elected at the previous election. Louise is running again for council as she is passionate about maintaining the unique rural and urban mix of this local government area, ensuring Council lives within its means, delivers for ratepayers and wants to secure the best opportunities and services for residents.

Louise works in Canberra as a senior government consultant, and has been a local of Wamboin with her family for 15 years.

## Jacqueline Ternouth

Jacqui is an Australian Public Servant and Australian Defence Force veteran. Originally from Queensland, she and her husband have made the Queanbeyan-Palerang region home, and with the exception of some military postings, have raised their two sons in Jerrabomberra over the past 18 years. Jacqui is motivated about improving the liveability of the Queanbeyan-Palerang region to the benefit of all. She is enthusiastic about creating opportunities for youth, and passionate about preserving the environment. But equally, she is conscious of Council providing value for money and being accountable to ratepayers for the provision of services. With a keen eye for detail, Jacqui will be an advocate for every ratepayer in the Queanbeyan-Palerang LGA.



## Wayne Brown

Wayne Brown has been a Queanbeyan resident for 46 years and brings a wealth of experience from his 18-year service in the Australian Regular Army and 18 years in the Australian Public Service, where he directed IT Infrastructure & Security Projects.

Holding a Master's in Marketing Communication and a Bachelor's in Computing Systems, Wayne has also led international collaborations and critical tech initiatives, including with Microsoft's Enterprise Division.

A dedicated community leader, Wayne has served as President of the Rotary Club of Queanbeyan West and was named Rotarian of the Year in 2002.



He remains actively involved in local health, education, and emergency services, committed to making a positive impact on his community.

## Margaret Royds OAM

Margaret Royds is a Braidwood institution and was recognised as so with the award of an OAM in 2006 for service to the community of Braidwood, the preservation of historic properties and promotion of tourism.

She is a member of National Trust of NSW, a foundation member of the Braidwood and District Historical Society and a member of CWA. She has supported Girl Guides, the Braidwood Show Society, Garden club, Chamber of Commerce (economic development committee), is a foundation member of Braidwood FM Radio and served on St Andrews Parish council.

Margaret is a keen environmentalist and farmer who is passionate about fostering education of young people in our region and recently advised Liberal Councillors in their successful efforts to extend library opening hours for HSC students across our LGA.



"I have been interested in Politics since I was a school girl attending meetings with my father who was battling to remove death duties, which has ruined many rural families, destroying the incentive to work. I am committed to Government environmental programmes and have planted thousands of trees and am a member of Braidwood Rural and Local Land Care."

## Morgan Broadbent

Morgan is running for local council for the first time, bringing fresh perspectives and a deep commitment to the community. A resident of Googong for three years, he and his wife proudly call the 2620 area home. Although new to the region, Morgan's roots in Armidale, NSW, have instilled in him a strong understanding of small-town values and the importance of local engagement. As a systems engineer working closely with the government, Morgan is dedicated to addressing the challenges facing our nation.

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## Candidate Profiles - Group D Labor

Why vote for the QPRC Labor Team - The QPRC Labor team has worked hard in the community to push for better services and infrastructure, working positively and constructively to ensure the future viability of Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council. We have a positive plan for our area. We are seeking the support of the community to continue to deliver better sports facilities, roads and key infrastructure. Labor Councillors will put more resources into our DA team and deliver locality plans for our villages. Importantly, we will work to equalise water rates charges across QPRC. We will look local first and provide support for pensioners with cost-of-living relief. We will continue to keep our pools free for kids. Finally, we will respond to the community and provide an 'off lead' dog park for Braidwood.

The Labor team is proudly diverse in terms of age, gender, experience and region. We are particularly pleased to have three women on the team, with two in the top four positions.

While there is more to do, the Labor group is committed to being positive, progressive, inclusive and advancing reconciliation and climate action.

The Labor group has a proven track record of working collaboratively and delivering for the QPRC region. We will continue to work with the community to support local jobs and businesses and have successful working relationships with the State and Federal Members of Parliament.



### **COUNCILLOR BRYCE WILSON**

Bryce Wilson is an experienced member of the current Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, and leader of the Labor Group seeking election on 14 September 2024. Bryce has lived in Jerrabomberra with his wife and daughter for well over a decade. He has been an active member in the community serving as President of the Jerrabomberra Public School P&C and a member of the Jerrabomberra Residents Association. He is proud of his community and regularly enjoys the Saturday morning Park Run up Mount Jerrabomberra, or a game of cricket or touch footy. Bryce is a former science and maths high school teacher and surveying technician. He has held positions at various levels of government and, like so many in this region, is now working for the federal government. His previous work experience drew him to get involved in politics where he felt he could make a difference to individuals and his community. Bryce believes in progress at a local government level and is proud the Labor Group has a positive plan to build a better Queanbeyan-Palerang region.



### **DEPUTY MAYOR, COUNCILLOR ESMA LIVERMORE**

Esma Livermore is the current Deputy Mayor of Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council. Esma is a proud Bigambul/Dunghutti/Gomeroi woman and mother of four. She is very proud to be the first Aboriginal female elected to Council in Queanbeyan and is well placed to speak on, advocate for and support the needs of the First Nations community. Esma has lived and worked on Ngunnawal Ngambri Country for over twenty years. She enjoys most sports, cooking, culture, and spending time with her family.

Esma has a long history working with the Queanbeyan Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG), engaging with schools and early learning services. She was a leading spokeswoman for the Yes campaign locally, and currently works for Reconciliation Australia.

Esma is a positive role model in the community and shares her experience building the confidence of young females, to pursue their dreams and to be active within the community.

Esma has managed several women's representative rugby league and rugby union teams. She knows the value of well-managed sporting grounds and the importance of supporting grassroots community clubs.

Esma sees Council as the same as the broader community, in that through respectful relationships you can build trust and confidence in the service provided. Esma is a strong voice on Council and will always ensure Council decisions reflect the needs of the community. She is proud of her achievements and would be honoured to continue as a member of the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council.



### **COUNCILLOR JOHN PRESTON**

John Preston, or JP as he is known, is a current Councillor on Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council. John has been part of the Bungendore community for around 25 years, actively involved in local sporting clubs, community and business groups and loves being a part of a growing and vibrant community. He is an experienced administrator with over 30 years' experience in the government and higher education sectors. Like many Bungendore residents, John works in Canberra and commutes on a daily basis – he has first had experience and understands the need to maintain roads and services. John is proud to have raised his family in the region and is a strong supporter of public education. He is an accomplished musician who plays in a local band, enjoys watching sport, and attending the theatre. As a current member of Council, John has always represented the wishes of the community. He has high-level governance experience and will continue to ensure Council decisions remain transparent and in the interests of the community. John is committed to ensuring the former Palerang region continues to have a strong voice on Council. He unashamedly holds strong, traditional Labor values and is proud to stand on a positive, progressive and practical Labor ticket.

**Undecided about voting in the  
Upcoming  
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional  
Council Elections?**

**Bungendore  
Meet the Candidates is  
Rescheduled for -**

**Saturday August 31  
11am  
War Memorial Hall  
51 Molonglo Street  
Bungendore  
(Refreshments provided)**

## Candidate Profiles - Group C Labor ~ continued

**BARRINA SOUTH**

Barrina South is a proud Barkindji woman, who has lived and on Ngunnawal/Ngambri Country for the past 14 years. Barrina has an established long-standing career in the NSW Public Service and is dedicated to the protection of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage, curation of cultural material, as well as policy and strategic development and implementation that see the best outcomes for heritage protection. Barrina has a Bachelor of Arts in Visual Arts, and a Masters (Hons) in Sociology. When she's not working as a public servant, she is a creative in visual arts and creative writing. She is active in the art local scene, has exhibited her work and published her creative writing widely, including internationally. One of the recent highlights of Barrina's career is the publication of her poem, 'Kurrajong' that was commissioned for the Kindred Tree Project in Canberra. Barrina's poem is a beautiful reflection of the Kurrajong tree in Monaro Street, Queanbeyan.

Barrina is passionate about ensuring regional women have access to the essential services they need. She is keen to see the arts supported and promoted, and cultural heritage protected and celebrated.

Barrina is proud to be on the QPRC Labor ticket and working with her colleagues to represent the views of the Queanbeyan-Palerang community on Council.

>>> Living with and successfully managing a chronic mental health condition, Tim supports increased support services for those in need in the Queanbeyan-Palerang region. As a former business owner, he has a first-hand understanding of the needs of small businesses, their employees and the important roles of both business associations and workers unions. Tim is passionate about fair funding and resources for the education and creative arts sector. Tim is proud to be an ALP endorsed candidate for the second time and he looks forward to representing residents as a member of the Australian Labor Party QPRC Team.

**SHELLEY EVANS**

Shelley Evans has been raising horses in Bywong with her family for 25 years, and she loves the lifestyle it brings. With 30 years' experience in both the public service and running a small business, she is passionate about ensuring a regional voice on Council. Shelley believes that progressive governments at all levels can and should make meaningful difference in people's lives. She looks forward to contributing to the region, and being part of a progressive, diverse and passionate QPRC Labor ticket.

**MICHAEL MACWILLIAM**

Michael MacWilliam is a first-time candidate in the upcoming Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council election on 14 September 2024.

Michael moved to the region in 2019 to make this region home. He lives in Bungendore with his young family, and loves being part of the vibrant community that makes up Bungendore and the broader Queanbeyan-Palerang region. He appreciates the opportunities this region offers for close-knit community living, outdoor recreation and a small-town lifestyle. Michael is passionate about preserving and enhancing these values to ensure the region remains a wonderful place for young families to thrive.

Michael is a proud member of the positive, practical and progressive Labor team.

**TIM NICHOLSON JP**

Tim is a musician and former piano/organ teacher. He has been a proud resident in Queanbeyan for more than ten years. He has a Business Administration Degree and is a Justice of the Peace. >>



# BRAIDWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTION MEET THE CANDIDATES

5 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 6:30PM  
BRAIDWOOD SERVICEMENS CLUB



ALL RESIDENTS OF BRAIDWOOD AND DISTRICT  
ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

## Candidate Profiles - Group E Trevor Hicks Group

**TREVOR HICKS**

I'm very concerned about the current and recent state of our Council, the culture and reputation has just been slipping and falling. It needs to be built back and not lead by these bureaucratic large political parties. This is 'our' Council, it should not be flaunted by Labor or the Greens. The only way to change that is with Independent Councillors. Trevor and his team have significant experience in Local Government Council operations, over 43 years. He ran a local business 22 years, while being active in community programs and events. While a successful small business owner he also served as a Councillor and Deputy Mayor of Palerang and Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council. He represented the community for eight years. He has influenced necessary and meaningful change in which the creation of local jobs and delivering infrastructure has been his primary concern. As a proactive member of the community, he understands the costs and decisions made to repair assets and the priority issues affecting infrastructure. He has always approached leading from within and encouraging the members of the community to become part of the solutions. This includes chairing community meetings and participating in many sporting teams both as a player, and in a voluntary capacity within a committee. He has always stood up for the battlers and pushed Council to make smart budget decisions. As a family man, the cost of living is at the forefront of his concerns and its time to seriously change the direction of this Council to make us more resilient to financial pressure and bring prosperity back to our communities.

**SCOTT HART**

Scott Hart, 58, is married to Nicole and lives at Majors Creek. Scott is currently working as a support worker with NDIS and Aged Care plan participants within the Braidwood area. Previously, Scott has had 37 years experience in banking, 19 in Braidwood and Bungendore Community Banks, including 4 years as Bungendore's foundation branch manager. Scott has 42 years as a member of NSW RFS, and was Captain of Braidwood Brigade 2017-2024. Currently deputy Captain Majors Creek brigade. Justice of the Peace since 2006. I'm not a politician, but I do have a long history of serving my community, and will continue to do so, whatever the result of the elections.

**NATASHA ABBOTT**

Natasha boasts a 35-year career in local government. She previously held the position of Service Manager for Natural Landscapes and Health at Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC), a role she was appointed to following the council amalgamation in 2016. Prior to that, she served as the Manager of Environment & Health for Queanbeyan City Council (QCC). After three decades with QCC and QPRC, one of her reasons for resigning was a loss of respect for the current council. She asserts that the council's culture has declined, staff are under immense pressure, and there have been numerous resignations and layoffs in recent years that have resulted in a significant loss of institutional knowledge. She believes that the only way to effect change is by stepping up and running for council.

Natasha has consistently focused on community service, being approachable, empathetic, loyal, honest, reliable, and diligent in her work.

She is convinced that:

- The council is in need of significant reform.
- The economy, cost of living, and resilience are the top priorities for ratepayers.
- The council must enhance resilience regarding its finances, infrastructure, community preparedness, and the natural environment.
- The council has wasted funds and overlooked opportunities, with many areas ripe for audit and evaluation.
- The council should identify savings and explore regional opportunities for shared resources where possible.

**Other GROUP E candidates are**

- Horst KIRCHNER, QUEANBEYAN
- Bonnie O'BRIEN, KINDERVALE
- Jason WEBB, KARABAR

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## Candidate Profiles - Group F Small Business and Households Rachel Macdonald Group

Small Business and Households are the key to a good economy – all are feeling the stresses of cost of living, rate rises, and more money going out that coming in. It's not easy to start up a new business in our Region or maintain a small business, with all the process and fees required and more administration being imposed for those businesses who use their home as a base. We are a truly independent group of experienced people who stand for Transparency, Efficiency and Accountability within Council. We have no ties to the current Council or any political party.

We commit to:

Transparency – processes and decisions that affect every household, every ratepayer, every business need to be easily shared. Council meetings need to welcome community members not reduce their input to a 3 minute segment where no interaction is allowed from Councillors.

Efficiency – projects, especially in the road construction and maintenance area need to be run effectively. Putting more staff on processes such as Development Applications with an inefficient process won't make it any better. Streamline forms, reduce red tape to make it easier for our community and for Council.

Accountability – there needs to be better financial administration, reporting to our community and ensuring decisions are made using accurate and up to date information. With an increasing debt of over \$148M we need to act now; we need to have the correct information so important decisions can be made.

The Team in Group F are committed to making change, introducing efficiency savings both in process and budget, and ensuring fairness is part of every day dealings with ratepayers and small businesses.



### RACHAEL MACDONALD

Born in the Old Canberra hospital, Rachael spent her days riding her pony around what is now Gungahlin with her brother. Rachael grew up riding across 6000 acres and has lived on the land most of her life. She spent 15 years in Captains Flat and Anembo before eventually moving to Majors Creek. With over 20 years in Government, making her way to the Senior Executive Service level, Rachael left the APS to join a few USA firms and travelled the world implementing Information Technology systems for clients. Bringing all of this experience together, Rachael now owns and operates four Companies, including civil construction, data analytics, eco tourism and not for profit womens healing.

A proud Wiradjuri woman, all of Rachael's Companies are Indigenous certified and the Giilang Foundation takes 10% of profits and puts this into community projects.

Being a small business owner, the reason Rachael wanted to run for Council is three fold : Efficiency – to improve the processes and make them more efficient with the aim of finding savings to help with the current debt; Transparency – ensure the Rate Payers get QPRC to provide information on what our hard earned dollars are spent on; Accountability – to have QPRC understand the challenges small businesses face with the current regulations and Development approvals and other rates and charges small business face daily



### WALTER RAYNOLDS

Walter is a retired farmer and transport operator. In his time, Walter operated 4 B Doubles and 2 smaller trucks. Married for 47 years with 2 adult children and 4 grandchildren, family means a lot for Walter.

A Councillor for 19 years, first elected in 1988 at a Bi-Election, Walter served 11 of these years with Tallaganda Council (Braidwood). Walter found he was fortunate to serve with many great people who well understood the importance, duty, responsibility, of due care and diligence. This was of great importance in the expenditure of public money which is a key component of what the new Council needs to focus on.

Later, Walter served 8 years on the newly amalgamated Palerang Council, the last 3 as Mayor.

The current financial situation with the QPRC is of concern and needs immediate attention. Walter will focus on increasing financial stability, reducing the inefficiencies across the Council expenditure and reducing the burden on small businesses across our region.

Rates are another area that Walter will focus on to make them fair across the board. Currently small business are paying more than their fair share and this needs to be addressed.

Walter has had more than an interest in local government for the last 30 years and he will endeavour to make our Council one that people are proud to say they belong to, which is not what we have at the moment.



### MAY KOWALSKI

May grew up in Tasmania, then moved to Melbourne, Queensland then back to Tasmania. When her year 12 was completed, May spent a year in Canada where her love of community really started to become apparent.

Working at the Hobart casino as a croupier and also in after school care until her mid 20's, May decided she needed to do more with her life and moved to Sydney to study science. Also completing a bachelor of medicine at the University of New England in 2016.

Having completed her internship and Residency at the Nepean Hospital in Western Sydney, May decided to become a locum and travel. Now working at Calvary John James Hospital in a contract Doctor role that has been very rewarding and flexible enough that she has been able to work part time after the birth of her Son. Working at nights so she can spend the days with her Son.

May has lived in the Queanbeyan Palerang area for the last 6 years, with the last 4 of those on her small property in Mulloon with her partner, son, 2 dogs, 2 cats and part time with her 9 year old and 11 year old step children.

Passionate about community engagement and policies that work, May decided to run for this Election with the aim of bringing clarity and honesty for every household in the area.



### TODD MCKITTRICK

Todd was born in Sydney and relocated to Canberra as a baby. His father was a firefighter who transferred to Canberra where he remained until his retirement. Always drawn to the rural lifestyle, Todd finally relocated to Lake George in 2016 with his wife, stepson and his youngest daughter. Now living the quiet life on his property.

In his early 20's, Todd started his own business in the transport industry. He is the founder and Director of McKittrick Bulk Haulage, a fuel transport company. As a small business owner, with many years' experience, Todd brings a wealth of knowledge to the group and will always fight for the rights of the small businesses.

Todd's belief is that small business fuels the nation. Without small business innovation ceases, unemployment skyrockets and so do taxes and rates. Todd wants to see greater council support to businesses, reduced rigidity and red tape, rather than decision making at the personal discretion of the member. Todd stands for Accountability, Transparency and a refocus of Councils direction back to providing the core services to the rate paying community without the bureaucracy.

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## Candidate Profiles - Group F Small Business and Households Rachel Macdonald Group ~ continued



### SAMANTHA KEW

A busy mum of 2 from Braidwood, Sam has successfully owned and operated 2 bricks and mortar businesses within the QPRC area. The original owner and founder of the Concept Café in Braidwood which opened in 2013 and sold in 2015. In 2019, just before the fires hit the State, Sam and her husband saw a gap in the market and opened a welding and fabrication business. This grew fast and Sam and her husband now employ 3 full time staff, 1 casual staff member and many subcontractors. In 2013 Sam graduated with an Accountancy Degree and now also runs a bookkeeping and logo design business as well as helping with her family beef cattle property. Following in her grandfather's footsteps who was a councillor for many years, Sam made the decision to run on the small business and household group ticket. With a strong passion for livestock and small businesses Sam sees a need for Council to help support our small business in all industries. Advocating for reducing the red tape placed on small business operations within the QPRC region and campaigning for small business to be incentivised to open and operate in the Braidwood area in order to increase employment opportunities available to our young locals looking at what to do after leaving school. Sam will hold the Council accountable for the appropriate use of ratepayer funds, the processes they have in place and the efficiency of all works completed in the QPRC area.



### JOANNE LAWRENCE

Joanne was born in Wollongong and moved to Captains Flat 27 years ago. A strong community member, Joanne was actively involved in the Captains Flat preschool as well as the Primary school. Having managed the mail run around the village for many years, most will recognise Jo's happy smile as she delivers mail to the residents. With a commitment to due process and fairness, Joanne stands for this election with a focus on Transparency and Accountability within the Council for all ratepayers. In her many discussions with locals in her day to day business, the recurrent theme is that community doesn't get enough information from the Council on the condition of roads and when they will be repaired, why are our rates going up but the services being reduced and how will the Council reduce red tape for people trying to start a new business. Joanne is passionate about making change and that is exactly what needs to happen with this election.

## Candidate Profiles - Group G The Greens



### KATRINA WILLIS (Crestwood)

As a Greens councillor since December 2021, I've worked to deliver our election commitments including to protect nature and conserve local heritage, to improve Council's climate action, and to deliver an affordable housing strategy. I've worked constructively with other councillors to improve council's transparency and accountability, and to address its financial challenges. I have regularly visited the towns and villages outside Queanbeyan, including Braidwood, Araluen, Bungendore and Captains Flat, to understand the interests and concerns of residents in the smaller communities and to advocate for them. I am seeking a second term to build on our achievements: to cut greenhouse emissions faster, invest in sustainable transport, improve resource recovery, extend cat containment and secure a better financial deal for local councils and communities. Queanbeyan has been my home since I moved to work as a journalist in the Australian Parliament 30 years ago. After leaving journalism, I joined The Greens, having seen the senators at work and later, was an adviser to Christine Milne, Bob Brown and Kerry Nettle. I also worked in the Australian Public Service including 12 years implementing the Murray-Darling Basin Plan, one of Australia's most ambitious environmental reforms. I value living close to nature, the character of our country towns, villages and rural districts, and the strong sense of community within them. On Council, I am working to strengthen these attributes of the places we call home. With your support on 14 September, I can continue The Greens' work for a more sustainable and caring community in Queanbeyan-Palerang.

### JAMES ANSELL (Karabar)

I moved to Queanbeyan in 2021 after living in Canberra for a decade. I am standing for election to QPRC to be part of an engaged and progressive Council that supports the community living in our region. I grew up in the Northern Territory and studied science at the Australian National University. I work for a non-profit health organisation advocating for improved consumer rights. I previously worked as a casual employee at the ANU and even flew hot air balloons. I'm an active union member, run a sole-trader business and am studying part-time towards a Masters of Business Administration.

Local Councils have a large impact on the local community and a progressive Greens voice is needed to ensure Council is best helping people solve the issues we are all facing. On Council, I am particularly interested in increasing the amount of affordable housing available in our towns (without negatively impacting the environment we live in). I joined Council's Affordable Housing Working Group to contribute to addressing this pressing social issue. If elected, I will also work to reduce Council and community greenhouse emissions through measures such as increasing solar power and batteries, encouraging electric vehicle use, and building more bike paths.



Councils have traditionally been dominated by older people even though the decisions they make can affect young people for many years to come.

As a QPRC councillor, I can bring the perspective and interests of younger people to council decision-making.



### TONYA ROONEY (Braidwood)

I want a Council that actively supports local businesses, creative arts and child-friendly communities. As an environmental educator of adults and children, I am passionate about protecting the natural world and mindful of the challenges that climate change brings, particularly in regional Australia.

I believe there is an important place for local business and creative communities in making small towns more resilient in the face the influence of multi-national corporations and that there are things we can all do to be more climate-ready.

I support a council that consults and works closely with communities, so decisions can be made in the interests of all.

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## Candidate Profiles - Group G The Greens ~ continued



### **KATHLEEN MAHER (Bungendore)**

I live in Bungendore and my involvement in the town started as a newly widowed mum in 1982. After raising my family and working at Bungendore Wood Works Gallery, I decided to study nursing. After graduating, I worked in the Queanbeyan Emergency Department for seven years before undertaking remote area nursing in Central Australia until 2015.

I purchased a house in Bungendore in 2013, and returned in 2015 to make Bungendore my home. I have since become involved in several community groups including Save Bungendore Park Inc, Bungendore Lions, Bungendore Community Aid, Palliative Care volunteers and Rural Australia for Refugees Queanbeyan.

Over the past five years I have become increasingly disillusioned with the major parties over their policies and actions on climate change, refugees and Indigenous Australians. Two years ago, I joined The Greens to more actively address these issues.

If elected to QPRC, I will work to ensure that all council decisions take into account greenhouse gas emissions and the needs of refugees and Indigenous peoples living in our region.

I would like QPRC to maximise the State and Australian Government grants available to identify and address community needs, particularly for those experiencing financial hardship and homelessness. I would also work for greater transparency and streamlining of residential development decisions.



### **GREG BUCKMAN (Crestwood)**

Global warming is the great existential crisis of our time and I would like to see Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) do more to address it.

I have been a keen bushwalker for decades and have walked extensively in Tasmania, the Australian Alps, Blue Mountains, NSW South East and in New Zealand.

My interest in climate change is connected to my appreciation of the great outdoors: if we don't reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, our natural wonders will disappear.

Bushwalking led me to The Greens and to environmental work and activism in general. I worked for the Tasmanian Wilderness Society on its successful campaign to save the Franklin River in the early 1980s and took part in its subsequent campaign to save Tasmania's majestic forests including being arrested on a forest blockade in 1987.

After moving to Queanbeyan in 2007, I completed a PhD at the Australian National University on renewable energy support systems. I then worked for eight years on the ACT Government's nation-leading 100%-by-2020 renewable energy program.

With its community and council operations climate change action plans, QPRC has made a good start on tackling local greenhouse gas emissions but there is much more that could be done and I'd like to see the council make faster progress on this most crucial of issues.



### **SIMON WOOLRIDGE (Queanbeyan)**

I arrived in Queanbeyan with my family in 1992 to serve in the local Anglican church. In 2005, I took up an appointment as a prison chaplain, working in Goulburn Correctional Centre before being appointed as Chaplain to ACT Corrective Services when the Alexander Maconochie Centre received its first inmates in 2009.

I have always had a passion for the marginalised and disadvantaged of our community, having written a regular column informed by my experiences, but was careful not to promulgate political views while holding religious office.

Since retirement, I have become more active, joining The Greens and supporting their focus on climate action and the protection of nature, while continuing to embrace compassion for the marginalised. I want a compassionate council that puts vulnerable and marginalised people first.

## Candidate Profiles - Group H Steve Taskovski Group

### **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

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## Candidate Profiles - Group I Independent - Mareeta Grundy Group



From Left to right. Sian Rinaldi, Bec Edwards, Michael Bagley, Johnny Lange, Mareeta Grundy, Shane Ivimey, Rachel Scattergood, Billie Woods.

Group I loyalties start and finish with residents, not bureaucracy. As a first term councillor, lead candidate Mareeta Grundy, has lived that principle. Group I (for Independent), believe that political party agendas have no place in local government. Priority should be given to local issues, not imposing state and federal issues on residents who want less government interference, not more. Residents want essentials like roads and other infrastructure properly maintained, efficient planning and development including application processing, a fair go for local business and better value for money. Group I represents a council that lives within its means while having a vision of prosperity for its residents. Group I policies include an independent investigation of financial operations identifying waste and efficiency savings, essentials first (like roads, footpaths), a new fast track classification for development application processing for straightforward matters, streamlined and more effective customer service (improved user friendly website), more signature events for our towns with cost effective and targeted tourism support, and greater priority given to local business needs. Our local businesses are our community's beating heart. Group I candidates are educators, strategists, students, veterans, parents, and small business operators. Group I has the greatest number of women and the youngest candidate of all groups because we are serious about doing things differently. Group I loyalties start and finish with residents. It's that simple.

**MAREETA GRUNDY**

I've been a resident near Bungendore for almost 30 years, with extended family in Queanbeyan and Carwoola that goes back generations. I travel extensively throughout the region so you could say I'm across issues in both city and regional Queanbeyan and Palerang. More than ever, residents want to be listened to and for their wishes to be acted on. I've headed up a multimillion dollar public health campaign, worked with The Canberra Raiders, the Australian Defence Force, in coronary care and on cancer wards, with corporates, government and I've run a small business. I have experience in policy development, and managing tight budgets. My training has taught me to have an enquiring mind and seek detail when it's lacking.

I am tenacious, I do not flip flop, and I detest waste. I did not vote for the 64% rate rise nor the record breaking councillor and mayoral pay increases. Council must focus on affordable delivery and councillors need to show strong leadership in fiercely prosecuting that case on behalf of residents. This election, I have a very strong team of candidates in Group I and my aim is to transform how Council services its residents and shapes our communities in the present and for the future.

**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



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## Candidate Profiles - Ungrouped

### RICHARD GRAHAM

I'm reaching out to ask for your vote on September 14th. I am standing as a genuine Independent, and my website provides insight into who I am, my perspectives, and the initiatives I plan to champion if elected again. [www.RichardGraham.com.au](http://www.RichardGraham.com.au).

I moved to Mulloon Creek in 2004 after commencing development of Landtasia Organic Farm there in 1995. I've been a creative and financial entrepreneur at the forefront of successful enterprises with proven performance experience in leadership and governance.

As a councillor from 2008 to 2016, I was a strong advocate for responsible expenditure. I participated in transforming a precarious LGA into a financially and socially stable shire that delivered on its obligations with only CPI rate rises for 8 years. I fully supported many important Braidwood initiatives including water and sewerage, community arts including BRAG, and I championed the two Zebra safety crossings on Wallace Street against the strong opposition of RMS.

If elected, I'd champion for residents:

1. Cancelling the 3rd 18% tranche of the special rate increase, and if possible, one-third of the 2nd 18% tranche too.

2. Reduce Council debt and eliminate ongoing financial waste

3. Increase Council work on its core obligations to residents

4. Digging into why water rates here have risen triple vs the Queanbeyan rise

The old Tallaganda region is a unique community bringing together the best of strong agricultural people and creative people, who are linked by an appreciation of traditional values. I not only respect that, but it is also who I am too.



QPRC is in a risky financial situation and is using our wallets to underwrite its poor choices and decision making. Electing, below-the-line, me and others with similar commitments will help reverse and repair that wrong.

Please review my election website for fuller information about my background, the issues that need fixing, and what I pledge to achieve for you.



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