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Draft Solid Fuel Heating Policy

The policy has been developed to improve air quality and protect public health, to reduce the impact on critical habitat by reducing demand for wood, to ensure consistency in the way Council deals with solid fuel heater applications, and to promote cleaner and more sustainable solutions.

The draft policy only applies to new applications for the installation of solid fuel heaters in the urban areas of the local government area. Comments are open until 16 October.

[Read the policy and provide your feedback.](#)

Draft Cat Containment

Policy - LGA wide

This new draft policy plans to bring in cat containment requirements across the entire local government area. The policy proposes that cats born on or after 1 January 2025 will need to be contained from 1 July 2025 and that from 1 July 2026 all cats need to be contained.

Submissions can be made until 9 October.

[Have your say on the draft policy.](#)

Jerrabomberra Traffic Campaign

We are seeking the community's feedback on a number of potential traffic treatments in Jerrabomberra.

Submissions can be made until 17

September. [Have your say on the traffic campaign.](#)

Naming of Queanbeyan

Council Chambers

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

Submissions can be made until Thursday 12 September. [Have your say on the proposed name.](#)

\$9m more for Kings Highway Safety Improvements

The Queanbeyan-Palerang region of Monaro will receive \$9,040,775 in new funding to improve road safety as part of the second round of funding for regional NSW totalling \$202 million provided under the Minns Labor Government's Towards Zero Safer Roads Program.

In Monaro this latest round of funding provided under the Towards Zero Safer Roads Program will go towards:

- \$8,150,000 for shoulder widening and safety barrier installation on Kings Highway, Mulloon
- \$890,775 for intersection upgrades at Lascelles Street and Duncan Street, Kings Highway, Braidwood.

Member for Monaro, Steve Whan said "The ongoing job of making the Kings Highway safer got a boost this week with two key safety improvements funded by the NSW Labor Government announced on Thursday.

Member for Monaro, Steve Whan, said he was "very pleased to see \$8,150,000 allocated for shoulder widening and safety barrier installation on the Kings Highway near Mulloon and \$890,775 for intersection improvements in Braidwood.

"We currently have work underway on a new eastbound overtaking lane on the Kings Highway near Mulloon Creek, this further widening, and barrier installation will continue the process of improving the road.

"In Braidwood the Kings Highway intersections with Lascelles Street and Duncan Street will be improved, enhancing safety for locals and visitors.

"It is a great credit to Regional Transport and Roads Minister Jenny Aitchison that she has worked closely with me as the local member, and right across regional NSW to make sure we are delivering road safety improvements.

"This latest announcement builds on millions in additional funding delivered to Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council for local road repairs, along with projects like the \$10 million sealing of Nerriga Road and upgrades to Tarago Road.

"There is obviously a lot still to do on the Kings Highway, but it continues to be a high priority for the NSW Labor Government.

"I want to be clear though, no matter how much we spend on safety improvements and upgrades, motorists still need to drive to the conditions and reduce the sort of risky behaviour too many of us see on that road."

Round two of the Towards Zero Safer Roads Program spans three years, including the 2025/26 and 2026/27 financial years, with projects to receive the funding prioritised as needed.

For more information and the full project list for regional NSW visit

<https://towardszero.nsw.gov.au/safesystem/safe-roads>

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**Braidwood
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Unfortunately, with the magnolias beside the newsagents in full beautiful blossom, it was an almost certain sign of a frost. It happened last night. The September average is 14.2 lights frosts.

Day	Min	Max	Rain
Wed	9	17	
Thurs	6	17	
Fri	6	20	
Sat	8	17	
Sun	8	17	
Mon	10	15	
Tues	-1	19	

Grassland SDI (soil moisture deficit) 71.5mm

Total rainfall so far:

- this month 0.0mm - this year 487.2mm

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The End of an Era - Dargues Gold Mine Reaches End of Mine Life



Dargues equipment and workforce, where possible, will transition to operations in the Cobar region. Photo: Pybar Mining Services.

PYBAR Mining Services reports: "Bogger 38, up and out" was heard over the site radio for the last time at Dargues Gold Mine last week as loader, or bogger, 127 trammed out of the mine for the last time. After 16km of development, 2.5Mt of material movement and 287km of production drilling, the operational life of Dargues Gold Mine is sadly coming to an end.

PYBAR has been on site at Dargues since 2017 when it was still a construction site with only a handful of portable office buildings and the surface boxcut excavation to the face of the yet to be cut portal in place. Starting with installation of surface infrastructure, we commenced development of the decline and underground mine in May 2018, with the first ore delivered to the surface in May 2019.

PYBAR is proud to have partnered with the former and current owners of Dargues to develop and operate the mine throughout its life, and with the local community, many of whom have had their start in the mining industry at Dargues, sourcing the majority of the workforce regionally and building relationships with local suppliers and community groups.

Thank you to our client, Aurelia Metals, and to the PYBAR team members who have made us proud while upholding the PYBAR values of SAFETY, SERVICE, RESPECT + RESULTS throughout the life of Dargues Gold Mine.

As we say goodbye to Dargues, it is fitting that loader 127, the first loader into the mine in 2018, is now the last to leave. Thanks for the memories."

The last ore was hauled from the Dargues Mine on Tuesday 30 July, signalled conclusion of our mining operations on site.

The site will transition to care and maintenance, rehabilitation and closure.

Aurelia Metals said "In support of our Cobar Region strategy, equipment and our invaluable workforce where possible, will transition to operations in the Cobar region."

Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Bryan Quinn said "When I think about what our Teams achieved at Dargues, a standout for me was their consistent and unrelenting pursuit of health and safety outcomes. This culminated in the operation recording a 12-months injury free record at 30 June 2023, reducing the TRIFR at Dargues to zero for FY23.

"Our support of the Braidwood, Araluen and Majors Creek communities during our operation is also inspiring. Over A\$131 million was injected into the economies through the procurement of local goods and suppliers and prioritising local employment. And a further A\$1 million was provided for community contributions and donations, including through our highly successful Community Grants Program," Bryan said. "The teams at Dargues had an incredible run to the finish. Record mining and milling volumes were achieved in FY23, with increased production rates continuing in FY24 having a significant positive impact on the cash flow for our business. In total, since acquiring Dargues in December 2020, over 1.3Mt of ore was mined, producing over 130,000oz of gold in concentrate to 31 July 2024.

"And finally, we are pleased to confirm our combined activities at Dargues generated more than A\$11 million in royalty payments to the NSW government."

Stage 4 of Braidwood Ridge

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Ongoing incidents of violence against women prompts CWA of NSW to revisit issue during 2024 Awareness Week campaign

In the wake of the horrific reality of a spike in the deaths of Australian women this year at the hands of their intimate partners and increasing community outrage around the issue, the Country Women's Association (CWA) of NSW will use its annual Awareness Week campaign to highlight the need for ongoing action around reducing rates of gender-based violence across the state.

CWA of NSW Awareness Week will run from September 1 to 7, this year highlighting the ongoing crisis around gender-based violence – including domestic and family violence, and also including violence against women by men who are not their intimate partners.

It's the second time in five years the association has focused its attention for Awareness Week on violence against women, with domestic and family violence chosen as the theme for the 2020 campaign. However, CWA of NSW President Joy Beames said it had become clear this year that it was time to again ramp up the association's advocacy efforts aimed at reducing rates of violence.

"This is clearly an enormous issue that is not going away, and this year it seems like it's just getting worse, with hardly a week going by when we're not hearing about the senseless and brutal death of another Australian woman. As an organisation that represents more than 8000 women across NSW, we feel a responsibility to highlight this problem and the need for more resources and support that can finally turn the current direction of these terrible statistics around," Joy said.

During this year's Awareness Week, the CWA of NSW is calling for:

- Further changes to the NSW bail act to better protect victims, particularly in rural and regional areas;
- Prioritisation of sustainable funding models for frontline victim support services – and services that target potential perpetrator risk factors such as drug, alcohol and gambling issues;
- The expediting of the establishment of a real-time system to record, track, and share information on perpetrators across systems and jurisdictions; and
- Additional resources for women facing violence in rural and regional communities where isolation and lack of services can make it even harder for those looking for support and assistance.

The campaign call is in line with a motion that was unanimously endorsed by delegates at the association's annual conference in Coffs Harbour in May.

"We knew then this was an issue of the highest priority for our members, and we feel Awareness Week provides the perfect platform for broadcasting our demands for urgent change and reform," Joy said.

She said the association was also keen to involve men, particularly the partners of members and other male family and friends, to reinforce the message that everyone must contribute to shifting and changing the aspects of our society and culture that lead to these incidents of violence.

"Everyone must take action against violence when they see it, speak up on the use of violent or oppressive language or comments, understand the myths and bust them when they hear them, or when somebody or something is promoting them. When men stand with women in denouncing the current rates of violence, we all benefit, most importantly our future generations," Joy said.

For this year's campaign, the CWA of NSW is partnering with Domestic Violence NSW, the peak body for specialist domestic and family violence services in NSW, and The Men's Table, an Australian non-profit community organisation that provides opportunities for men to meet and discuss issues and challenges within their lives.

"These organisations are both working incredibly hard to bring about positive change within our communities, acknowledging gender-based violence is a complex issue that will require a whole raft of strategies and initiatives to help turn it around," Joy said.

Delia Donovan, CEO of Domestic Violence NSW, emphasised the urgent need to increase funding for victims and support services in non-metropolitan areas.

"As always, the Country Women's Association's Awareness Week reflects the most pressing concerns for regional and rural communities. Domestic violence does not discriminate but insufficient funding for regional and rural services can isolate women and children seeking pathways to safety. This is why we're calling on the NSW Government to increase baseline funding for specialist domestic and family violence services in regional, rural and remote areas by at least 50%," she said.

"The housing crisis also significantly impacts people experiencing violence. Federal and state governments have made significant commitments to building more social and affordable housing and transitional housing and it's vital that non-metro areas are prioritised in building projects."

David Pointon, from The Men's Table, said positive male peer relationships were important for addressing violence against women and children.

"The Men's Table focus is on creating safe places for men to share and be vulnerable, and to forge meaningful social connection and a sense of belonging. These are protective factors against male suicide, isolation and loneliness, as well as against violence," David said.

The CWA of NSW's almost 400 branches will be holding their own events and activities during Awareness Week in September to bring the association's urgent pleas for change to the attention of their local communities and policy-makers.

"The CWA of NSW is a vocal advocate on so many matters related to health and safety, and the current rates of violence against women pose one of the greatest threats to the lives and wellbeing of females in NSW. This is an issue we must continue to push forward on if we are to help make our communities safer for everyone, no matter their gender," Joy said.

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Residential gas phase-out for QPRC towns

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The Greens will work to phase out gas in urban dwellings if re-elected to Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) on 14 September. Cate Faehrmann, Greens Member of the NSW Legislative Council, joined Greens lead candidate for QPRC, Katrina Willis, in Queanbeyan today to announce the policy initiative that would avoid gas connections in all new dwellings and major renovations in towns.

Ms Faehrmann, the NSW Greens spokesperson for Coal and Gas, said: "The community has already shown that they're willing to play their part in reducing carbon emissions while also cutting their electricity bills, with more than 30% of NSW homes now using solar.

"With the cost of gas a key contributor to rising household energy bills and harmful to our health, much more needs to be done to help them get off gas.

"Banning gas connections in new builds in urban areas is a sensible measure that the Victorian Government has already put in place, yet the NSW Government has been unwilling to do the same.

"In the face of inaction by the NSW Government, councils are stepping up to assist residents to save on their electricity bills and reduce harmful pollution from gas.

"Local government plays a key role in ensuring communities are sustainable and resilient as we prepare for an increasingly uncertain future under climate change, and more Greens on Council are essential to achieving that," said Ms Faehrmann.

Ms Willis, a current QPRC councillor, said: "This policy initiative will help improve indoor air quality, reduce residents' energy costs and lower community-source greenhouse gas emissions which account for most of QPRC's total emissions.

"At least a dozen local councils in NSW have taken up or flagged similar measures, and Council staff confirmed in July that QPRC can take up this initiative.

"It makes sense to avoid the costs of gas infrastructure when we need to phase out gas and given that the reticulated gas supply Queanbeyan and Bungendore use will shut down in 2045.

With residential growth projected to remain strong in QPRC, phasing out gas in urban dwellings will help us reach net zero emissions sooner."



Cate Faehrmann, Greens Member of the NSW Legislative Council, joined Greens lead candidate for QPRC, Katrina Willis, in Queanbeyan today

This election commitment builds on The Greens work on QPRC including, initiating a phase-out of gas for council facilities, installing more renewable energy, and reducing Council's exposure to fossil fuel investments.

QPRC also secured unanimous backing at Local Government NSW's 2023 annual conference for a policy to remove gas from BASIX.

The NSW government is yet to act on this call.

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BCS Student wins Science Award

By John Longhurst

Braidwood Central School (BCS) Year 11 student, Mason Kelly, has been awarded the prestigious Victa Chang School Science Award for 2024. Established in 2004 in honour of pioneering cardiac surgeon, Dr Victa Chang, the Victor Chang School Science Awards celebrate gifted students, and stimulate growth in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects.

The School Science Awards foster and encourage an interest in science among secondary school students, with the goal of promoting careers in STEM as a viable and interesting career path.

The awards are targeted at government and non-government school students in Year 11 in NSW and WA.

Mason was nominated by his teachers for this award due to his aptitude and passion for science, as well as his innovative approach to engineering and mathematics in Design and Technology.

BCS Deputy Principal (Relieving) Mr Joseph Stephens congratulated Mason. Mr Stephens said "Mason's commitment to his studies and his inquisitive nature have set him apart as a truly outstanding student. This award is a testament to his dedication, and BCS is incredibly proud of his achievements. I have no doubt that Mason will continue to make significant contributions to the scientific community in the future."



Mason Kelly

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Momentum grows for BCS Mam..... AHH....Musical!



By John Longhurst

The Braidwood Bugle (BB) had the opportunity to catch up with the Director of the Braidwood Central School (BCS) 2024 Musical Mrs Elisa James (EJ) last week.

BB: Thanks for joining us Elisa. Firstly, a little bit about your background before taking up the position as Drama Teacher at BCS.

EJ: I aspired to pursue singing when I was in year 9 but was shy and inexperienced. I attended a school with a proud history of musicals but unfortunately didn't make the cut. I think my folks did an awesome thing, at this point when I felt devastated by 'missing out'. They got me involved in singing training and under private tutelage, at the local Engadine performing arts studio I skyrocketed. My quiet voice opened up and underneath the shy whispers of my audition attempts lay a big operatic Wagnerian tone. I revved up, left the school behind and found opportunities in Central Business District (CBD) Sydney at a new school, with an amateur teen opera troop and with local theatre groups. From my experience I am a big believer in crafting opportunities that are 'all in', any student in Secondary can be in the musical and we incorporate production and performance work into several parts of the drama academic curriculum too. I want to avoid people missing out and perhaps missing their opportunity to discover what lies beneath - they need their opportunity to take the stage and make a sound.

BB: Now, before we go any further, Elisa, let's cut to the chase. Why all this mystery about the title of the musical?

EJ: The musical we are performing in 2024 is 'rights restricted'. It is currently being performed, travelling around Australia as a large professional scale show and so in Australia and New Zealand the rights for this show may be applied for but only by schools who will be performing on school grounds. We are restricted by our contracting and licence agreement. The production may not be advertised by name off school grounds, neither by poster, web or newspaper. I may place banners around the school perimeter fence line and I may say to the community BCS has a 2024 musical happening in September but if they want to know the title they're going to have to look to the school boarder because my contract with Hal Leonard precludes me from naming it in marketing that is displayed offsite.

BB: Ok... Elisa.... But can you give us any clues such as where it is set or whether everyone escapes through the mountains to Switzerland to escape from the Nazis... anything to satisfy the town's curiosity.

EJ: While sounds of music can be heard emanating from our rehearsals every Thursday afternoon this show is not your old Rodgers & Hammerstein (R&H) score, it is a bustling energetic piece full of known songs. It is what we'd call a 'Juke Box Musical' - a piece comprised of songs written by a known band from a few decades ago, well known for their bell bottoms and sleeves and beloved by Muriel herself. The town is sure to love this musical. Students frequently fondly reminisce about the BCS production of 'Grease'. It is the prized show and they always ask for a show that can be their 'Grease', and in my opinion, this show has that same joy and memory. People will know the songs, they will want to sing along together in a celebration of youth and nostalgia. We will enjoy a thumping good show this September. >>> continued



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BB: Ok... I will not push it any further. Now... I understand rehearsals are well and truly underway. How many students are involved and how often do they rehearse and what is the schedule leading up to the opening night on Thursday 19th September?

EJ: We have approximately 50-60 students involved from backstage to onstage, leads to chorus, tech crew to production design. This is a very hands on production for our students. I am handing over backdrops, costumes, lighting choices, technical set up and through our periodX program we are able to do a lot of this prep. in school hours. Our actors work every Thursday after school with Ms Kennedy, Ms Howell and myself to refine dance work, stage scenes and workshop vocals. Next term we approach our performance dates running. We will have a working bee to construct the stage and finish painting and lay the tech. We will have two full day weekend rehearsals, a 'night in' where the students sleepover to rehearse, view the film version of the show and celebrate together and an 'in school' rehearsal where we will invite Primary and Infants to come view the show in the afternoon. It is a lot of work but it is invigorating and the students feel the growing excitement.

BB: Now...have we unearthed some unexpected talent along the way... any particular performances the audience should look out for?

EJ: Audrey Noye and Grace Tybell are taking the stage as our leading ladies, they both have phenomenal voices and are workshoping choreography to bring these well known songs and the powerhouse Mother, Daughter pairing to life. They've worked playfully and aggressively and are bringing beautiful nuance to their embodiment. Equally our leading men Mason Kelly and Baden Noye are wowing us as they grow in skill and confidence, it is beautiful to see the growth of students from audition through rehearsal. We are privileged to see the behind the scenes and the audience will see the strength, and dynamic characterisation as they tread the boards for the final staging.

BB: Who is responsible for sets and costumes? Any call-outs for props or costumes to the local public?

EJ: The development of these is through periodX, where students selected to support the development of production elements and designs. The sets and costumes will be finalised at the working bee. We received funding from both Bendigo Bank and the BCS Parents and Citizens (P&C) to support funding the acquisition of items, paint and presentation of marketing materials (keep an eye out for banners on the fence line and t-shirts to be worn by all cast and crew in term 3 - where we can't display posters we can adorn our cast in celebratory show wear). Both local opportunity shops are assisting with keeping special items aside, the word is out there, although only verbally about which show we are doing and we are very fortunate to have the women in both shops working to support this show through acquiring the appropriate decade based wear. There will be more thank yous to come too, we are so fortunate to live in a community who actively support so many endeavours and it makes productions possible.

Ticket sales can be secured by ringing 4842 2249 and allow us to provide you with a memorable evening bursting with our talented students."

BB: Thank you for your time today and good luck with Ma... Ma.... oops... the Musical.



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14 September 2024



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

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HOLGATE Katrina	GREENLEIGH
GARNON Darren	QUEANBEYAN
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SCHWEIKERT Mark	BUNGENDORE
BROADBENT Morgan	GOOGONG
SCHWARTZ Robert	MOUNT FAIRY
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BROWN Wayne	GREENLEIGH
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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
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BRAIDWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Responses to Braidwood Community Association's list of six priority projects

The Braidwood Community Association (BCA) wrote to lead candidate Councillors for the upcoming QPRC elections on 28 August inviting them to endorse the BCA's list of six priority projects and commit to pursuing these issues over the life of the next Council should they and/or anyone from their ticket be elected as a Councillor.

The Letter was as follows. The responses received are on following pages.

Proforma letter

Dear [First Name]

I am writing to you again because the Braidwood Community Association (BCA), as with the previous Council elections, has been engaging with our local community to determine what are our priority issues and projects for Braidwood and district which we want the new Council to pursue.

The results of the survey are attached and represent the views of approaching 9% of the potential voters in our district, with the top 6 issues and projects we want on the new Council to progress being:

1) Better maintenance of rural roads – including fully meeting the maintenance schedule for unsealed roads and better communication of the grading schedule.

2) Long-term strategic plan for Braidwood – eg locations of future housing and industrial development, rezoning, possible bypass/ring road, social housing, commitment to heritage protection and beautification, tourism development etc.

3) Securing Braidwood's water supply – QPRC is undertaking a review of water security for Braidwood, which may consider additional source / storage options.

4) Harmonisation of water and sewerage charges across QPRC. Overall Braidwood charges are significantly higher than those charged in Queanbeyan. In 2024-25 they will be \$676 higher.

5) Environmental enhancement – eg. more tree planting for shade within town and along roads, protection of significant trees, management of creeks to improve public access, and encourage birdwatching and platypus viewing.

6) Community Transport – Council to investigate ways to provide or facilitate community transport for medical appointments and outings as done by other LGAs. I would like to invite the [Group] to endorse this list and commit to pursuing these issues over the life of the next Council, should any other members of your group be elected as a Councillor. We will be publicising your response through the local media, social media, and our email list.

Please be aware that the BCA as a non-partisan organisation will not be endorsing any particular candidate or group.

Your group will also have an opportunity make a statement supporting these community issues at the forthcoming 'meet the candidates' meeting in Braidwood on 5 September at the Braidwood Servicemen's Club at 6.30pm to which you have been invited.

I look forward to your written response by midnight on Monday 2 September please, so we can disseminate your response before the meeting on 5 September.

Thanks in anticipation.

Kind Regards

Sue Murray

President, Braidwood Community Association

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Group A, WINCHESTER Independents

Thank you to the BCA for the hard work you do for the greater Braidwood community. Group A is proud to provide the brief responses below to the priority areas. With your support, Bill Waterhouse, our number 2 candidate, can become the first ever Braidwood and villages-based Councillor. We need people like Bill elected to Council who can strongly advocate on behalf of Braidwood and region. All Group A candidates look forward to continuing the strong relationship between Council and the BCA into the future.

1. Council has recently funded a third grading crew to help ensure our rural roads are maintained to a higher standard, to ensure the grading schedule is met and to better respond to weather events as required. We have also secured significant funding (\$13 million) from the Federal Government to spend on our rural road network. We have secured \$4.5 million from Steve Whan MP to finish the sealing of Nerriga Road.

2. The Braidwood Structure Plan has been a priority of the current Council, and the draft plan will be exhibited in December. We have worked with the BCA, BAVBC and the community when developing the draft plan. As we all know, Braidwood has its own unique planning issues which we will work together to address.

3. Water security is a vitally important issues for Braidwood and its future. As we know, the Shoalhaven had all but run dry just before the 2019 fires – since then the weather has turned and the Bombay Bridge has gone under over a dozen times. We will continue to work with the greater Braidwood community, and our State and Federal MPs to investigate storage options and the funding of these.

4. Harmonisation of water and sewer charges is on the agenda and will be addressed by the next Council. One of the benefits of the merger (and I am not saying there haven't been negatives) is the ability for Council to harmonise charges across the entire electorate, and to better 'share the load' as it were across the entire LGA.

5. We are very happy to work with the Community and progress projects that enhance the natural environment and have a strong track record of doing this throughout the last term of Council. We definitely need to progress projects to increase shade in town – Council has an Urban Forest and Cooling Strategy and we need to ensure it is implemented.

6. This is something I have worked to address but is not an easy fix – the BCA have been leading the charge to address the current transport issues, and we will continue to work together on this.

Kenrick Winchester, WINCHESTER Independents

Group B, SUSTAINABLE AUSTRALIA PARTY

Thank you for the opportunity to endorse the priority projects as outlined in the results of your recent survey, including the 'top 6' relating to better maintenance of roads; long-term strategic planning; securing Braidwood's water supply; harmonisation of water, sewerage and waste charges across QPRC; environmental enhancement; and community transport.

I will seek to deliver tangible results in all these areas while addressing the significant funding challenges currently facing the council and in a way that balances competing priorities across the QPRC Local Government Area.

I acknowledge there are justified concerns that the council may be 'Queanbeyan focussed' and I will diligently consider recent and ongoing projects that ensures equity and fairness for all communities across the LGA. All projects must be affordable, environmentally responsible and deliver results.

The Sustainable Australia Party is the only political party to put our environment first – and therefore our health, economy and quality of life. We are an independent community movement with a science and evidence-based policy platform. Not left. Not right. It is time to serve the interests of our communities by stopping overdevelopment and corruption.

I support the direction of the projects outlined and will work constructively with the new council to deliver responsible and equitable allocation of resources.

James Holgate, Sustainable Australia Party

Group C, LIBERAL

I am pleased to endorse the top issues identified in the BCA's survey and commit to fighting for each in the next term of Council. This will continue my record of successfully arguing for better roads maintenance, particularly in rural and regional towns and villages and my record of arguing for a better deal for Braidwood's residents, environment and future.

Ross Macdonald, Councillor, Liberals

Group D, LABOR

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the six key issues raised in the survey. Our response is below:

1. Over the last term of council, the Labor team advocated for and secured funding for an additional grading crew for the LGA. Doing so affirms our commitment to meeting the maintenance schedule for unsealed roads and we will continue our commitment to funding this crew during the next term of council. Labor councillors supported moves to clarify existing reporting requirements for both councillors and ratepayers about the roads maintenance schedule including reporting on what was achieved in the previous reporting period and what is planned for the future. We believe this demonstrates our commitment to keeping the community informed about this core council responsibility.

2. The Braidwood community has consistently shown their commitment to Braidwood and surrounding areas including for sustainable development and the support for tourism and business in the region. The Labor team is committed to matching the community's commitment to the whole range of strategic planning issues that impact the region. We have consistently championed heritage protection, and affordable and social housing in Braidwood and look forward to continuing this commitment towards a long-term strategic vision for the area.

3. A secure and reliable water supply is another core part of council business and the Labor team will continue to support efforts to achieve secure and reliable supply for Braidwood. We note that there have been several attempts to improve water security in the township, including an audit of non-chargeable water use from infrastructure defects and initial planning regarding the raising of the weir on the Shoalhaven River. Labor will continue to support measures to ensure water supply to the region.

4. The Labor team will support council staff in their endeavours to harmonise the water and sewerage strategy across the LGA. The intent to have an LGA-wide Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy is overdue and Labor will continue to support and advocate for this as a priority during the next term of council. >>>> cont'



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Group D, LABOR

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We note that the path to harmonisation has included an unwelcome cost increase in Braidwood and reviewing fees and charges across the LGA will be an important piece of the IWCMS work.

5. The Labor team has specifically committed to a plan to beautify and enhance the treescape within the village. This includes developing and supporting a tree planting plan for Wallace Street. We note that an enhanced canopy has environmental and liveability benefits for the region and the Labor team is committed to supporting a cleaner, greener, and healthier LGA.

6. The Labor team is committed to support schemes that will encourage and facilitate community transport schemes in Braidwood and will commission staff to investigate schemes run in other similar areas. During the next term of council the Labor team will monitor council expenditure to recognise any opportunities there may be to improve transport infrastructure in the region while acknowledging that this is a particular challenge for our more remote communities where the provision of services incurs larger investment. We will work with council staff and the community to seek State and Federal government funding that may become available to support community transportation initiatives.
John Preston, for The QPRC Labor Team

Group E, HICKS Independents

Thanks for conducting the survey, knowing what people want is half the battle. Can I say, that these issues will be getting my full support should I be elected. Braidwood has missed out for far too long, and needs certainty about where we are going. I will look forward to working with local and community groups to establish what needs we have, and to get input on how to achieve the results. Rest assured I will be looking to push these issues over the next Council term.

Scott Hart #2, HICKS Independents

Group F, MACDONALD Independents

1. Better maintenance of rural roads
Yes. Our roads are the links people rely on for life. The schedule needs to be communicated so residents can see and manage their own schedule around this if possible. Transparency and accountability through clear communication is a large part of our platform. Some of the roads in our area are not safe for cars let alone in an emergency trying to get an ambulance to someone in need.

2. Long-term strategic plan for Braidwood
Yes, we are committed to the long-term strategic plan for Braidwood. For too long Braidwood has been the easy target for budget savings. With a local voice, Braidwood and our district will get the input we need. With Council putting pressure on Small Business owners, making it harder and potentially too expensive to run a business from home, there needs to be alternatives to their mandates such as rezoning and the ability to purchase / lease industrial land for development. Braidwood's heritage and tourism will also be high on our agenda within Council as this is part of the heart of Braidwood and should be taken seriously.

3. Securing Braidwood's water supply.
Yes. We all felt the impact of the 2019/2020 drought where water needed to be brought to Braidwood to maintain basic living standards. We will work with relevant experts to find the right solution to secure water for the future.

4. Harmonisation of water and sewerage charges across QPRC.
Yes. With the current water access charges increasing in Braidwood by 15.6% and Queanbeyan by 4.5% this is where fairness across all rates needs to focus, and we are committed to that. Queanbeyan need to spend in excess of \$110M on the required upgrade to the sewer management system which has been an issue for several terms of the Council and is now an urgent matter. Harmonisation across all rates and categories is required.

5. Environmental enhancement
Yes. It is well researched that tree planting in towns help to mitigate the climate impact of rising temperatures as well as the other significant benefits to the environment. Some of these local significant trees have Indigenous Cultural significance as well that needs to be recognised. These activities don't necessarily need Council funding, with a budget that is currently stretched beyond means, however they do need council support, with grants and approvals. Our aim is to remove any roadblocks for these environmental works to make it an easier and shorter process.

6. Community Transport
Yes. With an aging population in our township, we know first-hand how difficult it is getting our elders to appointments. Some of the federal government providers don't service this area and our council needs to fight hard for this to change. There are several other Council's in NSW who do help facilitate transport and community care that we will work with to find a solution. This is one area we are extremely passionate about.
Rachael MacDonald, MACDONALD Independents

Group G, THE GREENS

1. Better maintenance of rural roads
The Greens supported the 2024/25 budget allocation to fund a third council road crew to improve local road maintenance. A road grading schedule is available on Council's website. We would welcome any suggestions that the BCA has for improving public communication about road grading activity.

2. Long-term strategic plan for Braidwood

The Greens support the timely delivery of the Braidwood Structure Plan. We supported the 24/25 Operational Plan that provides staff resources to complete this work. We secured a commitment from QPRC Executive staff at the 28 August 24 council meeting to commence community feedback on the draft plan after the Christmas-New Year holiday break.

3. Securing Braidwood's water supply
Water security is a priority matter to accommodate new residents and businesses especially given climate change projections for the NSW south-east region. We worked to secure the publication of the NSW Public Works report on water security for Braidwood that QPRC commissioned after water could not be pumped from the Shoalhaven River in late 2019. Publication of this report gave this issue a focus and profile it seemed to be lacking until that point.

4. Harmonisation of water and sewerage charges across QPRC.
These charges remain different because Palerang and Queanbeyan are covered by separate Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) strategies. The Greens did attempt in June 2024 to reduce the 24/25 percentage increase in the Palerang charge on the basis that the works for which the charge was increased substantially have not proceeded, as QPRC, the NSW and ACT governments are exploring the possibility of building a potable water pipeline from Queanbeyan to Bungendore.

Harmonisation could occur by replacing two IWCM strategies with one LGA-wide strategy, as the NSW Government seems to prefer for merged councils. However, the full cost and pricing impacts need to be explored with the community before council makes any decision. For example, if the two IWCM strategies were merged into a single strategy, how would this affect cross-subsidy between towns for a potable water pipeline from Queanbeyan to Bungendore (which is proposed) and the temporary higher charge for users of the Queanbeyan Sewerage Treatment plant to help finance the plant replacement. In addition, there is the unknown cost of improving water security for Braidwood.

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The Greens don't support imposing 'dividends' on the water and sewer funds, as the previous council approved, as this in effect an extra charge to users for essential services. The current Council has not imposed dividends. 5.Environmental enhancement The Greens supported QPRC's Urban Forest and Cooling Strategy adopted in early 2022 and the formation of the Braidwood Common s355 committee to strengthen management of this community asset. We also endorsed Council's first policy and plan to better manage native roadside vegetation. Funds for environmental improvements are meagre and we would like to see funding increased. Grant funding and volunteer involvement can supplement council funds but should not be a substitute for core funding to better care for the local environment.

6.Community Transport

The Greens agree that community transport is a missing component of our public transport system. It is of particular concern to elderly residents, people living with a disability and other residents unable to get themselves to medical appointments using private arrangements or limited public services. A good community transport service could also support more social activities. For example, if council is able to finance an indoor pool for Bungendore, community transport could make such a facility accessible for Braidwood residents during winter. The challenge will be sourcing funding. We note that Eurobodalla Shire Council operates a service that appears to rely on volunteer drivers. It would be better for the NSW government to fund services to improve access given that transport is an important service for regional and rural towns particularly those with limited medical services.

Katrina Willis, Councillor, The Greens

Group H, TASKOVSKI Independents

We appreciate the Braidwood Community Association's comprehensive survey and the clear articulation of the community's priorities. The six issues and projects outlined are indeed crucial for the future development and well-being of Braidwood and its surrounding areas. I am pleased to confirm that the TASKOVSKI Independent Group fully endorses these priorities and commits to advocating for them throughout the next Council term. Any questions please let me know.

Steve Taskovski, TASKOVSKI Independent Group

Group I, GRUNDY Independents.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comment on the recent BCA survey.

Firstly, I commend the BCA for conducting such a survey in the interest of the community. Such findings are vital in helping to forge QPRC related decision making so that it is relevant to the needs and aspirations of the community. Group I, Grundy Independents, are very pleased to endorse this list and commit to pursuing these issues over the life of the next Council if elected. As lead candidate of Group I, and having engaged extensively with members of the local Braidwood community during my time as a Councillor, I can say that these issues are consistent with what the community tells me are the priority local issues.

- 1.Better maintenance of rural roads
 - 2.Long-term strategic plan for Braidwood
 - 3.Securing Braidwood's water supply
 - 4.Harmonisation of water and sewerage charges across QPRC
 - 5.Environmental enhancement
 - 6.Community Transport
- Sealed and unsealed roads have been a particular priority for me as a councillor. I have consistently followed up on behalf of residents, and have firmly maintained that all residents deserve safe, accessible roads to and from home, school and work.

The Long-term Strategic Plan, and a secure water supply are essential to provide coordinated planning and targeted development to give business and residents certainty and make for a well-connected, well-functioning community.

The recent harmonisation of water and sewerage charges, I believe, did not represent fairness for Braidwood residents. It was a shame that the related rescission motion proposed by Cr Macdonald, and cosigned by myself, was deemed unacceptable to take to Council.

Enhancing environmental aspects is integral in complementing Braidwood's innate aesthetic appeal while providing obvious practical advantages.

Community transport, must be in the mix as our population ages and if our residents are to remain independent, engaged and well.

Cr Mareeta Grundy, Councillor, GRUNDY Independents

Independent Candidate, RICHARD GRAHAM

Thank you for the opportunity to receive the survey results setting out the top 6 issues and projects the BCA want the new Council to deal with, and seeking out my position on them.

Firstly, let me say the context of my running for council is to rollback Council's excessive 64% rate rise and councillor pay rises, stop vanity and pork barrel spending. I aim is get the Council on a sustainable economic footing that can keep all its core obligations to residents. The cost to do that must be within the means of residents to pay given all their other costs of life's necessities and pleasures.

That said, I have in the past, and I continue to support now the top survey items of: 1. Better Maintenance of Rural Roads, and 3. Securing Braidwood's Water Supply.

Regarding item 2, Long-term strategic Plan for Braidwood, this too I support, but I separated it from the others as I read the point as saying 'Council, tell us how we are going to be'. Of course, the local government council is the designated authority for such plans, but I do not support a top-down dictate from Queanbeyan onto Braidwood. The genesis of such a plan should be from the people of the community.

Regarding item 4, Harmonising Water and Sewage Charges Across QPRC I advise, Be Careful What You Wish For! I've recently become aware of the huge disparity between Queanbeyan and Braidwood charges which is not acceptable in my opinion, but I'm not deep enough into the detail to yet understand why that is. Regarding my warning, presently Queanbeyan and the old Palerang water and sewage infrastructure is treated for accounting purposes separately. Old Palerang pays for its systems, while Queanbeyan (region) pays for its. Queanbeyan is just about to embark on an estimated \$110 million new waste treatment project. Given the Council's track record of cost overruns, we should expect that to come in over \$150 million. The way things are now, that entire debt will be contained within the Queanbeyan (region) usage area. The risk of Braidwood promoting rate harmonization, would be if the seemingly innumerate councillors were returned, they could vote to economically merge the two systems, and instead of getting a lower rate in Braidwood, they could go much higher as you would then be paying for that new Queanbeyan system.

My personal track record of ecological stewardship through my work at Landtasia, projects with Landcare, and my membership in Mulloon Institute and involvement in the Mulloon Rehydration Project, would indicate that I would be supportive of Item 5, Environmental Enhancement.

For the reasons I stated in my opening to this reply, I don't support item 6, Council's involvement in public transportation. That is better performed by a private operator.

In conclusion, my campaign is about rolling back excessive rate hikes, cutting wasteful spending, and ensuring Council operates within a budget that reflects the financial realities of its residents. I'm not running to promise new projects, but to deliver essential services responsibly and affordably.

Richard Graham, Candidate for QPRC Council



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

A recent column on whether mathematics was an invention, or a discovery drew more email responses than almost any other. I shouldn't have been surprised. The readership of this splendid publication is clearly highly intelligent and of a questing mind.

Those who favoured one or the other split fairly evenly, and after subsequent discussion I find myself more in the 'invention' camp. After all, Pi was unquestionably an invention of Archimedes and it's only an approximation anyway.

It's a human tool. Creatures with much bigger brains than ours – the Sperm whale, for example – have no need of such tools so didn't bother inventing them. The 'discovery' folk are probably guilty of the same homocentric outlook that science has been battling since Galileo dared report the findings of his telescope.

This was a great relief since, as mentioned in the original Gadfly, the question had kept me awake at nights when I should be saving my energy for the daily editing of my next book out in 2025, the hidden story of the co-founder of our National Capital, Charles Weston.

Trouble is, there's another question that leapt in to take its place. It too has fierce proponents on both sides and is even more consequential for our daily lives: Is there really such a thing as 'free will'?

Science is doubtful. Experiments have shown that our brains decide on a course of action some four seconds before we are aware of it. But that's not the whole story. Far from it.

For example: in retrospect, everything that happened in the past was inevitable. This is obvious because all the factors aligned to make it happen. So, how can there be 'free will' when we are all simply responding to what went before? And if we're merely the puppets of yesterday how then can we be blamed for our actions?

It's true that as a society we lay down firm guidelines we call 'the law' to direct our behaviour and hopefully that should be sufficient to keep the place in reasonable running order. But look around. There is a crisis of domestic violence. Massive cartels are making billions trading worldwide in banned substances. And they're corrupting the folk appointed to deter them.

There are wars raging in Africa, the Middle East and the fringe of Europe where it seems only a matter of time before that terrifying American invention, the atomic bomb makes its second entry, stage right.

In fact, war has become such a part of our existence that we've even made laws designed to apply to the utter lawlessness of this mutual murder! And every night on TV the news shows children being bombed, yet we don't rise up as one and demand it cease!

Even if we don't blast ourselves to pieces, our homeland, this beautiful blue planet, is becoming unliveable. And we have no one to blame but ourselves. The guidelines, it seems, were insufficient to discourage the greed, the selfishness and the self-reliance required.

Instead, we preferred to listen to the fables of a shaman-cum-priesthood that promised the same old cure-all to our fear of death. And no matter how extravagant their temples – from the looted pyramids to the empty cathedrals, the blue mosques to the golden buddhas – they stand as sad monuments to our fatal credulity.

It is hard to believe that on a bare canvas, we would opt for the horrors that confront us. Are they really a product of our 'free will'?

Over to you.

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A Beer with Bazz #163

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"There is no point hiding behind your schooner, Bazza. Come on... name one thing Albo has actually done since being elected that has made our lives better. I mean he is a good bloke and I am sure he could yarn away in the pub all afternoon."

Mick paused for a sip of his schooner and Bazza motioned to speak.

"Now Bazza... you're a good bloke but you would be a lousy prime minister. You would be backing every fringe or alternate idea whilst tip toeing around the hard decisions so you don't offend all your soft lefty mates. Come on... name one thing he has done."

Bazza rubbed his chin and clicked his tongue.

"Well...Mick, I guess the stage three tax cuts count."

Mick spluttered his beer.

"Stage three tax cuts... are you joking, Bazza? The stage three tax cuts was not a signature reform. Giving people back money the government has taken from them, only to be swallowed up by cost of living increases anyway, does not excite anyone for long. No one remembers tax cuts. People remember big policy ideas like Medicare, the gun laws, superannuation and the NDIS because they change lives."

Mick chuckled.

"Bazza... who would of thought all that feel good popularity after the last election would amount to nought reform? I think Tim Walz, the Democrat's Vice President nomination for the upcoming US election nailed it when he said 'You don't win elections to bank political capital-you win elections to burn capital and improve lives'."

Bazza screwed his eyes, took another sip and leaned in.

"We really should be talking about the finals in the footy, Mick."

Mick scoffed out loud.

"Nah... you do not get off that lightly, Bazza. I reckon this term of government is a bit like a kid's birthday party gone wrong."

Bazza's eyes darted around the bar and he gritted his teeth.

"You see, Bazza... election night was like the start of the party. All the kids are happy scoffing lollies and sipping the red cordial. Everything is set for a fun afternoon and the birthday boy, Albo, could not be happier. The once hostile migrant neighbours are even willing to join the fun."

Bazza shifted on his bar stool and his hand cradled his forehead.

"So it is all going well, Bazza... until an uninvited guest and neighbourhood bully turns up at the celebration, criticises some of the games and promises a better party on his birthday. Well... the birthday boy is keen to stay popular and makes changes to his party in accordance with the suggestions and even promises a much better one next year."

Bazza glowered.

"Ok...ok...enough Mick."

Mick's face beamed.

'Ahhh...almost there Bazza. Anyhow, the party guests are bored with this turn of events and agree with the uninvited guest that it would be fun to swap the piñata for the birthday boy. The uninvited guest is happy to hand out baseball bats instead of sticks.'

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Wind

When I first became custodian of this patch of earth, I proudly showed friends and family around the property. The tour usually finished at the top of the hill to take in the view of sunset over Mt Palerang. At this stop everyone proclaimed. "You should build up here". But they had only visited this one day, or several days over years. Their day it was pleasant, you could see for miles and there was no wind. The top of the hill seemed ideal.

All Winds Here

On our hill it feels like the wind is almost a constant, coming from all directions throughout the year. The SE brings refreshing afternoon breezes in Summer, something I am mindful of and will take advantage in the future. The SW brings the hail and cold from the snowy mountains and very occasionally we get NE breezes.

The prevailing wind is from the NW most of the year and climaxes in August with the kinds of winds we have been experiencing this past week. Sometimes earlier and occasionally later, some years it lasts for months. The NW wind gets so strong at this time of year it can remove anything that's not strapped down.

Big Winds Dash High Hope

Some years back, a neighbour was clearing the top of his hill. A real estate agent had sold him the dream to build his house up there. I scoffed and recommended against it, sighting the wind as the issue. He stated that he had endured the wind and it wasn't that big of a deal. It was his first year and it was only May.

By the time August arrived, his caravan was removed from the top of his hill by the wind. He departed shortly afterwards, being replaced several times by owners attempting the same feat.

August provides a tree tipping kind of wind. A wind to snap limbs off big trees. If the limbs don't snap, the trees may fall over. Rooted in rock being their only hope. I notice that properties that have been recently cleared with a forestry mulcher have had trees snapped or tipped over in the past week more than neighbouring properties.

Clearing scrub reduces friction across the land by removing surfaces that could have slowed the wind. Consequently, trees that have stood happily for decades as part of a Woodland Ecosystem are now laying down in a bare paddock. If you do live in a paddock, I'm sure you are attempting to make it more like a woodland, to reduce the wind.

Good Things

The wind is doing a wonderful job assisting the gums to provide themselves with valuable woody mulch. Dropping limbs assists the trees by creating habitat for microbes and fungi in the mulch to deliver nutrient. The snapped limbs provide habitat for birds, insects and possums as the decay forms hollows in trees of varying shapes and sizes.

I like to take a walk in the wind, to survey garden spaces and the spaces immediately outside the garden. It is surprising to note where the wind actually blows, as opposed to where I thought it might blow.

There is a spot on the NW side of the garden that is not very affected by the wind even though it is close to the most exposed part. The slope, the little ridge, the big gums, the tall Kunzea. 20m either side is bashed by the wind, but this little spot is not, so I plant Citrus there. It's not the cold that troubles Citrus, it's the wind they don't like. Bonus, this spot has excellent first sun in winter. While I'm walking around, I'm also turning fallen branches on contour. This has a profound effect on the sloping land. This little trick holds back water and nutrient and slows its travel downhill sharing the bounty as it flows. Sometimes the branches fall on contour by themselves so I'm increasing the odds, because keeping the roots of established trees wet and nourished is critical to the ongoing strength of your Ecosystem.

This week

I've been visiting with readers and noted that my garden isn't early compared to others, it's about the same pace. Spring is very early this year, about 4 weeks by my measure. If you are not experiencing spring at your place, I'm really feeling for you.

Blossoms, Leaves & Tucker

Apricots have produced flowers for the first time, so has the Nectarine. They are early to be sure. The wind isn't causing them too much grief, neither did the light frost. I plan to plant mid and late season varieties as soon as I have space, to ensure I get a crop every year.

Pomegranate is putting on leaf as I'm seeing in other local gardens.

Mulberries are forming on the trees. Trident Maples are in leaf ahead of the Japanese Maples. The Chanticleer Ornamental Pear is right on time flowering when the Manchurian has finished, adding to the Spring feels in my garden.

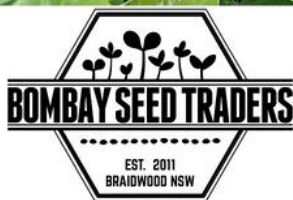
The Broccoli planted in May is still providing tucker. The Broccoli planted in June has produced some to eat, though the plant is a little smaller because of the cold snap at the start of Winter. Hardenbergia has been blooming outside the garden for weeks, giving the bush a spring feel. The Rhubarb is popping out of the ground, Strawberries are flowering. Raspberries and Blackberries are sprouting.

Bugs and Stuff

My Venus Fly Traps are flowering, so I need to keep cutting them off. They use a lot of energy to produce average flowers and that's not why I keep them. If you leave them to flower, the next year can be pretty lacklustre for all but the most established plants. The traps will come in very handy as the flies and mossies start to appear.

Mossie wrigglers evident. Blow flies have arrived. Dragonflies are patrolling for mossies. Tadpoles of many sizes are visible. Butterflies are arriving to feast on blossoms. And the Wisteria is starting to flower. It's all happening here. Happy Calendar Spring.

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Yana Djamaga Ganji/Walk Good Fire Film Awarded at Far South Film Festival

Yana Djamaga Ganji/Walk Good Fire by Directors Clancy Walker and Adam Nye filmed at Monga and Broulee picked up the Diversity Award (\$500 + 1 year regional membership of Screenworks) at the 5th Annual Far South Film Festival in Merimbula on August 17th. Clancy and Adam's film features the cultural burning work of Walbunja Rangers, was produced by Andrew White, Roslyn Carriage, Les Simon, Adam Nye.

In late 2019, Australia's South Coast burned red, hot, and black. When the ash settled, First Nations voices were the first to emerge from the deafening silence. Yana Djamaga Ganji / Walk Good Fire is an Indigenous-led film that follows the Walbunja Rangers back out onto Yuin Country, as they work with cultural fire to heal both the coast and their people.

Walking alongside Elders and youngsters across luxury resorts to crown lands, this documentary follows the resurgence of cultural burning in Australia's Southeast, addressing the ongoing mismanagement of Country and the misconceptions around cultural burning as an isolated practice.

As out-of-control fires begin to spark again across the Australian continent, this documentary offers a well-overdue look into the holistic approach of First Nations' land management practices, ultimately encouraging others to understand, and help reclaim, the healing benefits of walking good fire for all Australians.

About the Directors:

Adam Nye is a Walbunja/Yuin man passionate about returning Indigenous youth and communities to Country to simultaneously heal themselves and the land. He has over a decade of experience working directly on Country using traditional land management techniques, as well as coordinating events, programs and communities to engage more deeply with local Indigenous culture and knowledge. As co-director on Yana Djamaga Ganji, Adam brought the Walbunja community into tight collaboration with the production, provided invaluable local knowledge, and aligned the narrative with traditional storytelling.

Clancy Walker is documentary director and shooter/producer, and has worked on projects ranging from reality tv to feature film. He began his professional career with Animal Planet on the Emmy Award winning program Whale Wars, shot entirely onboard Sea Shepherd vessels in the Southern Ocean. In the years following, Clancy has worked as a shooter/producer on: Ocean Warriors (Animal Planet), which won Best Series at the Jackson Hole Wildlife Film Festival; as well as the feature documentary Chasing the Thunder (Brick City TV), which won the Impact Award at EarthXFilm Texas, among other awards.



Clancy Walker accepting the Award.

Trailer [HERE](#)

Audiences attended four screening sessions of exceptional films by regional and rural filmmakers from around Australia with Q&As with filmmakers held in the afternoon, culminating with the Awards Ceremony and a Festival Celebration. Festival Director Lis Shelley said "This Festival showcases regional films by regional film makers, not because they show some pretty countryside, or some quaint city view of what we should look like or how we should speak. Regional films come from the heart, with a genuine truth at their centre, reflecting the people who live and breathe and tell stories from their perspective. We all understand the extra challenges of living and working and filming in regions, and we hope that our festival, now in its 5th year, continues to nurture regional voices who have something to say."

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River of Art - Aboriginal dance and technology come together for Baranguba - A Tale of Noorooma

River of Art is proud to present Baranguba, a captivating performance by the Djaadjawan Dancers telling one of the stories of the First People of Noorooma. The performance will be at the Yuin Theatre, Bay Pavilions, Batemans Bay on 4-5 October 2024. Baranguba brings together the traditions of Aboriginal storytelling through dance and song with contemporary digital art, video projections and animations", said River of Art Festival Chair Leanne Joyce.

Baranguba is a unique fusion of modern technology and traditional practices, conveying a story of resilience, pride and strength that will touch the hearts and souls of all who attend. Performed by the Djaadjawan Dancers, accompanied by the technical artistry of creative director Scott Baker and motion graphics artist Duncan Irving, and technical team Visumotus, Baranguba is a highlight of the 2024 River of Art program. The Djaadjawan Dancers are a traditional female Aboriginal dance group from the Yuin Nation. The group includes girls, women and Elders from multiple generations from Wallaga Lake, Narooma and La Perouse in NSW. Since their formation in 2015 by Walbunja woman Sharon Mason, the Djaadjawan Dancers have earned their place as one of the most sought after Aboriginal cultural performance groups in southern Australia. "We are grateful to the Djaadjawan Dancers for sharing this story with us and for the vision of the creative team, taking this performance to a whole new level. Book your tickets online now for this River of Art festival feature", said Ms Joyce. Baranguba is presented with the support of Create NSW. The 2024 River of Art Festival, celebrating its 20th year, will be held from 27 September to 7 October. Extending from Durras to Bermagui, the Festival engages and showcases the diversity and vibrancy of the Eurobodalla's arts, artists, environment and culture through open studios, exhibitions, performances and the annual River of Art Prize.

More information and tickets to Baranguba at www.riverofart.com.au.

Learn to photograph your artwork

The Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre in Moruya is offering a Demonstration-Photographing your artwork with Sue Blackburn.

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This session is ideal for artists, or anyone looking to capture and document their artwork for a range of purposes.

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When: Saturday 7 September, 1pm – 3pm

Where: Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre, corner Vulcan and Murray Streets, Moruya

Access: Entry via Murray Street up the ramp. The sliding doors are open.

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Talent Shines this Spring at Rusten House

After a brief Winter hiatus, Rusten House Art Centre is excited to kick start Spring with the opening of two exhibitions that shine a spotlight on local talent.

Reflections in Blue marks the first solo exhibition for local artist **Melanie Lenaghan**, featuring bold new paintings that explore the theme of water. From the serene stillness of morning dew and puddles after rain to the turbulent energy of a stormy sea, Lenaghan seeks to capture the essence of water and its profound impact on our world and daily lives. An emerging contemporary artist, Lenaghan creates vibrant landscapes that echo the spirit of Impressionism while forging new paths in modern art. This year, she was awarded the 'Bendigo Pick Award' at the QPRC & Bendigo Bank Art Awards. Inspired by the works of the Masters, Lenaghan captures the beauty of nature through a striking use of bold colours and dynamic brushwork. Her artistic journey began with a fascination for the Impressionist movement's ability to convey emotion and light, which she integrates into her own practice.

Postcards from Queanbeyan will present a collection of miniature quilts lovingly stitched and crafted by members of the **Queanbeyan Quilters**. Each quilt reflects what the local region means to each artist, offering a personal and artistic exploration of community and place. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Queanbeyan Quilters Inc., which began in 1984 when a small group of enthusiastic needlewomen got together for friendship and to share sewing skills. Now boasting around 50 members with varying levels of expertise, Queanbeyan Quilters meet regularly to stitch, share ideas and skills, and enjoy an environment of mutual support and encouragement. The group's patchwork and quilting styles range from traditional to contemporary. This exhibition of quilted postcards at Rusten House is a new venture for Queanbeyan Quilters Inc. as is their participation in the upcoming Queanbeyan-Palerang Arts Trail. The exhibition features the postbox that the quilters used to submit their entry and viewers are encouraged to post a message to about their favourite quilted postcard.

Postcards from Queanbeyan

Artist: Queanbeyan Quilters

Exhibition dates:

31 August – 20 October 2024

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Melanie Lenaghan

31 August – 21 September 2024

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Reckless driver behaviour targeted across NSW – Operation RAID

NSW Police have launched Operation RAID (Remove All Impaired Drivers) in a bid to reduce the growing number of fatalities on NSW roads, following concerning road trauma trends across the state.

The high visibility state-wide road policing operation will be conducted from 12.01am tonight (Thursday 5 September 2024) to 4am on Sunday (8 September 2024) and aims to stamp out road-related trauma through a whole-of-community approach.

Operation RAID will also see an increase in officers on NSW roads targeting drink driving, drug driving and fatigue – three major contributors to the state's annual road toll. NSW Police will undertake high volume stationary and mobile random breath and drug testing in addition to speaking with motorists regarding their fatigue levels. The operation compliments existing policing strategies that target speeding, unauthorised drivers, the use of restraints and distraction offences.

During September 2023, 32 people lost their lives – one less than the September the previous year – on NSW Roads in both regional and metropolitan areas of the state. Of those 32 fatalities in 2023, 22 people died within a 14-day period.

NSW Police and Counter-terrorism Minister, the Honourable Yasmin Catley MP, said the Government supports the work of the NSW Police Force, including high-visibility operations such as RAID, to address road trauma.

"Drivers will see plenty of officers on the roads, enforcing the law and helping to ensure we all reach our destination safely," Minister Catley said.

"The message is clear – slow down, put your phone away and have a Plan B if you are consuming alcohol – otherwise, you'll meet with one of our officers who will take the appropriate action.

"Too many people have lost their lives on our roads this year. Police are doing everything they can to address the increased trauma, including operations such as RAID, but we all have a role to play in getting ourselves, our passengers and other road users home alive," she said.

Traffic and Highway Patrol Commander, Acting Assistant Commissioner David Driver, said with the weather warming up in early September, it is likely more people will be out on the roads and it is up to all road users to take responsibility. "It is concerning that during the month of September over the last two years we saw an increased number of lives lost," Acting Assistant Commissioner Driver said.

"We don't want a repeat of last September's road toll, where in a two-week period we saw almost two people die per day on NSW roads.

"Reducing the amount of trauma and fatalities on NSW roads is not the sole responsibility of police; while police will continue to be out in force stopping those who choose to risk lives, a zero-fatality goal requires ongoing whole of community action.

"So, we are launching this high-visibility road operation to remind road users that enough is enough – every community member needs to take responsibility for their behaviour. If everyone works together and thinks of others, we can prevent the significant harm that road trauma causes our community," he said.

To date, there have been 205 fatal crashes on NSW roads, resulting in 226 deaths. At this time last year there were 195 fatal crashes which had resulted in 221 deaths.

Members of the public are urged to report motorists engaged in dangerous driving to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Need for strong EPA as threatened species list grows

Australian Conservation Foundation



The addition of two lizards, a sea snake, a fish, a crayfish and 15 plants, including the Gibraltar Range waratah, to the threatened species list highlights the need for a strong, independent environment protection agency, the Australian Conservation Foundation said today.

The McCulloch anemone fish, the Conondale spiny crayfish, the Moritz leaf-tale gecko and the granite leaf-tailed gecko are among the species added.

The King Island scrub complex ecosystem was also listed as a threatened ecological community.

"Invasive weeds, feral pests and habitat destruction remain the main reasons for new additions to the list, while climate change continues to exacerbate other threats," said Paul Sinclair, ACF's Campaigns Director and acting CEO.

"Australia has a problem, with analysis by ACF finding more species were added to the national threatened species list in 2023 than in any other year since the list was established.

"Australia's creeks, forests, lizards, birds, woodlands and wetlands need nature laws with teeth and a strong, independent environment protection agency to enforce them.

"We call on the government to listen to those asking for the environment protection agency to be strengthened, rather than the mining industry, which wants the proposed body weakened.

"ACF urges the government and Senate crossbenchers to work together to negotiate amendments to the bills presently before parliament to make sure we get a strong, independent EPA that will be transparent in its decision making and accountable to the public.

"A strong, independent and well-resourced regulator is critical for Australia to move beyond the situation where vested interests influence decision making, undermining nature protection.

"Every day and every decision matters for our wildlife. Further delays to nature law reform risk more extinctions."



Anglican Parish

Changing tack

I do not wish to wade naively into the hazardous ground of identity politics. Almost daily, it seems, folk trip and heads roll on this ground. But (!) the Gospel reading set for this Sunday (Mark 7:24-37) shows us Jesus changing his tack in this very space. It's a story worth telling. Jesus has taken some time out – escaping the criticism of his own Jewish religious community and the pressure of the crowds that had been attracted to his teaching and healing work. Hoping for anonymity he goes to Tyre, a seaport in Phoenicia, a place where Jews are a threatened minority. But his reputation preceded him and he is approached by a Gentile (not Jewish) woman, of "Syro-Phoenician origin" seeking healing for her daughter. Jesus tries to bat her away: "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." Jesus understood his work to be among his own people, the children of Israel. There is no getting around his dismissal of outsiders as "dogs" – this is offensive. Is Jesus deliberately provoking a reaction here? Perhaps. The woman smartly, respectfully, retorts: "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Outwitted, Jesus concedes the point: her words, her demand to be included has been heard. When she returns home she will find her daughter is healed.

This is a pivotal moment in the Gospel of Mark – the sharp lines of identity, Jewish or Gentile, begin to break down. God's love breaks down all barriers. In the words of St Paul "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28). If inclusion, and unity, is the God-given vision, then we must listen to the provocations of those who we have excluded, and, like Jesus, change our tack.

Jane Foulcher, priest-at-large, Reidsdale

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Braidwood Uniting Church

Happy Fathers Day

So how would you define, a father? Mere genetics can't explain it. Some men have contributed their genes but not much else and don't deserve the name, "father". Some men are called "stepfathers" but their priorities make it clear that there are no steps in love.

My own father was rather strict with his children. As little kids, he seemed to be taller than other men; his face appeared sterner; his voice was deeper than most. But he could joke with us and laugh with us. He was patient with us but there were limits. He had enough wisdom to know when to set limits for us and when to let us work things out for ourselves. He was our hero. If any of us were sick or sad, his care for us was evident in a way that was the most certain thing in the world. A child never really knows what faithfulness might cost a parent but there remains a "knowing", embedded into my soul, that this man loved his wife and his kids. Neither I nor he would make a case for him being a perfect man. Our way wasn't always smooth, especially in my teenage years. I thought he was a tyrant and a bully who didn't understand me at all. It's amazing that the older I grew, the smarter he got. I look back now and recognize that I was lucky that my father was a good man, who wanted to be a good father. What more could any of us hope for in a father?

A large part of being a good father, is simply, being there. With all the stresses of modern life, it's no small thing when a man is committed to being present with his children to guide, play, laugh, to be exasperated and mostly, to see the best in his kids and hold them up to the highest.

"As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion..." on us. Psalm 103: 13

Irene Murtagh

St Bede's Parish

Gospel Reflection – Greg Sunter

Strangely, this week's gospel about the healing of a man who was deaf and dumb is less about healing than it is about Jesus being the Messiah. The theme is set up in the first reading when the prophet, Isaiah, describes the signs by which the coming of the Messiah will be recognised: the blind will see; the deaf will hear; the lame will leap; and the dumb will speak. When Jesus healed the man in the gospel story the crowd were admiring of what he had done. They even exclaimed, 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.' These words are a direct echo of the Isaiah text – they were recognising Jesus as fulfilling the prophecies of the promised Messiah.

However, the passage also demonstrates to us that Jesus was trying to show the people that he was not exactly the Messiah that many of them were anticipating. This healing story takes place in the region of The Decapolis – south-east of the Galilee region and populated mostly by Gentiles. By travelling in this area and working miraculous healings, Jesus is making the point that his mission is to all people, not just 'the Chosen People' of Israel. He commands the crowd who witnessed the healing to tell no one about it but, filled with the idea that Jesus was the Messiah they had been waiting for, they broadcast the news. Jesus wanted their silence because he knew that they did not fully understand the sort of Messiah that he was. Only when they understood that this Messiah must suffer and die would he have allowed them to speak of his deeds.

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What to do in the garden for September

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- Dahlia clumps left in the ground can be divided now
- Plant new perennials & pot on any cuttings
- Winter flowering Sasanqua Camellias can be pruned after flowering
- Feed Camellias, Rhodo's, Azaleas, Daphne, Pieris and Ericas with old animal manure
- Plant and repair lawns
- Still plant onion seedlings
- Tomato seedlings should not be planted yet (late frosts!!)
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50 cases of deforestation for beef in last four years: when will the big supermarkets act?

The Australian Conservation Foundation has identified 50 examples of deforestation that occurred in the last four years on properties linked to the cattle industry, but the big supermarkets – the biggest sellers of beef – have not set targets to get deforestation out of their supply chains.

In Coles' sustainability report, released today, the supermarket acknowledges 'deforestation is a contributor to climate change and biodiversity loss,' but declines to set a target to stop selling beef linked to deforestation.

Woolworths' 'net zero deforestation by 2025' target essentially means the company will attempt to compensate for the deforestation that is occurring in its beef supply chain by planting some seedlings somewhere else. This is not a target to stop deforestation.

"Australians should be able to buy mince from a Coles or Woolies and not have to worry that it is linked to the destruction of a koala's home," said ACF's Bonnie Graham.

"Coles and Woolworths are the biggest suppliers of beef to Australian consumers, yet neither of the supermarket giants has a target to get deforestation out of its supply chains.

"Coles and Woolworths' rival Aldi does have a target to eliminate deforestation from its supply chains by the end of 2025.

"Australia is an international deforestation hotspot, but that problem is being driven by a small number of operators.

"While most graziers are not engaged in broadscale bulldozing of bushland, Australians are unable to choose deforestation-free beef because the supermarkets do not differentiate.

"Koalas need mature trees to live in. Threatened species like red-tailed black cockatoos need tree hollows to nest in – these only form in trees that are decades old.

"Our food systems rely on the health of the natural world. Not acting to end deforestation has consequences for farmers, shareholders, nature and ultimately our food security.

"The big supermarkets and the beef industry can be part of the solution when it comes to ending deforestation in Australia."

ACF used satellite data and ground-truthing to identify the 50 examples of deforestation.

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

DIARY DATES

- **2024 NSW Local Government elections**
Saturday, 14 September 2024
- The 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

The Service NSW Mobile Service Centre is coming to Braidwood. They will be set up at Ryrie Park Wilson Street on Wednesday, 4 September 2024 from 8:30am - 2pm

Pre poll hours At the Old Library

- Saturday 7th 9.00am to 6.00pm
- Monday 8th 8.30 am to 5.30 pm
- Tuesday 9th 8.30 am to 5.30 pm
- 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.
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BRAIDWOOD MOTOR CLUB

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WALKING GROUP

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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.

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Annual General Meeting

2.00 pm Sunday 15th September
at The Glasshouse Community Centre, Park Lane Braidwood. all welcome
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Schools of the Braidwood District, by Jill Clarke and Brian McDonald.
Friday 6 September 5.30pm
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South Coast Monaro Rugby Union

Results – Saturday 31st August 2024 – Finals

- Jindabyne “Bushpigs” 19 defeated Braidwood “Redbacks” 14

One of the best games 2024 with both teams in an arm wrestle the entire game. A yellow card against Braidwood in the final 10 minutes gave Jindabyne the edge to win

- Bungendore “Mudhooks” 41 defeated Yass “Rams” 33
- Bungendore continued their strong finals footy with another strong performance to move them into next weeks Grand Final

Next weekend – Saturday 7th September 2024 – Grand Final

- Jindabyne “Bushpigs” v Bungendore “Mudhooks” @ Jindabyne – kick off 2.30pm

Competition table

• Jindabyne “Bushpigs”	68
• Braidwood “Redbacks”	47
• Hall “Bushrangers”	46
• Bungendore “Mudhooks”	42
• Yass “Rams”	40
• Taralga “Tigers”	34
• Crookwell “Dogs”	33
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RACING NEWS WITH THE JEMBAICUMBENE PUNTER

MORUYA RACES - Last Friday Aaron Clarke and team headed down the hill with Reward for Eric and Kenseye Charmer.
In the first race on the programme, The Dock Kingston Maiden Plate over 1000 metres, Reward for Eric ridden by Richard Bensley finished fourth. Kenseye Charmer competed in Race 5, The Fax (BM 58) over 1000 metres, ridden by Jade McKenzie Kenseye finished in sixth place.
Tom Wilson had Zaris No Water with Damon Butler on board to finish in tenth place in this race.
WARICK FARM - Team Lavis head for Warwick Farm on Wednesday 4th September with Knights Armour. Results next week's Bugle. There will be a lot of Braidwood people watching him.
ROSEHILL - Storm Boy had a great win. In the Smithfield RSL SAN Domenico Stakes over 1100 metres last Saturday. Other winners on Saturday were Promitto, Its A Knockout, Suer Norwest, Two Much Caviar, Autumn Glow and Ceolwolk.
THE GOLDEN ROSE - The Golden Rose will be run on September 28 at Rosehill Gardens. The top fancies are - Boardcasting, Storm Boy, Autumn Glow, Traffic Warden, Switzerland, Bustling, Gatsby's, Growing Empress, Daggers, Ernirate. J-Mac has confirmed that he will ride Front Page in the Kosciuszko. Tyler Schiller would have been the rider but has engagements in Caulfield on that day.
CAULFIELD - Race nine at Caulfield proved to be a thriller. Pinstriped (Street Boss) ridden by Ben Allen proved too good for the top guns Mr Brightside and Craig Williams came in second and Gentleman Roy and Mark Zara third. Pride of Jenni came in fifth.
Race ten saw another Street Boss winner in Another il ridden by Jamie Kah. Maybe there is hope for share horse Chicago King yet, her is a half brother to these good ones.
Pinstriped was purchased for \$80,000 as a weanling. His trainer is a mall time Cranbourne trainer Enver Jusufovic. Pinstriped has become the winner of 41,131,500 in eighteen career starts. As a boy he used to ride his bike to Moonee Valley to watch Roy Higgins ride. Great to see a battler in the big time league.
DARREN WEIR SAGA - Darren has to clear out his pre-training establishment by 9th September as ruled by the Victorian Racing Tribunal. He cannot reapply to return to racing until September 2026. Formal stable hands have had their suspensions reduced from 18 to 9 months and 6 to 3 months.
TAYLOR SWIFT - NFL star Travis Kielce has purchased shares in a horse named after his girl friend. The horse's name Taylor Swift.
SHARE HORSES -
INFATUATION - Punter received an email this morning she is looking fantastic and has developed into a very strong looking mare with an Excellent coat. They are very excited as to where she can go this preparation.
HAPPY CASINO - has been nominated for Ballarat on 6th September.
CHICAGO KING - Is spelling.
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BRAIDWOOD WOMENS OPEN - Sunday September 8
Volunteers needed for the Course Working Bee: Next Wednesday at 9 am

We do appreciate all those who have donated raffle items and we would gratefully welcome more please as the raffle really makes our day. Guys & gals, here are some suggestions for you - chocolates, golf things (towels, umbrellas, socks, gloves, all at Pete's!), vouchers & plants are some suggestions, and slices, cakes can be left at the club on Saturday or delivered on Sunday if that easier. The plans are falling into place for a great day on Sunday!

RESULTS-Saturday August 31 - Medley 2BBB Stableford - Michael Eisen Trophy.

Thank you Michael & we appreciate your sponsorship again. Winners: Peter Bacon & Fran McGrath 46 pts. Runners Up: Michelle Henry & Don Burke 44 pts c/b. Men's NTP 8/17: Terry Hughes.

Women's NTP 8/17: Carmen Byrne. Jackpot 12th: Not Won. Ball Comp: Keith Ferguson & Keith Oakford 44, Deb Ferguson & Barry McDonald, Michael Fitzgerald & Billy Lang 40

Birdies Men: 1 Pars Women:

Handicap Changes: Di Freeman out 1 to 37, Fran McGrath down 1 to 32, Don Burke down 1 to 37, Keith Ferguson out 1 to 23, Billy Lang out 1 to 15, Barry McDonald down 1 to 33

Golf Club Coming Events

- **September 7 Saturday** Medley 2BBB Stableford - Greg & Les Hart Trophy
- **September 8 Sunday** Braidwood Women's Open Day
- **September 14 Saturday** Men's & Women's Stroke & Monthly Medals
- **September 21 Saturday** Medley Canadian Foursomes - Lucille Farm Trophy. Shot Gun Start
Annual General Meeting (following golf)
- **September 28 Saturday** Men's Single Stableford - Spiro Agnew Trophy
Women's Single Stableford - Braidwood Food Company Trophy
- **September 29 Sunday** Men's & Women's Foursomes Championships
- **October 5 Saturday** Labour Day Weekend - Medley 3 Ball
Stabrose - Mafia Trophy
Daylight Saving Starts
- **October 12 Saturday** Men's & Women's Championships Round 1
Monthly Medal
- **October 13 Sunday** Men's & Women's Championships Round 2
- **October 19 Saturday** Committee Meeting 10.30am
Men's & Women's Championships Final Round
- **October 21 Monday** ACT Vets (hit off 9.30am)
- **October 26 Saturday** Mixed 2BBB Stableford - Peter Young & Aaron Clark Trophy
- **October 27 Sunday** Mixed Foursomes Championships
- **November 2 Saturday** Men's & Women's Stroke & Monthly Medals
- **November 3 Sunday** BRAIDWOOD MEN'S OPEN
- **November 9 Saturday** Diggers Day
- **November 10 Sunday** Medley 2BBB Multiplier - Debby & Keith Ferguson Trophy
- **November 16 Saturday** Committee Meeting 10.30am
Men's Medal of Medals Stroke - Gordon Scott Trophy
Women's Medal of Medals Stroke - Judy Scott Trophy
- **November 21 Thursday** CSGA Gala Day at Braidwood
- **November 23 Saturday** Men's Single Stableford - Kerry Noble Trophy
Women's Single Stableford - Di Freeman Trophy
Last Day for Vardon/Eclectic Scores
- **November 30 Saturday** Mixed Stableford 2BBB Aggregate - Witts End Trophy



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