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BCA Meet the Candidates Event

With Council elections taking place this week, Braidwood residents were able to hear directly from candidates at the Meet the Candidates event last Thursday Sept 5th organised by the Braidwood Community Association.

This was the final in a series of MTC events held throughout the QPRC local Govt area. According to the candidates, it was the best attended of these meetings, with about 50 people gathering at the Braidwood Servicemen's Club Hall.

The BCA conducted a survey to identify and prioritise some of the issues and projects the community wants the next Council to progress. John Tuckwell gave a brief presentation on the results of the survey, and candidates were asked to undertake to progress the top 6 priorities if elected to the next Council.

Candidates had 5 mins to present their own priorities, as well as to comment on the BCA survey results. Almost all the candidates present agreed to support these community priorities.

A Q&A session followed, with discussion covering a range of topics. These included roads funding, council's financial position, contributions to funding from State and Federal government grants, the role of political parties in local government, affordable housing, and Council support for creative arts and cultural events.

Thanks to all the Council candidates who attended the meeting, and to the BCA Committee, Rod McClure, the Club staff, and Braidwood FM radio for ensuring the success of this event. Thanks also to the residents who attended and contributed to the discussion. The next Council will be very aware of the needs and priorities of our community, and the BCA will continue to push strongly for the issues and projects identified in our survey. The BCA's AGM will be held next Tuesday 17th September at 5.30pm at the Braidwood Servicemen's Club.

Sue Murray
 BCA President



It's Bye Bye from the Bugle

A week of lasts - the current council will be replaced, the last gold ore pulled from Dargues, and the last edition of the Braidwood Bugle.

After 221 editions of the Bugle and almost 20 years publishing the news for Braidwood, I am calling time.

The Bugle was born when Braidwood had been hit so hard by the fires and the town was in a bad way as covid hit. In January 2020 my social media engagement reached 1.2 million! It was time to go to print.

I firmly believe a local newspaper is crucial in any town and I hope that the Bugle was able to help the community feel a sense of belonging.

Braidwood is changing fast and as many of you know, I haven't lived in Braidwood for several years and I find it harder to get there each week. Last year I also launched the Moruya Mail in a similar free format and it has quickly overtaken the size of the Bugle. (Feel free to subscribe if you are interested in a bit of coastal news and the regular state and federal news. – www.moruyamail.com.au)

The Braidwood Bugle would not have been possible without the support of the many businesses that advertise each week and I thank you all.

A special thanks also goes to all the contributors who have met the deadline each and every week or month – which is no small task.

Thanks you also to all the subscribers and those that have 'Bought Me A Coffee' with lovely messages of encouragement.

Thanks to Cheryl Raper who gave me the job at the Tallaganda Times all those decades ago, soon after I had arrived in town! As she said at the time, the paper is just the community talking to itself. I have kept to that mantra through various community controversies, brickbats and bouquets and tried to maintain a reflection of Braidwood's diverse community.

The Bugle will still exist on social media for the 12,500 followers, but that space is so crowded, it will not be so regular.

Good luck with the new Council – vote wisely.
 Thanks for reading.

Alex

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September average maximum temperature is 16.6 deg.

Day	Min	Max	Rain
Wed	-2	20	
Thurs	8	20	
Fri	8	24	
Sat	12	20	1.0
Sun	4	18	
Mon	6	21	
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LONDON, NEW YORK, BRAIDWOOD! HOW CAN I RESIST YOU?



Audrey Noye and Oliver Gurling take a break during dress rehearsal.



A Sneek peek from the dress rehearsal

By John Longhurst

It is the third longest running West End musical of all time, it received rave reviews and standing ovations on Broadway and it is about to hit the stage at Braidwood Central School (BCS).

The Braidwood Bugle was invited to a full dress rehearsal of the musical yesterday evening and can report it is a knee slapping, singalong journey through the decades back to more innocent times.

It is set in the time before the internet and mobile phone, a time where communications were more often than not conducted by snail mail.

BCS Drama Teacher and Musical Director, Mrs Elisa James, uses this change of pace from the outset, to journey the audience through an enchanting and uplifting rom com, all set on a mythical Greek island. The dialogue is sharp, laced with innuendo and layers of irony but it is the singing which wowed this reviewer.

The BCS cast does justice to some of the most famous pop songs ever written to the point of almost tempting the audience to sing along.

It is a totally uncynical, consistently compelling and feel good tale of love conquering all. In fact, this production is perfect for anyone who says they do not like theatre or who 'doesn't do musicals'.

With a high percentage of repeat audience members among the 32 million people who have seen it in 190 cities worldwide speaks volumes for its popularity.

Year 9 student, Natalie Clifton, has a lead role.

Natalie said "I have made new friends through the rehearsals and it has taught me to be adaptable to new challenges. It has certainly improved my confidence."

Student, Oliver Gurling, rates the experience as the highlight of Year 11.

Oliver said "It has really improved my organisational skills. I never imagined I would ever do something like this and now I am really enjoying the buzz as we get closer to opening night."

Year 8 and Year 9 students, Riley Long and Henry Campbell are part of the all important backstage crew.

Henry said "We are working on the lighting and audio. It is great to learn new skills and be part of a team. Opening night should be fantastic and it is all coming together at the right time."

BCS Principal, Ms Nerida Mosely, thanked the community for its support to date.

Ms Mosely said "We announced the intention to perform this musical towards the end of last year. We conducted auditions and up to sixty students have been spending most Thursdays rehearsing. Working bees have been co-ordinated to build props and modify the stage. It has been a tremendous school and community effort. Tickets are still available for the 21st and 22nd September by phoning 4842 2249 so come along and lets us transform you to our Greek island here at BCS."

*<https://www.theguardian.com/stage/theatreblog/2009/apr/07/mamma-mia-abba-musical#:~:text=Well%20quite%20apart%20from%20having,doesn't%20do%20musicals%22>

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Braidwood Update from QPRC

Jembaicumbene bridges replacement

Council has awarded the contract to replace three aging timber bridges to HD Civil. The single-lane bridges cross Jembaicumbene Creek on a 146m stretch of Araluen Road and are all in a degrading condition. The new bridges will be two-lane concrete crossings, upgrading the function and flood resilience of the crossing. This project is funded by \$5.1 million under the NSW Government's Fixing Country Bridges program.

Arts Trail 2024

Mark your calendars because the Arts Trail is almost here! Join us over three packed weekends in October to support our local creatives. The Trail starts in Braidwood on 5 and 6 October and moves on to Bungendore on 12 and 13 October before ending in Queanbeyan on 19 and 20 October. Learn more at www.queanbeyanpalerang.com.au/visit/arts-trail

Draft Cat Containment Policy

We are seeking feedback on a revised cat containment policy that will require all cats in Queanbeyan-Palerang to be contained to their properties from July 2026. Council first adopted a Cat Containment Policy in 2021 which applied to specific cat containment areas. This revised policy is proposed to apply to all cats in Queanbeyan-Palerang. The revised Cat Containment Policy has two stages. All cats born on or after 1 January 2025 will need to be contained from 1 January 2025. All cats, of any age, must be kept within your property from 1 July 2026. Cats in the existing cat containment areas including South Jerrabomberra, Elmslea Grove, Jumping Creek, parts of Googong and other new greenfield developments are already required to be contained. This revised policy asks owners of cats to follow similar rules to dog owners by keeping them under effective control when outside their property. This could include being exercised on lead or transported in a crate. Have your say until 9 October 2024 at yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au/draft-cat-containment-policy-lga-wide

Draft Solid Fuel Heater Policy

We are also seeking feedback on our Draft Solid Fuel Heater Policy. Wood-burning heaters are a major contributor to air pollution in NSW and the smoke they produce can seriously affect your health and lead to premature death. This draft policy only applies to new applications for the installation of solid fuel heaters in the urban areas of the Queanbeyan-Palerang local government area. It does not apply to existing heaters which have been installed with Council approval. It is instead for all new applications for solid fuel heaters in the urban areas of the local government area. The policy does not apply to rural areas of the LGA, existing heaters that have been installed with Council approval, or the replacement of existing approved wood heaters. The policy does not require the removal of existing wood heaters in buildings. Have your say on the draft policy until 16 October 2024 at yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au/draft-solid-fuel-heater-policy

Diwali Mela Lantern Festival coming back to Queanbeyan – apply to be a stallholder

We are again partnering with the Queanbeyan Multicultural Centre to hold the Queanbeyan Diwali Mela Lantern Festival in Waniassa Park, Queanbeyan from 6-10pm on Saturday 26 October. We are seeking applications from food vendors and stallholders to join us. Apply until 30 September at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Events/Diwali-Mela-Lantern-Festival.

Extended Library hours for students studying for exams

One day a week, we are opening our libraries late to provide a place for students to study. Students can visit the Braidwood Library on Tuesday, the Bungendore Library on Wednesdays, and the Queanbeyan Library on Thursdays until 8pm. The extended hours end on 8 November, when the HSC exam period finishes.

Transport infrastructure assessment

We have engaged Talis Consultants to provide a comprehensive assessment of our transport infrastructure, including roads, bridges, footpaths, carparks, and drainage. Over the next couple of months, you might see cars on the road and bikes on footpaths with lasers and cameras travelling around the whole local government area, recording the condition of this infrastructure. We have an extensive transport network of nearly 1000km of sealed roads, more than 730km of unsealed roads, more than 300km of pathways, 172 vehicular bridges and 8 pedestrian bridges. The network requires regular assessment and revaluation every 4 to 5 years, so we can prepare proactive long-term plans. This project is critical to improving Council's road management and will be used to help set Council's 2025-26 and future budgets.

Heritage Grants

QPRC's Local Heritage Places Grants open next week! We're proud to offer our Local Heritage Places Grants again this year with the support of the NSW Heritage Office. These grants help residents complete works to preserve their heritage buildings and applications are open from 13 August until Friday 27 October. Make sure to read the grant guidelines and apply at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/grants. For more information or to answer specific questions you can get in touch with our Land-Use Planning Team on (02) 6285 6276 or email landuseadmin@qprc.nsw.gov.au

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Telstra upgrading 4G experience at Rossi and Harolds Cross

Telstra will be upgrading its satellite small cell mobile facility at Rossi and Harolds Cross to bring better 4G services to the area, however the works will require a series of temporary outages or reduction in mobile coverage.

At ROSSI - These improvements will temporarily impact Telstra mobile coverage for up to 8 hours during the day on Friday 13 September and Saturday 14 September 2024.

If all goes according to plan and weather permitting, residents should be noticing an improvement in Telstra mobile services by 14 September 2024.

AT HAROLDS CROSS - Telstra will be upgrading its satellite small cell mobile facility at Harolds Cross to bring better 4G services to the area, however the works will require a series of temporary outages or reduction in mobile coverage.

These improvements will temporarily impact Telstra mobile coverage for up to 8 hours during the day on Tuesday 24 September and Wednesday 25 September 2024.

If all goes according to plan and weather permitting, residents should be noticing an improvement in Telstra mobile services by 25 September 2024.

Telstra mobile customers will receive text messages advising of the upcoming work.

Landline services, NBN internet services and mobile coverage from other providers will not be impacted. Any calls to Triple Zero from a Telstra mobile when the site is off air will automatically be diverted to any working mobile network for connection to emergency services. Regional General Manager for Telstra, Chris Taylor, said while our crews need to work during daylight for safety, we'll only be switching off the site when we need to and have it back on as quickly as possible.

"There's never a good time to undertake this sort of work but once it is completed, it will mean better mobile services for local residents," Mr Taylor said.

"As a company, we heavily invest in improving regional connectivity and this site is another example of our commitment. Over the past seven years to the end of FY23, Telstra invested \$11 billion in our mobile network nationally, with \$4 billion of this invested in our regional mobile network."

Tips for improving connectivity while works are underway

For mobile coverage in the interim, if residents have access to a Wi-Fi signal at home or at work, Telstra encourages residents to activate Wi-Fi calling. This is a free setting on most popular mobile phones and allows your mobile to use a Wi-Fi network to make and receive mobile calls. To find out more they can google Telstra Wi-Fi calling or just search in your settings icon on your phone.

We know many businesses use the Telstra network for their EFTPOS terminals. However, Telstra does not operate the EFTPOS network; it is operated by financial institutions. Many EFTPOS terminals can also be connected using fixed line or Wi-Fi/NBN internet connections. Retailers should contact their bank for more information and details on how to switch between these methods to ensure continuous service.

Hold Fast Distillery in the Medals


Exciting News from Hold Fast Distillery – "We've Won Big at the Australian Gin Awards! We are beyond thrilled to share the incredible results from this year's Australian Gin Awards! Our dedication to crafting premium spirits has been recognised with FOUR amazing medals, and we couldn't be prouder of our team and supporters.

Here's what we brought home:

- Gold Medal (Classic Dry Gin): Dog Watch Gin – Our bold and flavourful gin took home the top honours!
- Silver Medal (State winner - Traditional Gin Liqueur): Sloe Gin – A rich and balanced classic that's earned its place as a favourite.
- Silver Medal (Overproof Gin): Man of War - Navy Strength Gin – A tribute to those with an adventurous spirit, now with award-winning status.
- Bronze Medal (Contemporary Style Gin): Sea Breeze Gin – Our coastal-inspired gin made waves at the awards.

We want to thank our incredible team for their hard work and passion in crafting these spirits, and of course, a big thank you to our loyal supporters who believe in what we do.

Celebrate with us by visiting our cellar door or shopping online to try these award-winning spirits for yourself! "


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Commonwood Farm Inc. (CWF) Annual General Meeting

Commonwood Farm Inc. (CWF) is holding its Annual General Meeting at 2.00pm on Sunday 15th September at The Glasshouse Community Centre in Park Lane (opposite the QPRC library).

CWF is a community association whose mission, much like a Landcare group, is caring for the Braidwood Common. However, CWF differs from a conventional Landcare group because we have a key focus on sustainably producing food to support our local community, while also protecting and enhancing the Common's environmental values.

Our goal is to:

- Promote and engage in small-scale ecological agriculture and contribute food and other products to the local community.
- Provide a community space for recreation and educational activities.
- Build community engagement through events such as field days, working bees, planting days and community picnics.
- Increase public awareness around land management issues and ecological farming.
- Support the productive environmental regeneration of the community land known as The Braidwood Common.

The Braidwood Common is a special piece of community land beside Bombay Rd., right on the edge of Braidwood. It is a diverse and interesting landscape, where the community can work together to devise and conduct projects that support environmental outcomes and community sustainability, resilience, health and well-being.

CWF's activities are all about caring for the land, feeding our community, building social connections, supporting learning and skills development, and providing opportunities to enhance people's enjoyment of the natural assets in our town and support the wild creatures that live in them.



There are many ways you can help at CWF that don't necessarily involve physical labour in the paddock if that's not your thing. We welcome ideas and input from anyone who is interested in helping Braidwood to be strong and sustainable in an uncertain future. There are committee roles available and we welcome energy and enthusiasm. Please join us on Sunday afternoon to learn more, share ideas, and join Commonwood Farm for some genuine grassroots action.

Annie Duke, CWF Secretary
commonwoodfarm@gmail.com

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FREE workshop for local women in business

There will be a FREE three-hour workshop for local businesswomen on Friday, 20 September at the Old Sunday School Hall.

The Business Connect workshop, Building Confidence and Capability for Women in Business, will be run by Lisa LaMaitre, who recently was a guest speaker at our Women in Business evening.

At this workshop, local businesswomen can master personal and business branding, financial essentials, and build their professional network.

It's a perfect mix of learning, networking, and practical advice. Connect with other local women, find solutions tailored to women in business, and leave with tools that drive success. Empower yourself in a supportive, dynamic environment.

The workshop runs from 10am to 1pm.

You can book here
<https://mybusiness.service.nsw.gov.au/business-connect/event/29mjs2k68j?from=business-connect>

Braidwood Common News

The **Braidwood Common s355 Committee** is due for its Annual General Meeting and we extend an invitation for interested members of the Braidwood community to attend. Our AGM will be at 6.30pm on Monday 23rd September at The Glasshouse Community Centre in Park Lane (opposite the QPRC library). Come along to learn more about the Braidwood Common and how this precious natural asset is being maintained in the interests of our local community.

The Braidwood Common lies to the west of town and includes the Braidwood Community Gardens, Flood Creek footbridge, Judith Wright Gardens, the Flood Creek Nature Trail, and grazing paddocks used by the Braidwood Central School Ag Program. It contains a 1km stretch of our local creeks, with a riparian forest corridor that is habitat for many native animals. The Flood Creek Nature Trail is now open to all members of the public and provides a pleasant walk alongside the creek, with regular sightings of platypus and rakali, and numerous birds.



The Braidwood Common Section 355 Committee was formed in June 2023 to formalise Braidwood community management of our Common. Our role is to maintain continued access for our community, and to support existing activities and use by a range of collaborative local groups and organisations. Enquiries can be made to the Secretary, Annie Duke, at s355braidwoodcommon@gmail.com.

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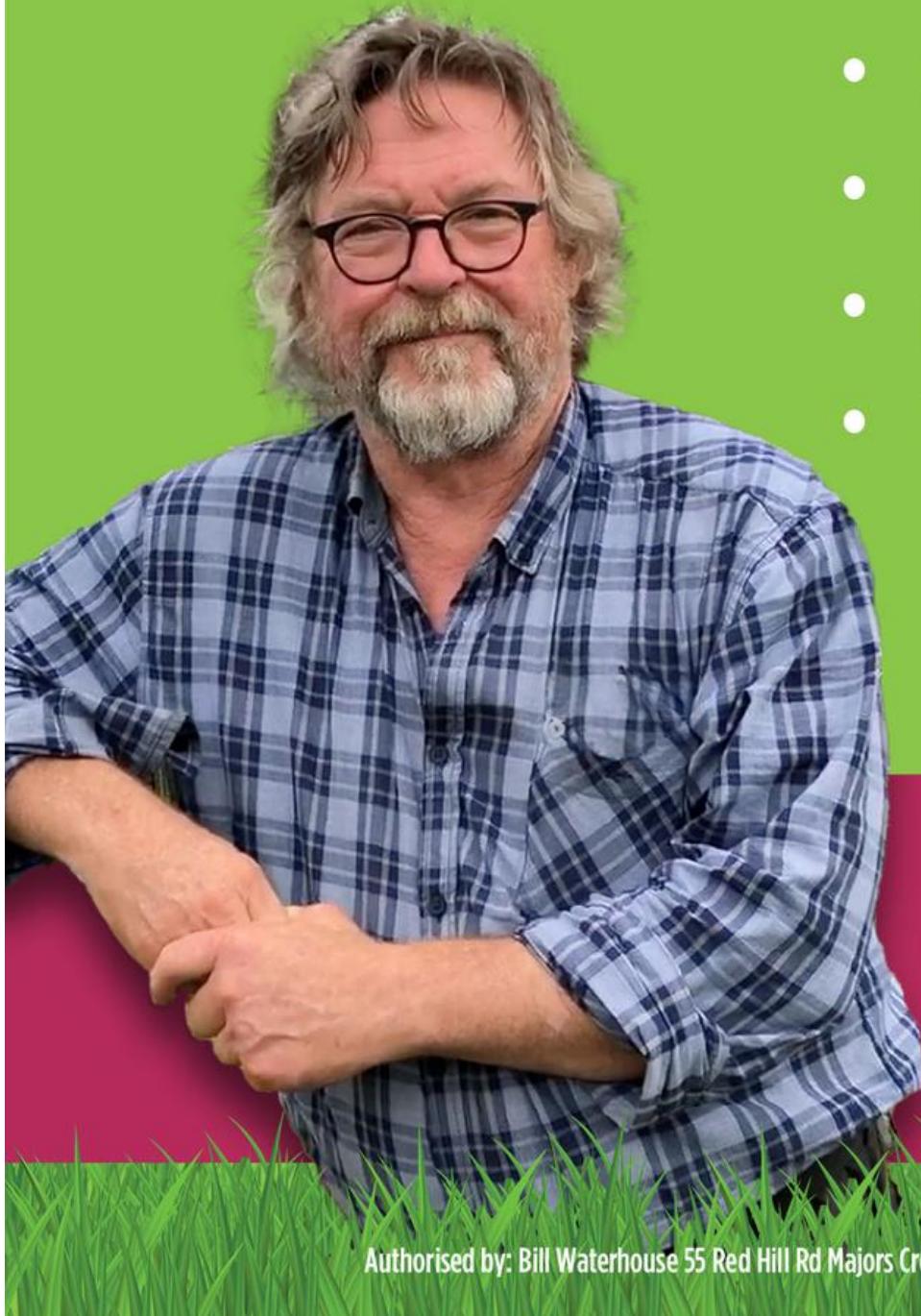
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At last - A new site confirmed for Bungendore High School



Minister of Education Prue Car MP, Bungendore High School principal Melissa Giddins. Steve Whan MP - Member for Monaro and Bungendore Public School principal Nigel Trethowan at the announcement today. Photo Supplied.

The Minns Labor Government will build the permanent Bungendore High School on a new, larger site that will accommodate a growing population and end years of delay after the Liberals' and Nationals' poor planning let this community down.

To ensure the long-awaited new high school can be delivered as quickly as possible, the Department of Education conducted due diligence work in recent months, which considered alternative site options for the school after The Land and Environment Court overturned the previous planning approval following a challenge by a local community group.

The Court's ruling in December last year was the culmination in a series of disappointments felt by local families and followed the selection of the Majara Street site by the former government. This led to ongoing challenges to the school's approval, leaving local families without the permanent school they need and deserve.

Following the Court's decision, the Department apologised for the delays caused by previous planning failures, and committed to considering alternative options. The Department's review determined that a four-hectare site on Birchfield Drive site in North Bungendore presents the most viable location for the new permanent high school.

The department has now acquired the site and has begun work on design and planning for the new school, with the aim of opening in early 2027.

The site is located in a new residential area of Bungendore which is being developed as the town expands, in line with the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council's Bungendore Structure Plan 2048.

The new site is larger than the Majara Street site, including space for a full-size playing field, and the new school will be able to accommodate predicted enrolment growth.

Bungendore High School has been operational in purpose-built temporary facilities alongside Bungendore Public School since Term 1 2023. From Term 1 next year, the school will be open to students from Years 7 to 10.

The temporary high school will also expand to include classrooms within the former Council offices at the Majara Street site while the permanent school is built. Work on the design and planning for this is underway.

Once the new school is complete, the Department will engage with the local community about future uses of the Majara Street site.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Education and Early Learning Prue Car said: "Families have been rightly frustrated by the uncertainty over when their high school would be able to be built. With the securing of a new site, we will end the uncertainty and deliver a fit-for-purpose school as quickly as possible.

"Families in this area have waited too long for this much-needed new public high school, after poor planning by the former Liberal National Government caused division in the community. "This site will ensure we are able to provide the best public education and facilities for students in Bungendore well into the future."

Member for Monaro Steve Whan said: "After years of unnecessary delays, I welcome today's announcement, as we start a new chapter on this project.

"The former government's secrecy failed to meet the community's expectations, as did overly optimistic advice from the Department.

"I'm pleased the Department has moved the location of the new Bungendore High School to a site that can be delivered as quickly as possible, and that can fit additional students to cater for the growing population.

"This has been a long and frustrating process for the entire community, and I thank you all for your patience while we finally get underway with building the new school.

"I look forward to welcoming students to the new school in 2027."

As part of the NSW Government's plan to rebuild public education, the 2024-25 Budget is delivering record education funding, including \$1.4 billion for new and upgraded schools in regional NSW.

This targeted investment will ensure growing communities get access to a world class public education.



Report of Royal Commission into Defence & Veteran Suicide

The NSW Government welcomes the report and recommendations handed down by the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide. The seven-volume Final Report contains 122 recommendations that were tabled in Federal Parliament on Monday.

The NSW Office for Veterans Affairs (OVA) is currently working on the next iteration of the NSW Government Veterans Strategy 2025-2030, due to be launched in 2025, and the important findings of the Royal Commission will help inform the strategy.

If you or someone you know requires help, the following services are available for assistance:

- Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659 467
- Open Arms: 1800 011 046
- Defence Member and Family Helpline: 1800 624 608
- Defence All-hours Support Line: 1800 628 036
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RSL welcomes Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide's Final Report. calls for immediate action.

The Returned & Services League of Australia (RSL) is urging the Australian Government to take comprehensive and sustainable action to implement the recommendations outlined in the Final Report of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide.

Tabled in Federal Parliament today (Monday), the report marks the end of the Commission's three-year inquiry and RSL Australia extends its appreciation to the Commissioners for their work and commitment to shine a light on issues that are detrimental to the health and wellbeing of veterans, current serving Australian Defence Force (ADF) members, and their families.

RSL Australia President Greg Melick said that since the Royal Commission was established in July 2021, the Commissioners had worked tirelessly to hear from hundreds of individuals who bravely shared their personal stories, as well as reading thousands of submissions about their lived experiences. "The RSL is indebted to every individual who shared their story and stands ready to play its part in bringing about meaningful change," Greg Melick said.

"The Final Report demonstrates how Australia has systematically failed those who have served and continue to serve our nation, and importantly, it provides a clear pathway to redress those failures," he said.

"The RSL calls on the Australian Government to accept the report and immediately commence the implementation process.

"The RSL is reiterating its call for the establishment of an independent National Commissioner for Defence and Veteran Wellbeing to lead the implementation of the recommendations made by the Royal Commission and to ensure there is a sustained and permanent watch on the health and wellbeing of veterans, ex-serving ADF members, and their families."

Greg Melick said over the past three years, the Returned & Services League had advocated that the implementation of recommendations can best be achieved through the establishment of an independent and enduring entity.

"It is critical that Government, Defence and the ex-service organisation sector – including the RSL, work together and act," Greg Melick said.

"We recognise that the RSL has a role to play, including to continue to collaborate with the wider ESO sector, but it is imperative that the Australian Government continues the momentum from its implementation of earlier interim recommendations by ensuring appropriate funding and resources are allocated to respond to the recommendations in the Royal Commission's final report.

"Around 147,000 RSL members in communities across Australia stand ready to help inform, support and deliver the Australian Government's response to recommendations of the final report.

"We can't ignore the experiences outlined in this report, that's why the RSL is committed to ensuring that veterans and their families remain at the heart of this critical work."



Proposed reforms to stamp out bad councillor behaviour and increase transparency in local government

Minister for Local Government

The NSW Government is proposing reforms to overhaul the broken Code of Conduct system for elected councillors, which is generating thousands of trivial complaints making it almost impossible to act swiftly and fairly on matters of genuine concern. A discussion paper released today proposes a complete rewrite and simplification of the Model Code of Conduct as well as a number of new pathways for addressing poor councillor behaviour.

At over 100 pages long the current code of conduct framework is overly complex, distracts from robust democratic debate and is being increasingly weaponised for political reasons.

There were 4,289 code of conduct complaints lodged over the last three years alone, forcing councils to divert significant time and money from providing local services to resolve these complaints. Proposed reforms would streamline the code of conduct down to 2-3 pages similar to the State Parliamentary code, and outline clear expectations of behaviour for 1,300 elected councillors. The new code of conduct system would see minor complaints about councillor misbehaviour dealt with by a councillor's peers and leave serious matters relating to conflicts of interest to be examined by the Office of Local Government.

The government is also putting forward reforms to improve transparency of council meetings to ensure decisions are being made openly and in the best interests of the community as a whole.

Key reforms outlined in the discussion paper, some of which would require changes to the Local Government Act 1993, include.

- Establishing a local government privileges committee of experienced councillors with mayoral experience to assess complaints made against councillors for misbehaviour, consistent with practices in other tiers of government (where the conduct does not meet the threshold for police or referral to another investigative body or tribunal)
- Removing private investigators from the councillor conduct process, while strengthening the investigative capability of the Office of Local Government to investigate and prosecute legitimate complaints (such as issuing penalty infringement notices where conflict of interest declarations have not been made)
- Banning private councillor briefing sessions, except in very limited circumstances
- Strengthening lobbying guidelines for local government
- Giving mayors more power to expel councillors from meetings for acts of disorder and remove their entitlement to receive a fee in the month of their indiscretion

Minister for Local Government Ron Hoenig said:

"The current councillor code of conduct system is fundamentally broken.

"It is too open to weaponisation, with tit-for-tat complaints diverting critical council resources and ratepayer money from the things that matter most to communities.

"The sheer volume of vexatious complaints being made is preventing the Office of Local Government from focussing its attention on getting crooks out of the local government sector.

"The options presented in this discussion paper put the onus back on addressing and resolving issues of councillor misbehaviour at a local level, rather than escalating complaints for the state government or private investigators to fix.

"It also puts forward options to strengthen the role of the Office of Local Government as the sector regulator, including expanded investigation powers for serious conflict of interest breaches and the ability to issue penalty infringement notices. "For far too long the system has been abused. It's time to restore public confidence in councils and ensure the dignity of this vital third tier of government is upheld."

The discussion paper is now [open for community and sector feedback](#).

Submissions close Friday, 15 November 2024.

Get funding to help preserve your heritage building

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council is proud to offer our Local Heritage Places Grants again with the support of the NSW Heritage Office. These grants support residents who are completing works to preserve their heritage buildings – whether it's minor upgrades, a fresh coat of paint, or something bigger! Last year four applicants received funding for their projects including roof replacements and exterior painting. 'This grant program allows us to support people in our community who are working hard to preserve heritage homes in our region,' said Rebecca Ryan, Council's General Manager. 'The grants work on a dollar-for-dollar model where successful applicants can receive up to 50% of the cost of eligible works.' 'Lots of different work can be eligible under this program so take the time to read the grant guidelines before beginning your next project,' she added. Applications for the 2024-25 round are open until Sunday 27 October and can be completed online. Make sure to read the grant guidelines and apply at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/grants For more information, or if you have specific questions, you can get in touch with our Land-Use Planning Team on 6285 6276 or email landuseadmin@qprc.nsw.gov.au



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Our EV Charger is now up and running!

Braidwood Evening VIEW Club September update



View Vice President Charmian thanking our guest speaker Ernie



View Program Officer Gay drawing the lucky door prize assisted by our Secretary Lois.

September has well and truly blown into Braidwood however the beautiful blooms are hanging on tight.

A lighthearted group of 13 Evening VIEW Club ladies gathered last Thursday evening at the Soldiers Club for a night of entertainment and engagement.

Our most enthusiastic and entertaining young guest speaker this month was Ernie Guinane who has recently returned from The Terry Campese Foundation's Larapinta trek in Central Australia. This trek gave Ernie a chance to put previous life experiences and skills learned into play as she stepped up into her newly appointed role as a co-mentor. Ernie spoke of life growing up in a country community and of her struggle to fit into a school system that often leaves some students wanting.

Adding "for those falling through school gaps who are fortunate enough to be selected to attend the Terry Campese Foundation treks it's unreal. Often the kids start the trips very shy and lacking belief in themselves; It certainly changes people. At the end of our 10-day adventure it was amazing to watch the self-confidence and personal development between group participants".

Ernie noted one of the most valuable aspects of her role on the trail with participants, ranging in age from 13 to 17 years, was to simply listen. "Mentors need to be good listeners" she said.

Ernie took the many questions from our group in her stride and certainly gave us a healthy insight into the value of giving young people a supportive path not necessarily always found in the school yard.

Ernie, we all wish you well with your ongoing tertiary studies and the next mentoring adventure.

Following such a motivational speaker we then needed to get business matters and reports delivered and discussed while enjoying our meal.

Of note was a Media Release received from The Smith Family highlighting this year has been difficult for all Australians due to the cost-of-living increases but has been particularly hard for those families already doing it tough. With one in six children in Australia growing up in poverty, there has never been a more important time to support a child with their education.

No child should have to miss out on the essentials for their education, and this is why VIEW is so passionate about supporting the work of The Smith Family. Its evidence-based approach helps children experiencing disadvantage to overcome the educational inequality they face. They support students for the duration of their education, and this helps them build the confidence and skills needed to create better futures for themselves.

The Braidwood Evening VIEW club acknowledged supporting children's education as a key priority for Anti-Poverty Week recognised from 13-19 October 2024 with ongoing sponsorship of a child through national children's education charity The Smith Family.

Congratulations this month goes to Jenny, our lucky door raffle winner.

Evening VIEW club provides women from all walks of life a chance to join a supportive, social and fun group. Come along, we'd love to meet you. Braidwood Evening VIEW Club meets at 6.30pm on the first Thursday of the month.

For further information, please give our President Ros Bulloch a call on 043 789 5276.

Until next month: Look out for each other.

Vicki Walcott, Publicity Officer



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Protecting Eden-Monaro in disasters:

Funding for Resilience and Preparedness

Eden-Monaro will be better prepared for and protected from future natural disasters following today's funding announcement through the Albanese Government's flagship Disaster Ready Fund (DRF). The successful projects across Eden-Monaro form part of almost \$387 million for 164 projects in Round Two of the Albanese Government's flagship Disaster Ready Fund (DRF).

These projects will significantly reduce disaster risk and build long-term resilience in the face of increasing disasters, and are jointly funded with state, territory or local governments.

Minister for Emergency Management, Jenny McAllister said the government is helping prepare and protect communities before disasters hit.

"Since 2022 half of all local government areas have experienced disaster, some of them more than once.

"We know that our climate is changing, and Australians can expect to experience more intense and more frequent natural disasters, which is why the Albanese Government is acting to prepare and protect communities from natural disasters and their impacts.

"By working with all levels of government to make significant investments in mitigation projects, we are reducing the risks and impacts Australians face during disasters. This means better outcomes for communities while reducing clean up and recovery costs.

Member for Eden-Monaro, Kristy McBain said "I'm incredibly proud the Albanese Government is significantly investing in disaster resilience and risk reduction. We know all too well the risks associated with natural disasters – we are getting on with the job of reducing future disaster impacts.

"Eden-Monaro communities will be safer thanks to our Disaster Ready Fund – the first round saw \$200 million in Commonwealth funding provided for 185 projects. These projects are now underway across the country."

Projects that include QPRC are:

CRJO Disaster Adaptation Preparedness Support Program:

Support member Councils to increase disaster resilience, adaptation, and preparedness through: Regional DAP/Local DAPs commenced Implementation of DRRF outcomes including maturity modelling DRRF integration into IP&R framework. Capacity building Working Group and alignment with state strategic frameworks Simtable workshops and training/loans 3-year Disaster Dashboard subscription Advocate investment in resilient infrastructure Total Project Cost \$1,820,587

Building systemic adaptive capacity for Illawarra/Shoalhaven and coordinate alignment of resilience initiatives across regional NSW

Our project will build disaster adaptation capacity of Councils, communities and key stakeholders through systemic embedding of hazard mitigation and resilience plans and resources which enhance current frameworks to reduce disaster exposure and vulnerability. A supporting statewide coordination model will apply learnings and increase resilience maturity across multiple regions. \$2,532,800

NSW Bush Fire Inquiry Recommendation 17 - Neighbourhood Safer Places

The provision of existing NSW Rural Fire Service Brigade stations (or suitable alternatives) as Neighbourhood Safer Places in remote communities, for community use during bush fire events. This will require establishment of Asset Protection Zones and building works to increase building resilience from a bush fire and enhance community safety. \$6,504,000

The Round Two funding announced today will support projects in every state and territory, with a full list available here:

<https://nema.gov.au/disaster-ready-fund>



Country Women Yarn Bombing

The CWA's of Braidwood and Majors Creek have been yarn bombing around the towns

You may have noticed some lovely knitting on display around the CWA rooms in Braidwood. The concept of Yarn Bombing has been used worldwide by artists and community groups to brighten parks and streets, bringing a sense of fun to public spaces. The Yarn bombing project not only beautifies the region, but it also encourages community connections and provides opportunities for tourist trails between towns and villages.

Because it's still chilly here in town we included lots of beanies in our display and you are very welcome to take one if you need a bit of extra warmth.

On a lovely sunny morning Country Women's Association ladies of Majors Creek Branch got into the spirit – "to express ourselves with cheer, colour & also bring conversation into our community."

You can read more about the project here:
<https://www.artsnsw.com.au/the-yarn-bombing-project>





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A building entitlement allows a permanent dwelling and with Northangera Creek flowing through water supply is not an issue. Adjoining Monga Nat. Park providing walking and horse riding tracks and ancient forest to discover a better place to live is hard to find. The current owner has realised after 20 odd years he won't be completing the large shed, (approx. 20x25mt, DA approved), materials to complete are on site. This is a sought after area where properties rarely become available and is expected to sell quickly. Priced to sell an early inspection is recommended.



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It's Tomato Planting Time

It's that time of year again. Yes, Spring is very early by all the indicators. Folks use to tell me it's just a 'False Spring'. Lately with all my efforts to get folks to pay attention to Mother Nature, and not rely on a calendar date, the term has hardened into a 'Fools Spring'. But I'm not fooled or discouraged. Each year we strive to reduce the striking temp of our seeds to get growing sooner. If your soil temp is 15C or above its Tomato planting time.

Earliest Yet

It's the earliest Spring in my memory. The soil temp in my garden is telling me it's time to plant Tomato seedlings. 15C+, it's never been ready in August before. And it's not just in my garden.

Reports are arriving from our growing Tribe, testing their soil temp to discover that it is indeed Tomato planting time. Some discovering they are almost ready for Pumpkins. With soil thermometer in hand, some gardeners have discovered that their garden microclimate is still in winter with soil temps of only 10C. It might be time to move those gardens.

Garden Preps

I don't have all my garden beds prepared so I'm up against it. There is never enough time in a day or enough hands. I've already planted out some Tomatoes in prepared beds, and this week the rest went into new beds. Some planted under Broccoli, some under Snowpeas and some out in the open. Traditionalists have done their best to perpetuate the lore and setting fear into novice gardeners and those new to the region. But the times they are a changing and the word is getting out. You may be thinking it's too early and where would I get a Tomato seedling at this time of year. Never fear, BST knew Spring was coming early, so our Tomato seedlings have been available at our stockists for the past few weeks and those in the know took full advantage of it. And now Greenhouse Tomatoes will start to fill shops, nurseries, and markets, so don't be caught out, look for our wooden labels.

Fear No Frost

After growing in the highlands for long enough, I'm not worried about light frosts damaging my Tomatoes. Any frost now, will only be brief. Last year the seedlings took quite a few frosts after planting them out. This year there has been minimal frost to mention, so our little treasures haven't really been tested.

If your Tomatoes seedlings are from a green house, and every offering on the commercial market is, your seedlings probably won't like the cold nights or surprise frosts, they'll need to be babied and hardened off by you, delaying planting. Our Unpredictable Highland Climate deals wild weather in most seasons, and recent years have been anything but normal. So, how do you know when it's tomato planting time?

When, When, When

It's not a calendar date, it's actually before Tomato Cup Day. This Arbitrary date is an urban approximation to remind gardeners to pay attention. What is important is the data collected against this memorable date, to see how far Spring is off. The original essence has been diluted over time. Clinging fearfully to the adage isn't helping anyone to eat Tomatoes at Christmas. The Tomato Cup Day rule is a very helpful one, if understood and applied correctly. The only true way to know when to plant Summer veggies is to monitor your soil temp, otherwise it's just guess work and luck. With our short growing seasons, it's super important to get your timing right or go hungry.

Tomato Cup Day

The person who coined the Tomato Cup Day phrase is probably turning in their grave at how their helpful idea, from over half a century ago, has ended up as misinformation. Chinese whispers shared by novices and non gardeners, in an attempt to assist each other and sound informed. Let us right the ship, stop fearing the frost and collect some data against that calendar date in our own gardens.

My interpretation of the old adage is "Make sure your Tomatoes seedlings are in the ground by Tomato Cup Day".

If the soil temp is 10C and its 10 weeks before Tomato Cup Day, what does that mean? Spring is probably coming on time.

If the soil temp is 15C and its 10 weeks before Tomato Cup Day, what does that mean? Spring is super early and so it is again this year.

Monitoring Soil Temp has guided me to plant Tomatoes between Fathers Day and the October long weekend for the past 10 years. Last year we ate Tomatoes in the first week of December, the earliest ever. This year the soil temp was ready in August for the first time. This has been the timing in many gardens I've been involved with at altitude. Plant any later and you'll likely become the local green chutney champion.

Counting The Days

Most Tomatoes take between 90-120 days to produce ripe fruit. Know your varieties, do the maths. Waiting for frost to pass is wishful thinking at best. There is likely to be a frost or two after Tomato Cup Day, as happens every other year and sometimes we get hail. Will you wait to plant, while we all eat Tomatoes? Before we are prepared to release them for sale, we lose a lot of seedlings in testing, but in the past 10 years I haven't lost many plants to the frost in my garden. Only the strong survive and we collect the seed.

I've had some slow growth, but I wasn't discouraged, I carried on, and I learnt a lot about Tomatoes by experimenting. The soil temp is far more important than air temps. The root zone is where the magic happens, if the temp is correct, it'll grow, so mulch it.

Safety First

If the almighty weatherbots forecast 3C or below overnight, I place a cardboard box over the tiny seedling to protect from what may come. It is much easier and effective to do at this time of year, than trying to protect a fully laden bush at the end of the season.

Slow grown Tomatoes (no greenhouse) will survive a whole lot better than greenhouse Tomatoes and perform better in lower Spring temperatures. Your Spring gardening life can be easier, less stressful, and more productive, sooner if you monitor one thing.

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Anglican Parish

Letting go

I have been musing on what Christ means by 'whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it' (Mark 8.27-38). All through the gospels there are myriad examples that show that Christ in his life, in his words and actions, was always guided by the Spirit (and not by dogma, the letter of the law). 'My life' can mean: my attainments, my social status, my identity as in, for me for example, I am a successful senior artist. And 'lose' can mean 'let go' or 'forget.' I feel that Christ is telling me that in order to be saved I must 'let go', not be guided by my attainments, my social status, my identity, rather let the Spirit guide me.

Two great poets from opposite sides of the planet and separated by centuries of time offer two pithy suggestions of what this sense of 'losing one's life' can mean in practice. The Japanese poet Basho (1644 – 1694) advised his young followers: 'Do not follow in the footsteps of the great, follow what they saw.' And when a young man told T. S. Elliot (1888 – 1965) that he wanted to be a Poet, T. S. Elliot responded: 'there is poetry, but there are no poets.'

John R Walker, parishioner

Join us this coming SUNDAY 15th September, 10am at St Andrew's Anglican Church, 47 Elrington St, Braidwood for a Holy Communion service, followed by a warming cuppa and chat.

This THURSDAY 12th September Crafty or Not women's gathering meet at the Parish Centre (behind the church) at 10am and Braidwood Men's Coffee meet at Casanova's café at 10.30am. All welcome.

Check Braidwood Anglican Parish Facebook page for updates and if you have any queries, or would like to be put on the Parish mailing list for our monthly newsletter, please email: admin@braidwoodanglican.org.au

Braidwood Uniting Church

The Cost of Love

Robyn and I embraced parenthood. It didn't happen easily for us but our desire to have children was strong. We were young and it felt like everyone seemed to have babies without any struggle. Why was it such a struggle for us? Perhaps I thought parenthood would bring the best out of me – turn me into a nice man. When it eventually happened, someone gave us this little package that leaked profusely from both ends. We kissed goodbye to the thought of sleep. Our little package kept his own timetable, and he was noisy happy or noisy sad but always noisy.

We were married as teenagers. I'm sure we thought we had just embarked on a journey of 60 years of bliss. We loved each other, what could possibly go wrong. My wage in those days was \$22 pw before tax and Robyn left her job to marry me. After we paid rent, there was barely enough for food so any thought of buying clothes was never entertained. My taste for study and my various career choices kept us broke. Before credit cards existed, we just did without things. After credit cards appeared, we'd buy things like school shoes and be paying for them years after they had been thrown out. I was brought up in a home that displayed love and annoyance. It was busy, at times, chaotic. There were always outsiders at our house who would arrive without notice. Robyn was raised in a quiet, ordered home where any displays of anything much were discouraged. Our love was strong and remains strong even though we were destined to be each something of a shock (on a bad day) and puzzle (on a good day) for each other.

What is love without cost? Surely a fantasy of some sort, perhaps, entertainment. Love that is convenient is highly suspicious. If love is convenient too long, someone has disappeared, and the activity is no longer between two. But the endless negotiation, endless learning, joy and sadness of real love fill the world with meaning not in a way that gives answers but in a way that makes the questions disappear. We had two kids whom we love with all our hearts. They kept us broke, but we'd shun any possibility of riches if we had to live a life without them. One of our kids died and the cost of that loss is a daily presence. Our love for each other has grown, not because I've conned this poor girl but because with eyes wide open and fully awake through the worst of trauma, love has deepened. The sadness brought reality. The real is better than the fantasy.

The text that each of the churches ponder this week is the most mind-blowing words of Jesus about embracing the cost of love. Love sets impossibly high goals and comes at unbearable cost. It's the way of the cross. Love free but expensive gives purpose and meaning a mystery not known by all religious but known by all who love. grahamlong@mac.com

St Bede's Parish

Dear Parish Family,

As most of you now know, Cathy Ffrench died suddenly last Thursday.

As the Chairperson of our Parish Council she was the leader of the Parish and was an enthusiastic participant in virtually every part of the Parish's activity. She was to be found running one of the prayer groups, organising the parish markets, selling raffle tickets, President of the St Vincent de Paul Conference and perhaps most importantly, helping prepare the children of the Parish for First Communion and Confirmation.

Above all, she was a warm, humble, good humoured friend to us all.

We know that the wider Braidwood community will miss her.

We will pray for Laurie and her family, but Cathy needs no prayers. She rests with God and with her beloved patron saint, Saint Mary McKillop.

Cathy's funeral and celebration of her life is anticipated to take place on Monday 16 September at 11.00am at St. Bede's church.

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs 31:10-31

'The woman of character, where is she to be found?

She is more precious than a jewel. She brings only good not evil, all the days of her life.

She is like a merchant ship, which brings provisions from afar.

She gets up while it is still dark and feeds her household.

She is full of energy and her arms show her strength.

She knows her work is successful and at night her light remains unextinguished.

She reaches out her hand to the helpless and gives to the poor.

She is strong and dignified and looks with confidence to the future.

She keeps an eye on her household and is never idle.

May she enjoy the fruits of her labour and may all praise her for her works'

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Braidwood Film Club Inc

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Children of the Revolution Australia 1996

Directed by Peter Duncan (his film debut) and with a host of familiar actors: Judy Davis, Sam Neill, F. Murray Abraham, Richard Roxburgh, Geoffrey Rush and Rachel Griffiths, a quirky satirical comedy.

Joan, played fervidly by Judy Davis, is a young Australian communist who goes to the Soviet Union as part of a work study program in the 1950s. There she catches the eye of Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin (F. Murray Abraham) and the two sleep together just before Stalin dies. Returning to Australia, Joan discovers she is pregnant and gives birth to Stalin's love child, whom she names Joe. Her son (who does not know who his father is) has a troubled upbringing, rebelling against both his mother's left wing politics and Australian society in general. By the time Joe understands exactly who he is, Australia has been brought to the brink of civil war! The film zips through five decades and numerous characters inventing a new history full of paradox, comedy and unruly ethics.



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Bryan Dawe as The Hon Sir MURRAY

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Political satirist, writer, performer and visual artist, Bryan Dawe has enjoyed a long career on radio, television, film and the speakers' circuit. With fellow satirist, the late John Clarke, he worked for twenty-six years in one of the longest running national segments on Australian television: ABC TV's 'Clarke & Dawe', as well as performing his satirical character Sir MURRAY RIVERS QC (retired). The accompanying photograph shows Sir Murray in a characteristically relaxed pose...

Circle Music Publishing & Production is pleased to announce that political satirist, writer, performer and visual artist, Bryan Dawe will be at The National Theatre on Friday 11th October at 7.00PM performing his satirical character The Hon Sir MURRAY RIVERS QC (retired).

Bryan has enjoyed a long career on radio, television, film and the speakers' circuit. His twenty-six years with fellow satirist, the late John Clarke, in one of the longest running national segments on Australian television: the ABC's 'Clarke & Dawe', is the stuff of legend.

You may recall his Roly Parks' 'Letter from Kalangadoo' performances and you would have seen him as a main cast member of the highly acclaimed ABC television series 'The Games'. He has also appeared in various films including the hit Australian film, 'The Castle'.

As a visual artist Bryan has held several exhibitions of his art in Australia and in Tangier, Morocco, where he has resided several times, the last stay being almost three years.

His last exhibition 'Alchemy' was held in Tangier in March 2024, following which he led a 15 day art tour of Morocco, giving three talks/performances in Tangier, Fez and the High Atlas mountains. Bryan returned to Australia in July to prepare a new Australian exhibition and to give a number of performances: with his character, Sir MURRAY RIVERS QC and as the narrator of 'Road to Tangier'.





Kahli McLeod

Coming up in the October QPRC Arts Trail

Kahli McLeod from Wheelbarrow Road Art is a Braidwood based artist who works predominately in watercolour/gouache or acrylic.

Kahli's latest exhibition is in collaboration with Queanbeyan-Palerang Council as part of the 2024 Arts Trail.

This October long weekend Kahli's artwork will be available to view and purchase at Braidwood Library. Throughout the weekend there will be live painting and Kahli will be happy to have a chat.

The principal theme in Kahli's work is Australian wildlife and rural themes. This exhibition features iconic Australian birds including Kookaburras, magpies, gang gangs and many more. Kahli is self-taught and began her artistic journey in 2017 and has sold paintings locally, nationally and overseas all while balancing that with motherhood.

If you would like to follow Kahli's art journey and be kept up to date with artwork available you can follow her on social media @wheelbarrow.road.art and purchase art at www.wheelbarrowroadart.com

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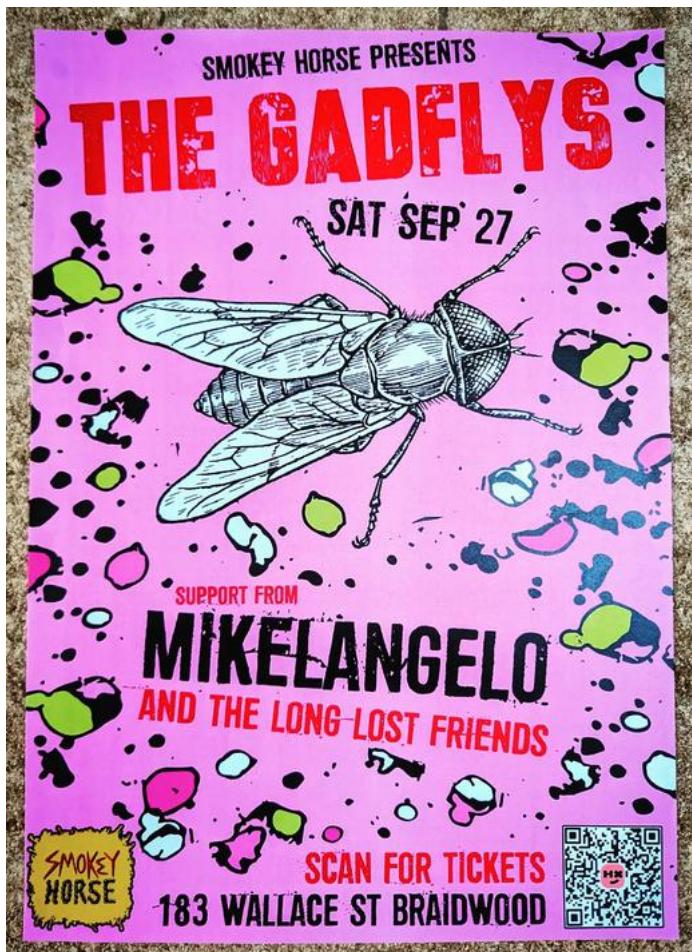
27th September at Smokey Horse

1980s Canberra, 'a dysfunctional, socialist utopia.' Politicians, public sculpture and no culture. Home to the gadflys, a group who emerged amidst the unlikely yet burgeoning canberra punk scene, they soon transcended the strictures of punk and '80s synth pop to develop a unique style. opting to play acoustic instruments – classical guitar, clarinet and double bass – their sound became less abrasive and more melodic though they still retained the urgency and energy of punk.

Founding members Phil and Mick Moriarty's dad played clarinet in a band called Clean Living Clive's Good Time Palace Orchestra. He had a record of Benny Goodman performing "Sing Sing Sing" at Carnegie Hall, with Gene Krupa's drums pounding away like a runaway freight train, a big influence on the boys. The brothers developed an enthusiasm for the tambourine rhythms and melodic thrills of '60s Motown. They both admired the straight-shooting singing styles of Iggy Pop and Shane McGowan. Mick coined the term Mongrel Jazz to describe the blend of blues, klezmer, skiffle and cool jazz, underpinned by righteously rootsy grooves, which formed the Gadflys sound over four albums two EPs.

After 15 years of constant touring and gigging, the Gadflys' fortunes were boosted courtesy of a three-year stint on Paul McDermott's satirical TV panel show Good News Week. Playing original tunes live to camera, they soon won over a legion of new fans. The GNW gig showcased the instrumental verve of musicians at the top of their game. The band also backed well-known artists Neil Finn, Steve Harley, Glen Tilbrook, Diesel and Yothu Yindi.

The Gadflys will be performing two sets at Smokey Horse, with support from local legends Mikelangelo and the Long Lost Friends.



SPECIAL ALBUM LAUNCH PERFORMANCE 'IT'LL BE ALRIGHT'

From Australian folk supergroup The Good Behaviours



Australian folk supergroup The Good Behaviours are gearing up for a very special performance as part of the Braidwood Concert Series on Thursday September 26th, 2024. This intimate show is part of their East Coast tour celebrating the release of their second album, *It'll Be Alright*, which drops on September 13th. The Good Behaviours are a contemporary folk group comprised of five of Australia's most virtuosic instrumentalists led by Nick Henderson, who in 2020 traded jazz double bass for old-time banjo.

The Braidwood performance will feature tracks from *It'll Be Alright*, showcasing the band's evolution and the deep emotional connections they've cultivated through a year of touring; performing at shows and folk festivals across Australia. The album's compositions, ranging from the energetic acoustic headbanger "The Gamut" to the heart-rending "Thanks," promises a night of music both powerful and poignant. In this new work, Henderson draws on his old-time and bluegrass influences and incorporates elements of Nordic folk, post-rock, and contemporary classical music.

Joining Henderson on stage will be Chris Stone (violin) and Holly Downes (double bass) of the chamber-folk trio The String Contingent. Their melodic and improvisational expertise bring vibrancy to the sonic texture. Emily-Rose Sarkova (accordion), a dynamic force in the Australian music scene with accolades in both world and jazz genres, will provide the harmonic glue, while Felix Lalanne's guitar work will infuse each piece with deep harmonic insight and emotional depth.

Audiences will be awed by the cinematic soundscapes that transform the traditional world of the banjo. As Henderson puts it, "Melody and emotion will always come first. While the band is highly virtuosic, the goal is always to connect without speaking." Don't miss this unique opportunity to experience The Good Behaviours live in the beautiful setting with soup and a light supper served for a donation.

EVENT DETAILS:

Date: Thursday 26th September 2024

Time: 6pm - 7:30pm

Venue: Braidwood Uniting Church

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State's pest problem explodes

Funding to fight off biosecurity threats must continue to be a top priority, **NSW Farmers warns**, as a new report exposes the true cost of the state's ballooning pests and weeds problem. The Invasive Species Management Review released by the NSW Government this week found the cost of invasive species in NSW skyrocketed to \$1.9 billion in the 2022-23 financial year.

NSW Farmers Conservation and Resource Management Committee Member Bronwyn Petrie said as the state's pests and weeds continued to explode, a coordinated and concerted effort to ramp up biosecurity had never been more critical.

"There's no doubt we have a problem; pigs the size of footy players are running rampant across the state, weeds are spreading like wildfire and wild dogs are bleeding through our borders," Mrs Petrie said. "The state government has made a strong start when it comes to supporting us in this battle against invasive species, but we're at a point now where the problem is spiraling out of control."

"In the blink of an eye, we have gone from a multi-million-dollar dilemma to a multi-billion-dollar one, and farmers can only spend so much more of their own time and money trying to control these species before they can no longer front up to produce our food and fibre."

With the report projecting new biosecurity incursions could cost the state \$29.7 billion annually by 2030, Mrs Petrie said significant steps must be taken to bolster the nation's biosecurity systems before the problem escalated too far out of control.

"There's no doubt we need a cross-tenure, cross-landscape approach to managing weeds and pests that's more intensive and enforceable than anything we currently have in place," Mrs Petrie said.

"Pests and weeds are the problem of all land managers – not just farmers – and our plan to tackle them needs to recognise this shared responsibility, if we are to shift the dial."

"Real action, plans and progress on protecting our state from these threats needs to be put in place now, or else a few years down the track we could well lose this battle on biosecurity."



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Methane emissions increase by 20 per cent in 20 years

The Global Methane Budget 2024, released this week highlights methane emissions from human activities have increased by 20 per cent in the past two decades.

Methane is one of three core greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change. It lasts in the atmosphere for just a few decades, which is shorter when compared to its counterparts, carbon dioxide and nitrous oxide. Methane has the highest short-term global warming potential as it holds more heat in the atmosphere.

The budget is produced by international research partners, including CSIRO, Australia's national science agency, as part of the Global Carbon Project. It covers 17 natural and anthropogenic (human-induced) sources and shows that methane has increased by 61 million metric tonnes per year.

Pep Canadell, CSIRO's Executive Director for the Global Carbon Project, said methane concentrations have recently risen faster than ever, since reliable measurements began in 1986.

"We have seen higher growth rates for methane over the past three years, from 2020-2022, with a record high in 2021. This increase means methane concentrations in the atmosphere are 2.6 times higher than its pre-industrial (1750) levels," Dr Canadell said.

"Human activities are responsible for at least two-thirds of global methane emissions, adding about 0.5°C to global warming that has occurred to date."

The report found agriculture contributes 40 per cent of global methane emissions from human activities. This is followed by the fossil fuel sector (34 per cent), solid waste and wastewater (19 per cent), and biomass and biofuel burning (7 per cent).

The top five country emitters of anthropogenic methane in 2020 were China (16 per cent), India (9 per cent), USA (7 per cent), Brazil (6 per cent), and Russia (5 per cent).

The European Union and Australasia have successfully reduced their anthropogenic methane emissions over the past two decades. However, if the trend of anthropogenic methane emissions continues to increase globally, this would jeopardise the success of the Global Methane Pledge, an international commitment to reduce methane emissions by 30 per cent by 2030.

"Methane is a short-lived greenhouse gas compared to carbon dioxide. Most emissions, and therefore their warming effect in the atmosphere, occur during the first 20 years after being released, so it's a good target for fast mitigation of global warming," Dr Canadell said.

"For net-zero emission pathways consistent with the Paris Agreement, which is stabilising temperatures below 2°C from pre-industrial levels, anthropogenic methane emissions need to decline by 45 per cent by 2050, relative to 2019 levels."

Addressing methane emissions from the agriculture sector include improved land management practices, such as improving the efficiency of animal production, provision of feed additives that reduce enteric methane, and breeding animals that produce less methane.

Dr Michael Battaglia, CSIRO's Towards Net Zero Lead, said CSIRO is working on a range of research and innovation to support sustainability goals to reduce methane emissions.

"Mitigation efforts include developing FutureFeed, with partners Meat & Livestock Australia and James Cook University, an Asparagopsis seaweed-based feed additive to significantly reduce enteric methane emissions in livestock. This is one of an array of feed supplements in a suite of technologies to address ruminant methane," said Dr Battaglia.

"We're also researching how legumes may be used to reduce methane in grazing livestock."

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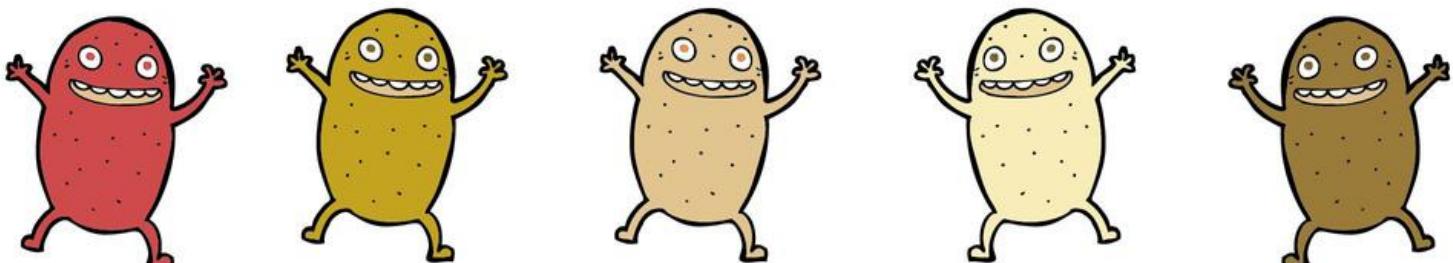
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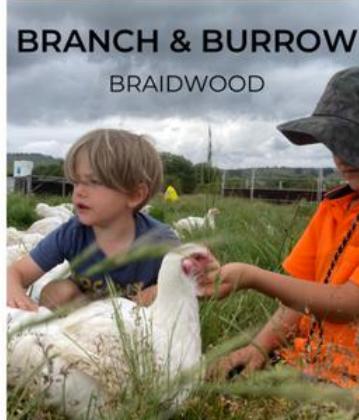


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- **Bungendore: The Southern Harvest Farmers Market**
- 9am (9.30am start time for the winter months) to 12noon Saturdays
- **Captains Flat regional Market** 10-2pm every 2nd Sat

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."

Mongarlowe Hall S355 Committee AGM Notice

The Mongarlowe Community Hall S355 Committee AGM will be held on 26th September 2024 @ 5.30pm at 25 Clyde Street, Mongarlowe. All Welcome.

Contact mongarlowe.community@gmail.com for further information

Charleyong Rural Fire Service

Save the date 2 November 2024.

Charleyong Brigade will be holding our Get Ready Day and Information Sessions on 2 November 2024 10am-2pm.

 Tell them you saw it in the Bugle! 

Braidwood Men's Shed

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

Drop in for a chat and/or Morning Tea. Do you need something done but don't have the right tools? Why not pop in to the Mens Shed just off Cowper Street next to the SES and have a chat to "Shep" and the lads. You will be warmly welcomed.

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28 September

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29 September

Come along for a walk around Bicentennial Park and learn about our diverse native plants and animals.

- ▶ Learn more about all these events at qprc.nsw.gov.au/events

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Projects & initiatives open for community comment	Closing Date
Naming of Queanbeyan Council Chambers	12 Sept
Jerrabomberra Traffic Campaign	17 Sept
Draft Cat Containment Policy - LGA wide	9 Oct
Draft Solid Fuel Heater Policy	16 Oct

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

Submissions can be made:

- By registering and commenting via yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au
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- Delivering in-person to one of Council's offices

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

Council Meetings and Times

Council holds Ordinary Meetings twice a month on a Wednesday, excluding December and January. Meetings start at 5.30pm. Agendas and business papers for the meetings are available on the Friday prior to the meeting from bit.ly/MinutesAgendas. Meetings are live streamed via bit.ly/QPRCwebcast. Members of the public can watch the meetings online or make a presentation.

For those wanting to make a presentation on an Agenda item, you can make a:

- Written presentation by midday on Tuesday
- Zoom presentation (register by midday on Wednesday)
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Next meeting dates are:

- 11 September

Written Questions on Notice

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

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RACING NEWS WITH THE JEMBAICUMBENE PUNTER

WARICK FARM - Team Lavis had a good result with their trip to Warwick Farm last Wednesday.

Knight's Armour ridden by Rebecca Bronett Prag in Race Four Ranvet (BM 72) over 2200 metres. He jumped well, settled back and when he went to make his run, he was badly boxed in and did extremely well to make a break and finish third.

Great to see our local traders can hold their own with the big boys in the city.

CANBERRA - Last Friday at Canberra Aaron Clarke and team took out Race Two, Turners Building Supplies (BM50) over 1000 metres. He jumped well and settled in the lead and lead most of the way. He was ridden by Jade McKenzie.

RANDWICK - Celestial Legend trained by Hall of fame trainer Les Bridge will make his comeback next Saturday in the Group 2 Theo Mark Stakes over 1300 metres. He is equal favourite with Jollestar for the Golden Eagle for the \$10 million Golden Eagle at Rosehill on November 2nd.

Winners at Randwick last Saturday included -

Race 1 - Northern Eyes (Jouster) - Tommy Berry

Race 2 - Spring Lee (Jouster) - Rachel King

Race 3 - Melody Again (Your Song) Christian Reith

Race 4 - Redstone Wall (Total Glory) (GB) - Tom Sherry

Race 5 - Major Beel (Savabeel) - Tim Clarke

Race 6 - Manaal (Tassort) - Jason Collett

Race 7 - I Am Me (I Am Invincible) - Nash Nawiller

Race - 8 Buckaroo (Fastnet Rock) - Tommy Berry

Race 9 - Royal Patronage (Wootton Bassett (GB) - Tim Clarke

Race 10 - Flying Destiny (Flying Artie) - Zac Wadick.

Race seven the Southern Cross saw some top class horses including the second place getter Bella Nipotina (Pride of Dubai) ridden by Craig Williams.

Way To The Stars (Reward For Effort) and Rachel King came in third place and Private Eye (Al Maher) in fourth place with Jay Ford on board, in fifth was Giga Kick (Scissor Kick) and James McDonald.

Red Card (Ribchester (IRE) and Adam Hyeronimus sixth, next came Dragonstone (Mikki Isle (Japan) and Tyler Shiller, Art Cabin (Astern) and Jason Collett eighth, ninth Moravia (Snitzel) and Dylan Gibbons, Goulburn horse Bandi'Boy (The Brothers Way) and Nick Heywood tenth, Remarque (Snitzel) and Tommy Berry 11th and Le Melody (Your Song) and Reece Jones saw them all home from the tail of the field.

HONG KONG - Australian jockey Zac Purton has ridden 1740 winners over there and needs another 73 to equal Douglas Whyte's record.

He is also looking forward to his eight premiership but will have a hard time to keep ahead of Hugh Bowman.

CANBERRA RACE COURSE - The Canberra Thoroughbred contributes nearly eighty millions to the ACT economy. The Greens are looking to stop further funding for the Race Club. The Club presently employs twenty full time and 134 Casuals mainly on Race Days. Canberra Government is looking at developing a new suburb of 5000 homes to be built on the Thoroughbred Park site

SHARE HORSES - INFATUATION -

She is in really good order and trainer Bjorn Baker is pleased with her progress.

They will now decide what path to take her down before she heads to the Races.

HAPPY CASINO - He competed in the first race at Bairnsdale over 1600 metres on Tuesday. Competed is about all you could say.

He was never in the race and over raced the whole way. The Post-Race Report said he finished 10th in a field of 13

And as the jockey mentioned he was disappointing. The stable will look to race him over a longer distance to see if it suits him

and potentially spark his career they said.

They will need to do a little more than that I am afraid. He has to learn how to gallop for a start.

No wonder Punter got \$51 for a win and \$11 for place. He is by So You Think so hopefully a longer distance will suit him.

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Braidoobugle Golf Club News

Check in by 11.30, Hit off at 12

On Friday, the big willow tree between the 2nd & 4th fairways came down in the wind but thanks to Keith Ferguson's wonderful volunteers Spiro Agnew, Rodney Royds, Wayne Fanning & Keith Oakford plus Dylan Essex, the greenkeeper gave a huge effort to repair the damage when the large willow tree between the 2nd & 4th fairways came down on Friday. Major thanks to Keith Ferguson for his sterling efforts.

The greens will be cored next Monday September 16.

PLEASE lots of helpers are needed at 9am to help remove the corings from the greens.

Also, an amendment to our previous newsletter as the first paragraph was truncated by evil spirits or some such ...

Those mentioned are to be thanked for giving much of their time last Wednesday to the general working bee ahead of the Women's Open on Sunday (who knew what the winds would do on Friday!)

When the willow came down on Friday, and covered most of the 2nd and 4th fairways, we thank the rapid response and capabilities of the Braidoobugle SES and their nearby compatriots. We also thank Dylan Essex, Keith Ferguson and Michael Toirkens for their clean up skills.

BRAIDWOOD WOMENS OPEN

From Women's Captain, Michelle Henry...

Thank you all, Braidoobugle Members, for your wonderful contributions to yesterday's Open and also to the Servicemen's Club management and staff for all their support in getting through the day in a timely fashion. Our major sponsors, Braidoobugle Bendigo Community Bank, Bevege Mechanical Repairs and David Goddard have been very generous in donating to the Open so we thank them for their support in playing a key role in the success of our event.

A special thank you to Michael Toirkens for getting the field away on time and Kathy, his wife, for capturing pictures of the play around the course.

To the volunteers & staff who helped to present our course in magnificent condition, thank you, as there were many compliments about the course from our visitors.

To Jackie Clark's catering, thank you for your generous servings of soups, sandwiches, warm scones and bread rolls.

The Raffle table looked magnificent and the cakes and slices were exceptional so no-one went home hungry, that's for sure! Sue Harrison & Craig Hinder made welcome contributions to the raffle, thank you, and to all our members who contributed to the raffle table, food, time and effort, we appreciate every one of you.

We also did exceptionally well on the scoreboard with most of our entries going home with prizes so well done to all who played and brought their A game yesterday.

The results are as follows-

Open Champion- Wendy Lynch Queanbeyan Golf Club Gross 83
Div 1 Scratch Runner Up- Kim Delaney Moss Vale Golf Club 91 c/b
Div 1 Nett Champion- Ariyanti Cooper Fairbairn Golf Club Nett 75
Div 1 Nett Runner Up- Marian Byrnes Catalina Club Nett 76
Div 1 Nett Third- Dawn Manning Royal Canberra Golf Club CSGA - Central Southern Golf Association Nett 77
Div 2 Champion- Debby Ferguson Braidoobugle Gross 87 c/b
Div 2 Scratch Runner Up- Lee Johnson Murrumbidgee Country Club 87
Div 2 Nett Champion- Virginia Groot Obbink Braidoobugle Nett 70
Div 2 Nett Runner Up- Sue Cusack Yowani Country Club Nett 72
Div 2 Nett Third- Diana Perriman RMC Golf Club Nett 74
Div 3 Stableford Winner-Carmen Byrne Braidoobugle 38pts
Div 3 Runner Up- Di Freeman Braidoobugle 37pts Div 3 3rd- Robin Tennant Wood Braidoobugle 36pts Div 3 4th- Cath Sear Royal Canberra Golf Club 35pts Div 3 5th - Claire Shepherd Fairbairn Golf Club 34pts



After these prizes the following winners were:

Best Super Vet - Marg Rumble Burns Golf Club Belconnen

Best Vet - Donna Kuhn Braidoobugle

Best of the rest - Alison McCauslan Gungahlin Lakes Golf Pro Shop

The Pairs Competition was won by Carmen Byrne and Robin Tennant Wood

Braidoobugle player's handicap changes after Sunday- Carmen Byrne down 1 to 35,

Di Freeman down 1 to 36, Robin Tennant Wood down 1 to 33

GOLF RESULTS-Saturday September 7 - Medley Stableford - Greg & Les Hart Trophy

Winner: Steve Glenday 39 pts

Runner Up: Donna Kuhn 38 pts

3rd Place: Billy Lang 37 pts

Men's NTP 3/12: Michael Fitzgerald

Women's NTP 8/17:

Jackpot 17th \$40: Not Won

Ball Comp: Leigh Curtis 35, Barry McDonald 35, Terry Hughes 35, Keith Ferguson 34 c/b

Birdies Men: 1Pars Women: 2

Handicap Changes: Terry Hughes down 1 to 30, Billy Lang down 1 to 14, Leigh Curtis down 1 to 24

Golf Club Coming Events

- **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 - Braidoobugle 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



South Coast Mountain Bike Network expands with first 70 kilometres of Mogo Trails unveiled



The NSW South Coast is fast becoming the go-to mountain bike destination with the first 70 kilometres of the Mogo Trails project having recently opened.

Eurobodalla Shire Council was awarded \$5 million for the Mogo Trails project, through the jointly funded Australian and NSW Government's Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund.

Combined with trails at Narooma, Tathra and Eden; a whole-of-region mountain bike attraction is expected draw 65,000 new visitors to the South Coast each year.

The impacts of the devastating 2019/20 Black Summer Bushfire still being felt. These trails will bring much-needed visitors and investment, helping to boost the local economy.

The eastern section of the trails will cater to riders of all abilities, from beginner white trails to advanced double black runs for thrill-seekers, with the entire Mogo Trails network expected to be open by early 2025. Federal Minister for Emergency Management Jenny McAllister said "We want to find ways to support local jobs and bring more visitors into the region after the devastating impact of the bushfires.

"The new Mogo trails will help promote the local economy and ensure landscapes in the South Coast region are easier to access and enjoy. With options for beginners to advanced riders, there are more reasons than ever to visit the beautiful South Coast.

"Recovery isn't just about rebuilding homes and infrastructure it's also about delivering projects that support communities to get back to what is important - connection, lifestyle and community."

Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips MP "I'm proud to have advocated strongly for this project and I'm really thrilled to see the Mogo trails open. I can't wait to get on my bike and test them out.

"What started out as the vision of a group of avid mountain bike enthusiasts is now a reality and we have a truly magnificent facility that will be enjoyed by local residents as well as visitors to our area.

"Riding the trails through our stunning forests offers a great way for families to enjoy the outdoors, and for the community to come together – no matter their mountain biking ability.

"Mogo was absolutely devastated by the Black Summer Bushfires and this is one of many projects that I have supported to help the community recover and thrive. This is a fantastic tourist attraction that will be a huge boost for local businesses and the Eurobodalla economy." Minister for Regional NSW Tara Moriarty said "The Mogo Trails represent more than just a new recreational opportunity, they will be a vital economic driver for the region's recovery." "When the project is complete, a total of 130 kilometres of world-class mountain bike trails will generate new business opportunities and increase year-round tourism for the region." "This project is an example of the Australian and NSW Government's supporting the long-term recovery and development of the NSW South Coast, ensuring these communities have the infrastructure and services needed to grow and thrive."

State Member for Bega, Dr Michael Holland said "The Electorate of Bega is New South Wales' next Mountain Biking hotspot.

Opening the 70 kilometres of Mogo Trails adds to the existing beautiful trails at Narooma, Tathra, and Eden.

It is great to see the Australian and New South Wales Governments combining to provide \$5 million for the Mogo MTB Trail which includes a section of trails for riders of all abilities.

The Mogo Trails will attract even more visitors to the beautiful Far South Coast, provide exercise and recreation for our locals, and support the local economy in its recovery from the 2019-2020 Black Summer Bushfires."

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