BRAIDWOOD'S
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COMING WEATHER

Temp	Min	Max	Chance rain
We:	9°	17°	90%
Th:	11°	19°	80%
Fr:	6°	17°	10%
Sat:	4°	20°	30%
Sun:	6°	13°	60%
Mon	7°	18°	40%

Down she goes!

Robin Tennant-Wood

The Braidwood Hospital (MPS) is one of the oldest institutions in town.

It was established just 20 years after the township of Braidwood was gazetted and 70 years after the arrival of the First Fleet. But on Thursday, 1 October, the old Braidwood Hospital building, established in 1858, came down.

The New South Wales government announced plans to upgrade the facility three years ago when it became evident that running repairs and band-aid solutions to the old building were not cost-effective and didn't allow for growth of the town and an increasing need for medical care by an ageing population.

After nearly two years of construction, the new MPS opened and began operation four weeks ago to a positive response from staff, aged care residents, patients and community. On the plans for the new facility is another wing to be built in the future and which will cater for our expanding population.

> Nonetheless, it was with a touch of sadness that the town saw the old building demolished last week.

A number of local residents had lobbied the government for the retention of Narbethong for crisis and other accommodation, and there was also a push to retain the original façade of the main building. In the end, however, the lot has been demolished and a garden will be established in its place to complement the new buildings.

QPRC Bushfire Recovery Outreach

The QPRC Bushfire Recovery Team has released its schedule for community outreach days for the coming month. Anyone needing assistance, advice or information is encouraged to attend.

Town	Date	Location	Time
Braidwood	Wednesday 7 October	Ryrie Park (Service NSW and Salvation Army Winnebago)	8.30am-2pm
Araluen	Thursday 8 October	Araluen Pub (Salvation Army Winnebago)	10am-1pm
Nerriga	Friday 9 October	Nerriga Pub (Salvation Army Winnebago)	9am-12pm
Reidsdale	Sunday 11 October	517 Sawyers Ridge Road, Araluen (Get Ready Day)	10am-12pm
Nerriga	Saturday 17 October	Nerriga Pub (Podcast Launch)	4pm-6.30pm
Reidsdale	Sunday 25 October	Cider Factory	9am-11am
Mongarlowe	Sunday 1 November	Mongarlowe (BBQ Lunch) (Get Ready Day)	12pm- 2pm
Gundillion	Friday 6 November	Gundillion Hall (Dinner)???????	5pm-7pm
Bombay	Sunday 8 November	Bombay RFS Shed (Egg and Bacon rolls)	9am – 11am
Araluen	Monday 17 November	Araluen (Get Ready Day)	TBA

HOW FACEBOOKERS SAW IT

Scott Hart: *Fantastic that we have a modern, purpose built medical facility to replace it.*

June Williams: *Great we have a new facility but absolute disgrace that they just knocked Narbethong & old hospital to the ground without salvaging or reusing the buildings.*

Michelle Grant: *Why couldn't they make use of those buildings? The old hospital would of been perfect for even the Ambos station??? Or even emergency housing! So disgraceful to just destroy buildings with still a lot of use for them!*

Ian Bensley: *An amazing asset to the town and surrounds*

Joy van Zomeren: *There one minute and gone the next*

Tamara Roberts: *I know it's sad to lose the old one what with all the history and so forth but the brand new hospital right next to it is actually so amazing. You should really go and have a look. State of the art. And more bed space.*

IN THIS ISSUE:

EDITORIAL *Robin Tennant-Wood*

Why are Nationals selling out the bush?

The Country Party was founded as a national political party in 1920 to represent the interests of rural Australians.

In his first speech as the leader of the new party, William McWillams MP said: "we crave no alliance, we spurn no support but we intend drastic action to secure closer attention to the needs of primary producers."

In the post-World War II period Australia saw rapid urbanisation and in 1975, in an attempt to broaden the party's support base, it changed its name to the National Country Party, and then simply, the National Party in 1978. Thus began its slide into a riven appendage of the Liberal Party, culminating last week with the party's longest serving New South Wales MP, Trevor Khan, lamenting that the party has lost its way and saying, "the nature of the party is under threat".

> What, then, is the nature of a party that purports to represent rural voters yet supports the destruction of 98,000 hectares of some of the state's – if not the country's – best farming land for a mammoth gasfield?

How does a party that, in the words of current federal leader, Michael McCormack, "proudly champions what matters most to our regional and rural communities" deal with the 2018 revelation that around 30 members of the NSW youth wing of the party were under investigation for links with neo-Nazi operatives? What, in fact, does the National Party actually stand for?

It's certainly no longer representative of rural interests. The action last week by one of the most venerable and active rural institutions in the country, the CWA, [see page 4] against the Narrabri Gas Project, underlines the key problem in the erstwhile party for rural Australia: there is no longer any connection between the elected representatives and the people whose interests they claim to represent.

Of the eighteen Nationals MPs and MLCs in the New South Wales parliament, only two were employed in farming or rural industries prior to their election. Eight are from business backgrounds – either as owners or in management, and not necessarily based in rural areas.

The undignified slanging match between Deputy Premier, John Barilaro and Transport Minister, Andrew Constance prior to the Eden-Monaro by-election and an alleged admission by Barilaro that he voted Labor in that election, and last month's damaging stoush between the Nationals and Liberals over land-clearing laws that would protect endangered koala habitat has publicly aired the deep flaws in a party that no longer has a direction.

As for the gasfield at Narrabri, it simply proves that no part of rural Australia is safe from being sold to the highest bidder for whatever purpose they choose.

Farewell Monte, gentle giant

Monte the Clydesdale was a regular attraction on Wallace Street, harnessed to the landau carriage of Roscommon Carriages.

Monte conveyed brides to their weddings and bridal couples to their receptions, visiting dignitaries to events and children on rides through town, his gentle temperament making him a favourite of locals and visitors alike.

It was with some alarm and then grief that the district learned the news last week that Monte had died unexpectedly.

Owner, Michelle Ridley, took to social media on Wednesday to announce the loss of their 'special boy' and to thank friends, the fire brigade and the local vets for their efforts in trying to save Monte.

His passing at the young age of 11 came about when he attempted to cross a cattle grid early Monday morning and got his hind legs trapped. Michelle said that he was freed with the jaws of life but the damage had been done and he wasn't able to regain his feet.

Monte, a purebred Clydesdale, had been with the Ridleys since he was four years old. He'd already had success in the show ring with his Queensland breeder before joining the Roscommon stable.

Michelle Ridley said that Monte became their main carriage horse "because of his no fuss, can-do attitude." She added that, "he also was ridden by all members of our family and put the smiles on friends faces when they were offered the opportunity for a ride."

While his loss will be deeply felt by his human family and stablemates, the Braidwood district has lost a true equine gentleman and friend.

Get rid of that ugly stuff

Household Chemical Cleanout

Saturday 10 October 1-4pm

If you've got any fluoro globes and tubes, gas bottles, household cleaners, batteries, paint, oils, garden chemicals, poisons and smoke detectors that you want to dispose of responsibly, drop them off at the Household Chemical CleanOut on Saturday 10 October 1-4pm.

You can either go to the Braidwood Saleyards on Gillamatong Lane or to the Collett Street Car Park at the corner of Collett and Morisset Streets in Queanbeyan.

Highway to close at night

Transport for NSW press release

The Kings Highway will be closed to night traffic at Clyde Mountain for three weeks from Monday 12 October.

Transport for NSW will carry out essential maintenance work on Clyde Mountain including slope stabilisation in response to recent rainfall. The road will be closed in both directions at night between 6pm and 6am, Monday to Thursday for about three weeks from 12 October, weather permitting.

Work will also be carried out in the day between 6am and 6pm, Monday to Thursday and 6am and 12pm on Fridays.

Detours

Detours for light vehicles will be via the Princes Highway and Nerriga Road and are expected to add up to 75 minutes to journeys.

Detours for heavy vehicles will be via the Princes Highway, Picton Road, the Hume Highway and Snowy Mountains Highway and are expected to add up to 3.5 hours to journeys.

During day time work hours, traffic control, lane closures and a reduced speed limit of 40 km/h will be in place for the safety of workers and motorists. Delays of up to 10 minutes can be expected.

The road will be open from 12pm on Fridays until 6am on Mondays to allow for weekend traffic.

If you have any questions, please contact the project team on 0411026982.

Yarning at the Rock

Robin Tennant-Wood

Local Indigenous language, culture and history is about to become more accessible to a wider range of people.

For the past couple of months a group of locals have been attending Dhurga language classes at St Bede's School. The classes, held by Brinja Yuin woman, Kerry Boyenga, have proved popular and a good way for local residents to tap into a perspective of the local history that may have otherwise been unavailable.

Kerry Boyenga, along with her two siblings, Patricia Ellis and Waine Donovan, has spent the past 20 years compiling a Dhurga language dictionary and grammar primer.

Kerry and Patricia have also been teaching language to adults at TAFE for the past ten years, prioritising Indigenous people who want to learn their own native tongue.

The classes for adults at St Bede's are an extension of the work Kerry has been doing with students at the school, and the group of adults who have taken advantage of the weekly classes now want to go a step further.

Starting this Wednesday, anyone wishing to learn more about our local Indigenous culture, history and language is welcome to join in the 'Yarning at the Rock' sessions to be held at the Dhurga Rock in Ryrie Park (south).

Organiser, Julia Green, says that while only Indigenous language speakers are permitted to teach language, these sessions will be more a sharing of stories and a chance to learn about the traditional owners of the land we all share.

The Dhurga Rock, carved by local sculptor, Ian Marr, under the direction of Yuin elder, Noel Butler, was unveiled at the 2015 Two Fires Festival as an acknowledgement of the traditional owners and over the past five years has become the central point for the biennial Two Fires Festival as well as gatherings for anniversaries such as Sorry Day, Reconciliation Day and NAIDOC Week. It is also used by the schools as a focal point for learning about the local Indigenous culture.

"Yarning at the Rock" will be held each Wednesday from 1.00pm for about an hour.

CWA don't want gas

Statement from NSW CWA about the Narrabri gas project

The CWA of NSW is totally disillusioned with state planning processes after the Independent Planning Commission's approval of the Narrabri Gas Project.

CWA of NSW CEO Danica Leys stated that it beggars belief how a project requiring 134 strict conditions can even proceed to approval.

> "If a project needs this many conditions, it's an indication that they need to go back to the drawing board. It doesn't stack up.

"We're concerned that compliance on conditions is severely lacking in any case. We've seen it in the past with mining and other extractive projects. These companies get the green light and off they go, there's no looping back to ensure all of these conditions are upheld into the future. Rural communities once again are left with the impacts.

"We're pleased to see some requirements in the IPC report relating to waste management and salt reuse or disposal. This is a significant concern and we'll be keeping a close eye on where Santos proceed in this regard.

However other impacts such as groundwater and impacts on farming activities, remain as significant concerns. We believe that the insurance issue is also yet to be adequately addressed. The Chief Scientist has directed the NSW Government to fix it, the Upper House inquiry said fix it before any gas projects can proceed. It hasn't been addressed and yet here we are.

"We know the economic impacts have been inflated, we know there are still no proper assurances on the environmental impacts. With such significant community objection and now an approval with a huge amount of conditions – our members are increasingly disillusioned with the whole process."

LAST SUMMER: DROUGHT, FIRE, FLOOD AND RECOVERY EXHIBITION

Sunday 25th October

10am–5pm: Community viewing (locals, family and friends), free food van at hall 12.00- 2.00

Monday 26th to Friday 30th

2–5pm — or we are happy to open on request to allow groups or quiet reflection.

Saturday 31st October

11am–5pm: Open to all.

Araluen Federal Hall, 5989 Araluen Rd, Araluen.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dangerous dogs

Whilst walking to a job on Saturday I was bitten by a dog.

This is my second dog bite in the last year in Braidwood, the first was at the exercise park at the creek, this one on Robinson lane. The dog was loose and the attack happened whilst I was walking along the road. The owner didn't bother to see if I was okay.

I've heard other people that have been bitten recently and it's got me concerned about even going for a walk around town, especially with my children. The last attack I didn't report, but in hindsight I should have as the owners continually let their dogs approach me as I used the park.

There was a dog loose on my street recently and I rang the council who didn't seem to have a clue. He said he'd see if anyone was around to catch the dog but no one ever came. I'd never been bitten by a dog before prior to these two attacks.

A friendly reminder to dog owners to keep your dog safely locked in your yard, don't let your dog approach people even if it is 'friendly'.

Asha Kidd
Braidwood

Just asking

It's a big jump from reading the welcome news about the French Café opening at Provisions to wondering about building ownerships – but that's what happened.

I'm wondering just how many of the buildings in the main street are owned by people who don't live locally?

Obviously people have the right to invest in property regardless of where they live or where the property is. Even so, owners who live in, say, Sydney, may not have the same idea of what constitutes a reasonable rent nor of the effect when customer numbers drop during the winter. And that's even without bushfires or COVID.

Is there any data? Or maybe the *Changing Times* might try some investigative journalism?

Gill Burke,
Braidwood

McBain says Eden-Monaro is being left behind

Member for Eden-Monaro, Kristy McBain, has said that bushfire impacted communities in Eden-Monaro have been left out of this week's regional investment package announced by the Deputy Prime Minister.

Last week Michael McCormack announced a $100 million package for Regional Recovery Partnerships to drive recovery across ten selected regions over the next two years.

"While I am happy to see the Snowy Mountains included, the Bega Valley, Eurobodalla, Palerang and Snowy Valleys all appear to have missed out," said Ms McBain.

"Residents in these hard-hit communities are left shaking their heads. It is extraordinary to think that towns like Batlow, Cobargo, Kiah, and Nerrigundah aren't eligible for this funding boost.

"We need our fair share; this just feels like the government is picking favourites again."

The Deputy Prime Minister said that the 10 regions had been chosen because "they are regions whose economies have experienced the brunt of natural events such as bushfires, or COVID-19, drought as well."

Eden-Monaro bore the brunt of the Black Summer bushfires. Ms McBain has called on the Morrison Government to explain to bushfire ravaged communities in her electorate why they are missing out on support.

"Labor wants to back the regions to grow and succeed," she said, "and that means investing in roads, rail and infrastructure across the nation. Instead, this announcement shows the Morrison Government is once again picking favourites and leaving regions across Australia behind."

Braidwood Quilters have COVID stitched up!

Margaret Tuckwell

Members of the Braidwood Quilters and Textiles group have been busy during the pandemic period.

They've been creating both at home and on Wednesdays (with appropriate social distancing) to share tasks and tips on all skills of fabric and textiles.

One of the quilt members, Dianne Challen, has created a superb quilt with calming colours of the ocean, blues and aqua. This artistic quilt made from 100% cotton fabric will be raffled during October and November with the draw being held in November. Tickets will go on electronic sale in the coming week. Stay tuned for more information.

According to a global survey from psychologists at the University of Sussex, UK, navy blue, closely followed by teal-like turquoise, are considered the most relaxing and calming colours. In addition the sea with colours of blues, aqua and white form tranquillity just as this magnificent quilt does also.

Jobkeeper changes ignore the plight of fire impacted regions

Suzanne Gearing, Chair, Braidwood Business Chamber

In late September there were changes to the Australian government's Jobkeeper, with the relief packages reduced by as much as 50%.

There will be further reductions in January, before the program is terminated in March 2021.

The largest change revolves around the 30% decline test. This test says that, to still be eligible for Jobkeeper, business turnover for July, August and September 2020 needs to show a 30% or greater downturn compared to the same three months in 2019. For those businesses that still meet the decline test criteria, per fortnight payments for full time employees will be reduced from $1500 to $1200. If your employees work less than 80 hours over a 28-day period, the per fortnight payment reduces from $1500 per fortnight to $750 per fortnight.

This new test is a blow for businesses who have successfully pivoted and found a way to survive through the pandemic. It is an even greater burden for businesses in regions like Braidwood who have endured significant business interruptions through recent drought and fires.

Businesses in rural and remote regions relying on passing or seasonal traffic are often dependent on summer sales opportunities to earn the income that sustains them through winter. This loss of income and the effect it has on business viability is completely overlooked under the new testing regime.

The Braidwood Business Chamber are considering lobbying government to review this test, and will be in conversation with other affected chambers as well as the Small Business Ombudsman's Office and the Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business, Senator Michaelia Cash.

If these changes are going to have a negative impact on your ability to operate, we need your story to support our review request. Email secretary@bavbc.com.au or call the Chair, Suzanne Gearing, on 0472 559 204.

Karen and Chris.

Marching out the door

Chris Nelson

Marching home to Braidwood was published on behalf and for our RSL Sub-Branch in 2015 for the centenary of ANZAC.

The first print run sold out in four days such was its popularity. It is a 180 page coffee table book containing the biographies, photographs and stories of our local soldiers — 467 survivors and 88 young men who never came home.

Many of our soldiers from Braidwood, Majors Creek, Araluen, and the 2622 post code are recorded in its pages. The book includes photographs and detailed unit histories of these local soldiers.

Karen Nelson spent nearly three years in researching, collating and writing the book and it was beautifully and uniquely designed by Paul Cockram.

The RSL Sub-Branch has had a further 200 books printed due to continued demand.

Each book is $40 and that goes directly for our RSL Sub-branch to help pay for our brand new display cases being made locally. This will enable us to upgrade our display at the Serviceman's Club.

Marching home to Braidwood is a great family and historical resource. See me in the main street with a table set up near the bank whenever the weather permits.

If you would like a book please let me know on 0407 966 037 as they are 'marching out the door'.


John Blay and Sandra Hand.

John Blay at fYRE Gallery

Margaret Tuckwell, President, Braidwood and Villages Tourism

A group of locals and Canberra walkers were lucky enough to attend a talk given by John Blay in Braidwood on Saturday 3 October.

The talk was an addition to the *Layered Landscapes* exhibition of local artists, Andrew Kavunenko and Karen Warburton at fYRE Gallery.

John Blay grew up in Sydney and later discovered the forests and wildlife of New South Wales, initially around Bermagui followed by vast areas of the south eastern region.

His talk on Saturday covered his walking adventures in parts of the Snowy Mountains, the Deua and the coastal region with descriptions of areas he has covered prior to, and following, the 2019-20 bushfire devastation. It was great to hear Blay note that since the fires he has seen an increase in native orchids.

John Blay's first book in a trilogy, *Back Country Trek* through the Deua and Wadbilliga, follows an extraordinary walk through the history and ways of Australia's south-eastern escarpment ranges and their very special wildlife. The Canberra Times described it as 'an environmental classic'.

His second book, *On Track*, provides an amazing account of his long-distance walking in search of the Aboriginal past and old ways of travelling between the high country and Twofold Bay. The 360 kilometre route of the Bundian Way crosses some of our countries, most remarkable landscapes from the highest part of our continent to the ocean.

Blay's latest book, *Wild Nature: walking Australia's south east forests*, maps emotional territory, natural history and describes what is there with delicate patience. The epic story of his bushwalking reveals a journey to the heart of our great Australian forests and into wild nature itself.

All three books are available at the Visitors information Centre, Braidwood thanks to the purchasing skills of Sandra Hand, secretary of the Braidwood Visitors Information Centre.

CSG project too risky

NSW Farmers

The state's peak farming body is dismayed by the Independent Planning Commission's (IPC) decision to approve the Narrabri Gas Project despite a raft of concerns voiced by farmers and the community.

NSW Farmers says its members believe the project poses an unacceptable risk to the water resources, soil and air quality, local food and fibre production and rural communities in western New South Wales.

"This is a disappointing decision from the IPC," said NSW Farmers President James Jackson.

> "Our members have indicated very clearly that they have no appetite for risk to their precious water sources."

Mr Jackson said the Government's own Independent Water Expert Panel identified that the Narrabri Gas Project may result in groundwater depressurisation and drawdown of aquifers and changes to surface water flow and quality as a result of discharges.

"There is also no certainty for farmers regarding insurance public liability and environmental risk if they have CSG operations on their land. The NSW Parliamentary Inquiry described the coal seam gas industry as 'uninsurable' and a major insurer providing farm insurance has indicated that they are not willing to insure the public liability risk for farmers that have CSG infrastructure on their property."

"That is why NSW Farmers has been urging the Government to act cautiously in regard to any proposal to re-commence coal seam gas mining in NSW."

The Narrabri Gas Project is a proposal by Santos to drill 850 new gas wells across 95,000 hectares in the north eastern part of the Pilliga forest, near Narrabri. The Project will extract gas from coal seams at 800-1200m metres.

"Our members do not believe that any conditions imposed on the approval of this project make it acceptable," Mr Jackson said.

"Security of groundwater and other water sources and protection of important agricultural land is of paramount importance to farmers. Our members are concerned and they cannot support any activity that could pose a risk to the precious Great Artesian Basin and other water sources."

Belinda and Bill Pulver at Mona.

Mona on the move

Robin Tennant-Wood and Paul Cockram

It was the garden that sealed the deal. When Bill and Belinda Pulver were looking to buy a property in Braidwood they went to look at Mona Farm, which was then on the market.

"We walked through the garden — this magnificent heritage garden with elm trees that are 160 to 180 years old, scotch firs, oak trees," says Bill.

"My wife is a landscape architect and a horticulturalist, and that sort of garden, you just can't find them anywhere, they are very rare. And then we looked through the buildings, which were these beautiful heritage buildings. We just fell in love with the place." Three years on and the Pulver's vision for Mona is being realised.

> The original motivation for buying Mona was, as Pulver puts it, "to get to Braidwood. We wanted to find a place that we fell in love with, which we did."

Once they secured the property, they decided it would be an ideal opportunity for a business to get people to the town and also a business in which they could be personally involved. While still based in Sydney, the Pulvers come down to Braidwood every week and take a hands-on approach to the development and renovations at Mona.

Their aim is to create a venue that is not only 'the jewel in the crown of Braidwood', but also a nationally recognised premier destination for weddings and events.

While the pandemic has reduced the number of events held at the property this year, there are 37 weddings booked in for 2021. On top of those, Belinda Pulver noted that there has been interest in the venue for a writers' retreat and two art groups from the Art Gallery of New South Wales, as well as the annual Braidwood Education Foundation's Melbourne Cup fundraiser and other local events.

The buildings and grounds of Mona have been enhanced by a growing collection of contemporary art and sculpture. "Art is our passion," Bill says, "and the model is to take this beautiful heritage property and populate it with contemporary furniture and contemporary art. It's a lovely combination."

The Pulver's most recent acquisition in Braidwood is Provisions Deli. Established by Colin McLean and Lea Barrett five years ago, Provisions has become a popular destination for locals as well as foodies from Canberra, selling high-quality local and imported deli goods and gourmet-related gifts. Pulver explains that the rationale behind buying Provisions was to handle the food side of the Mona hospitality business.

"Belinda and I have no history in hospitality, so we knew nothing about it. We hired some people that knew about it, but food was always going to be an essential part of a great experience at Mona. So we hired a chef. And hiring a chef comes with its own risks because twenty percent of restaurants go out of business every year. So food is high-risk stuff.

"But we thought the idea of having the delicatessen in town to create an economic base for the food operation, which also helped us afford a chef, made good economic sense. We've only owned it for a month or two, but so far so good. Lea and Colin did a terrific job with Provisions, primarily focused on the deli items. We're expanding it to coffee and food, and just trying to make it a more rounded offering. And so far so good."

The new faces at Provisions are Romy and Julien Besnard, who used to own a French restaurant in Sydney: Jardin St James. They have just launched a menu for French-style crêpes where, as Pulver puts it, "you can see the chefs working their magic."

> The Pulvers are passionate about Braidwood, its heritage buildings and its potential as a destination in its own right. Bill envisages more boutique hotels and B&Bs in town, creating more opportunity for tourism.

"If you walk down Wallace Street there are some beautiful buildings that really are deserving of renovation. I think it would be good for a little more capital to come into Braidwood, so the community could have buildings that are genuinely going to attract visitors from, obviously, Canberra, but also Sydney and beyond, and ideally have them stop and stay in Braidwood for a couple of nights. The local economy would benefit from having people stop and spend a couple of days, and enjoy this beautiful environment. This is a truly unique town, not only in New South Wales, but in Australia."

MUSIC MATTERS David McClymont

Kenny Barron

Those of you who know me know that I play a bit of piano. This week I thought I'd talk about a couple of my favourite piano players.

To restrict the field a little I also thought I'd only talk about players who are still alive. If I didn't restrict my self in that way, I could write a book (perhaps not).

The two players I have chosen to write about have very different styles. They are Kenny Barron and Beegie Adair. They are both from the USA.

Kenny Barron has appeared on hundreds of recordings as leader and sideman and is considered one of the most influential mainstream jazz pianists since the bebop era. One of his first gigs was as pianist with the Dizzy Gillespie quartet. He graduated in 1978 with a BA in Arts from Empire State College, New York. He has been nominated nine times for Grammy Awards and for the American Jazz Hall of Fame. He was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2009. For over 25 years, Barron taught piano and keyboard harmony at Rutgers University in New Jersey.

I am the happy owner of three of his albums. The album *Flight Path* is a recording by his band Sphere in 1983. During the 80's, he co-founded the quartet "Sphere," along with Buster Williams, Ben Riley and Charlie Rouse. Another album I have is just Kenny Barron and bassist Dave Holland called *The Art Of Conversation*. If you like straight-ahead jazz piano with few frills, then this album is you. A more upbeat album of Barron's is the *We're Back* album with one of the greatest bassists in the history of jazz Ron Carter, as well as drummer Gerry Gibbs. This group call themselves the 'Gerry Gibbs Thrasher Dream Trio' and on the *We're Back* album they play jazz interpretations of R&B classics like Marvin Gaye's *What's Goin' On* and Burt Bacharach's *I Say A Little Prayer*.

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A very different pianist, but a swinging, melodic and ultimately a damn fine player is Beegie Adair. At age 82 Bobbe Gorin (hence Beegie) Adair is still performing regularly and releasing beautiful albums (in 2012 she released 12 albums!!). Beginning piano lessons at age five, she continued to study piano and received her B.S. in music at Western Kentucky University. She moved to Nashville, Tennessee, where she did graduate work at Peabody College and became a session musician working at WSM-TV and on 'The Johnny Cash Show' (1969-71), where she accompanied such legendary performers as Chet Atkins, Dolly Parton, Lucille Ball, Steve Allen, Dinah Shore, Mama Cass Elliott, and Peggy Lee.

She formed the Beegie Adair Trio in the late 1990's which has sold over 1.5 million albums. Adair has recorded and appeared in over 90 recordings (37 of which are recorded with her trio, the 'Beegie Adair Trio', which consists of bassist Roger Spencer and percussionist Chris Brown), ranging from Cole Porter standards to Frank Sinatra classics to romantic World War II ballads to jazz covers of Christmas songs.

So, there you have it, two pianists who are well worth a listen.

I hope you take the time to listen to them both and perhaps buy their music. I hope my columns in the *Changing Times* are inspiring you all to open your wallets and spend a few dollars on music.

Beegie Adair

REGIONAL REAL ESTATE AT A GLANCE

Braidwood $639,000

110 Duncan Street

The house features wide front porch and beautiful entrance hall, cosy lounge room with pot belly fireplace and mantle. The kitchen is modern and offers plenty of storage space. There is a study and upstairs loft style room.

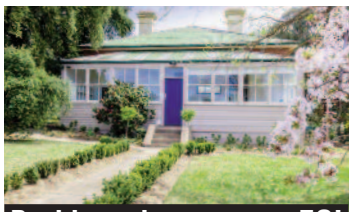
Other features include DA approved plans to extend the back of the home,featuring north facing living/ dining room. Covered north facing entertainment area overlooking the garden, fruit trees and chook pen.

Durran Durra $625,000

42 Coronation Avenue

Located in Durran Durra this 100 acres approx. block is mostly cleared with a few scattered large gums and elms and a light bush cluster at the back of the block, with two dams one is spring fed.

Includes building entitlement, building envelope, phone line at the road, good mobile, and internet reception the property requires solar as there is no mains power close by.



Braidwood EOI

174 Wallace Street

The house features open plan lounge and dining room with combustion fireplace, eat in country style kitchen and east facing sunroom with local rural and town views. The house boasts 12ft ceilings throughout.

The established garden features the largest cork oak tree in Australia. Veggie patch, orchard, chook run. Other features include single garage with rear lane access, under house storage, large mud room/ laundry and woodshed.

Braidwood $1,550,000

14 Solus Street

Set on two beautifully maintained acres of established gardens with Monkittee Creek and suspension bridge. Featuring generous living room overlooking the garden, leafy conservatory, study and attic loft In addition to the grand period home, garden, glasshouse, licensed bore and Comet Windmill, the workshop barn is impressive and includes 3 phase power, 6kw solar system, overhead gantry, car hoist, spray booth and sand blasting booth.

Contact Kelly Allen at Belle Property on 0466 632 696.

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Braidwood $595,000

141 Wallace Street

One of Braidwood's 1889 buildings with a retail space in the main street. The property has rear land access offering off-street parking and the block size is approx 439 m^2. Contact Denver Shoemark 0408 762 517.

Wog Wog $425,000

2756 Charleys Forest Road

163 acres located a stones throw away from the tar sealed Nerriga road. The property is mostly native bushland with some cleared land approx 20 acres that has been made into a 6 hole pitch and putt golf course.

Mitchell Smithers
0427 637 257
Suzanne Carter
0473 888 337

RayWhite.

Ballalaba $725,000

2459 Cooma Road

An idyllic setting on the edge of the Shoalhaven River with your own sandy beach. This 3 bedroom ensuite home is better than new with quality inclusions and a thoughtful , practical layout with fantastic alfresco area overlooking the river.

Vehicle accommodation is well catered for with the attached garage 14m x 9m (including laundry and extra shower and toilet) there's plenty of space for extra vehicles or any projects that come along.

Just over 24 kilometres by sealed road to Braidwood you are within handy reach of all conveniences without being remote.

Braidwood $925,000

94 Reservoir Lane

Just over 3 kilometres from Braidwood township this 87 hectare property is sure to attract a lot of interest. 217 acres of undulating to hilly grazing country with a perfect easterly aspect. Numerous brilliant house sites have views across Braidwood to the Budawangs or to the north to the distant hills surrounding Lake George.

Rarely does a property of this size offering a real opportunity to create a farming enterprise and an idyllic lifestyle reach the market, an early inspection is recommended.

Krawarree $790,000

3940 Cooma Road

Located approximately 40 kilometres from Braidwood by sealed road this 297 hectare property (735 acres) is a rare find in today's market. Predominately eastern fall there is some good grazing which has been improved in the past. The property runs to hilly bush on the western side leaving around 200 acres of open country at the front of the block. There are several elevated building sites with good views, power runs through the block and water is supplied by dams and a seasonal creek. There are 4 main paddocks and a basic set of cattle yards.

Braidwood $520,000

19 Monkittee Street

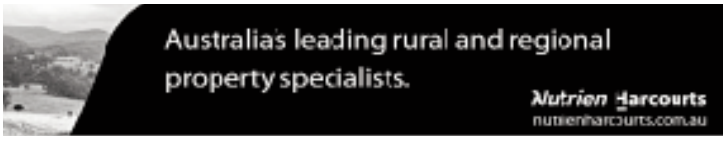
Located on a large 1843m^2 parcel this 3 bedroom home just screams potential.

Located towards the rear of the block there is space for another home in front (STCA), or just leave it as is and have your own parkland. Two bedrooms have built in robes, the third is currently used as an office, bathroom is newly renovated and lounge/dining is just off the kitchen.

Storage galore with garaging for six vehicles and then some, ideal for the car enthusiast, there is also a large double carport and undercover barbecue area.

This property will create a lot of interest an early inspection is recommended.

Contact Reg O'Connell at Nutrien Harcourts on 0402 833 344.



"**MONKITTEE FARM**" c1870 Kings Highway, Braidwood

AUCTION ON SITE: 11am Saturday 7 November

The original stone house dates back to the 1870s and now with modern features and comforts tastefully enhancing its original character, "Monkittee" stands out as a landmark in the Braidwood region.

Located on the outskirts of Braidwood with direct access from The Kings Highway, the 156 hectare property (385 acres) has been extensively pasture improved each year over the 55 years the current owners have proudly called it home. With Monkittee Creek and 13 dams across the property, also two wells there is certainly no shortage of water.

The former dairy property has all the infrastructure to continue the beef cattle operation or, with this soil quality, would suit any number of other agricultural enterprises.

Over 800 m^2 of shed space, mostly high clearance, provides machinery shelter, workshop and vehicle accommodation. There are also steel cattle yards, meathouse with coolroom and the original milking shed.

The main homestead has been renovated in recent times and is now a showcase of harmony between rustic and modern luxury. The centrepiece of the living area is a huge stone fireplace — a great place to share a drink and a song or even, more appropriately a Banjo Paterson rendition.

Another four-bedroom cottage that would suit guest or other independent accommodation is separate from the main home.

The property sits on three titles, each with a building entitlement (STCA) and also fronts Little River Road, just three kilometres from town.

"Monkittee" will be auctioned on 7 November, unless sold prior. Inspections are by appointment with exclusive selling agent. Ring Reg O'Connell on 0402 833 344.

Nutrien Harcourts

116 Wallace Street, Braidwood
www.braidwoodproperty.com.au

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council
For Your Information

Council meetings and times

Council holds Ordinary Meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month and Planning and Strategy Committee Meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. Meetings start at 5.30pm. Agendas and business papers for the meetings are available on the Friday prior to the meeting from www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Minutes-and-Agendas. Both meetings are live streamed via webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au

During COVID-19:

- All Council meetings are closed to the public
- All Council meetings will be live streamed at http://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au/
- Councillors and staff are encouraged to participate electronically
- Where councillors and staff choose to attend the meeting physically, appropriate spacing will be put in place
- Members of the public can submit written presentations or register to present via video call on items on the agenda online at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/public-involvement-at-Council-meetings
- If you have made a submission on a development application or a plan/project that is being considered by Council, we will let you know when it is being presented to Council for consideration
- Questions on Notice can still be submitted on any Council-related matter by completing the form at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/public-involvement-at-Council-meetings

Next meeting dates are:

- 14 October - Planning and Strategy Committee Meeting
- 28 October - Ordinary Council Meeting

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.

Documents on Public Exhibition - Your Voice

Transacting with Council

We're keen to hear from the community about whether the concept of a cash-free Council would have a significant impact on our customers. Open until 16 October.

Turallo Creek Management Plan

The Turallo Creek Rehabilitation Project aims to rehabilitate the bed and banks of Turallo Creek in Bungendore. The draft Turallo Creek Management Plan addresses flooding and weed risk in the reserve and surrounding areas. Open for comment until 30 October.

Voluntary Planning Agreement - Ellendon Estate & QPRC

This VPA has been developed to resolve a longstanding drainage issue in Bungendore. The VPA is open for comment until 30 October.

For all items

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
- Email to council@qprc.nsw.gov.au (referencing the item in the subject line)
- Mail to PO Box 90, Queanbeyan NSW 2620
- Delivered in person to the Queanbeyan, Bungendore or Braidwood offices

Household Chemical CleanOut

If you've got any fluoro globes and tubes, gas bottles, household cleaners, batteries, paint, oils, garden chemicals, poisons and smoke detectors that you want to dispose of responsibly, drop them off at the Household Chemical CleanOut on Saturday 10 October from 1-4pm.

CleanOut will be at the Braidwood Saleyards on Gillamatong Lane and the Collett Street Car Park at the corner of Collett and Morisset Streets in Queanbeyan. For more information on what can be disposed of, go to www.cleanout.com.au

Notices and Documents

Notices and documents required to be advertised under NSW planning legislation are now published online at Council's website. Documents can be viewed by accessing: www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/development-and-planning-public-notices

Bungendore Floodplain Risk Management Committee

In conjunction with the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, we are seeking expressions of interest from community members to form a Floodplain Risk Management Committee for Bungendore.

The committee will assist in completing a review of the Bungendore Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan (FRMSP). The previous Bungendore FRMSP was completed in 2014. Council is updating the Bungendore FRMSP for the following reasons:

1. The recently updated Bungendore Structure Plan (2020) covers a much larger area than what was assessed by the 2014 FRMS&P. An update is required to understand and mitigate against flooding in the expanded area.
2. The Australian Rainfall and Runoff guidelines have recently been updated. The updated FRMS&P will be produced in accordance with the latest guidelines.

It is expected that the Committee will generally meet quarterly at Council offices in Bungendore during working hours. Meetings are expected to take 2-3 hours. Occasional meetings may be held in other locations as required. Public consultation sessions will also be undertaken and will generally occur in the early evening during the week.

Interested members of the community should send their expressions of interest to floodplain@qprc.nsw.gov.au by Wednesday 21 October

Planning applications on the NSW Planning Portal

Development, modification applications, construction, and subdivision certificates, complying development and occupation certificates can now be lodged through the NSW Planning Portal. Register and create an account on the NSW Planning Portal at www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au

Temporary Braidwood Office closure - Friday 9 October

On Friday 9 October, the Braidwood Office will not open until 12.30pm. We apologise for any inconvenience. Customer Service can be contacted on 1300 735 025.

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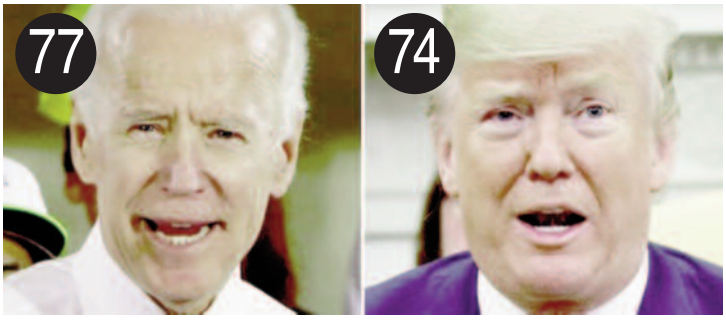


What if a Presidential candidate dies?

USA correspondent John Boyle, *Asheville Citizen Times*

Question: What would happen if Biden or Trump croaked before the election? Or, what would happen after the election if the winner croaks before being sworn in?

My answer: Sure, this question may sound a touch callous, but when you consider these candidates have 151 years of living between them, it starts making a fair amount of sense. Biden is 77 and Trump 74, but both men are reportedly in good health.

Real answer: I went to Western Carolina University political scientist Chris Cooper for this one:

"This is a short, simple, and good question, with a long, complicated, and questionable answer," he said.

"What happens in this scenario depends on the timing of when the presidential candidate shuffles off this mortal coil and how Congress interprets their responsibility."

Keep in mind that our inimitable Electoral College actually elects the president. Also, a term that may come into play in all this is 'constitutional crisis,' but we'll get to that in a minute.

Cooper broke it down into several scenarios.

"If the presidential candidate passes away after the Congress has counted the Electoral College votes but before the president is sworn in, the vice presidential candidate becomes president," Cooper said. "OK, that one wasn't so hard."

Let's move to scenario two:

"If the candidate passes away between the time the electors cast their votes, but before Congress counts them, the House of Representatives probably has the right to vote for whoever they want (each state would get one vote)," Cooper said.

And scenario three:

"If the candidate passes away after the election, but before the Electoral College formally casts their votes … well … the best bet is a whole lot of litigation," Cooper said. "The second-best bet is that the Electoral College (which is made up of party loyalists) would select a candidate (I would guess the vice-presidential nominee, but there's nothing that guarantees that) and cast their votes for that person."

...And let's not forget scenario number four:

"Finally (you have never been so glad to read that word, I'm sure), if the candidate passes away after the party conventions, but before the election, each party's respective national committees would select a new candidate," Cooper said.

Cooper boiled these scenarios down to their essentials, but any of us who lived through the 2000 election, in which George W. Bush and Al Gore went into overtime, with the U.S. Supreme Court ultimately deciding the election, knows it's not that simple.

"None of these scenarios are straightforward and all would introduce significant questions and litigation."

Cooper wrapped this up with a plea I think we all can support.

"For now, let's just hope both Joe Biden and Donald Trump are avoiding fatty meats and keeping their blood pressure down so we don't have to worry about the answer," he said.

Amen, to that.

The never-ending story

Paul Cockram was hoping someone would ask about it

Back in May this year, when *Braidwood's Changing Times* was a mere one issue old, I started to write a story.

When you're the publisher of a news journal you can do these things. Of course the problem is that I have no way of knowing if it's of interest to anyone except me and I might be biased.

One feature of the thus far eight episode saga has been the excellent accompanying artwork by Thomas Bonin. His graphic representations have been worth the price of admission alone.

A few issues ago it was pointed out to me that the story was gaining characters and complexity that meant little to readers who'd joined in part way through. I didn't think of that back in *BCT* issue number 2.

So what to do now? It is not as if I'm even holding anything back from you, dear reader, because the travesty of my writing style is that I haven't been writing the next instalment until the paper is finished and awaiting printing. Panic being the mother of creativity and all that. Sometimes I've given an outline to Thomas for the illustration before fleshing out the plot.

Hey, if it's good enough for George RR Martin to see the end of 'Game of Thrones' on TV before he's written it, it's good enough for me.

So what I'll do, if anyone cares, is to put the story-so-far on the web. Have a look at www.bwdmag.com.au/times/intelligencestory if you're interested.

What's it actually about?

Thanks for asking. We have hundreds, if not thousands, of people employed in various organisations to safeguard Australia's security. So by what method do they set their moral compass ... current government policy, their own rules or something else?

I'll resume writing 'A Test of Intelligence' before too long. It all depends on whether crazy current affairs make satire superfluous.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

St Bede's Parish

Mass each Saturday Vigil at 6.00pm. Social distancing, hygiene requirements and recording attendance procedures will be observed.

Tuesday Masses: No Masses until further notice.

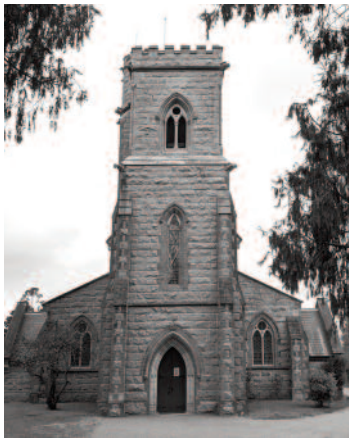
Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30 am in the Presbytery.

Adoration: Everyone is welcome to Adoration every Friday 9am-10 am as an opportunity for private prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Please feel free to come at any time during this hour for as long as you desire. Lighting of candles for special intentions is available. Entry is up the side ramp entrance of the church.

Social Justice Group: met in the Church Sunday 4 October at 10.30am.

Reflection on the Gospel Matthew 21:28-32 Is God Fair?

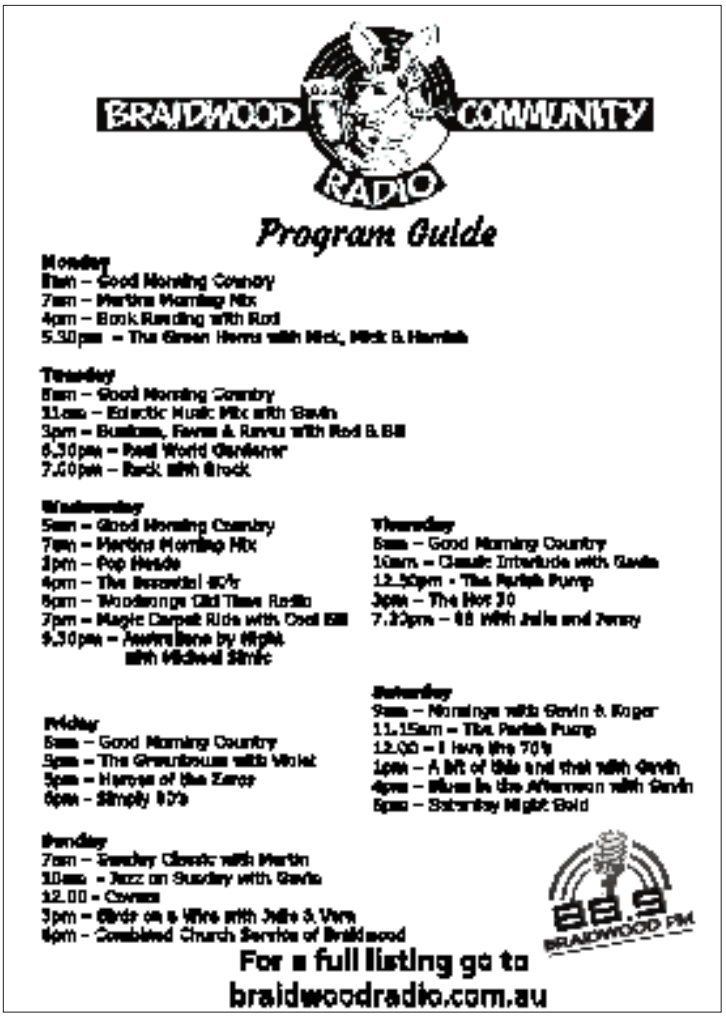
Lots of people say No but do Yes in the reign of God. They don't go to church, baptise their babies, or live by the Book in the way we would like. They don't seem to worship the same God we do, or



any God at all. Yet God has a very different abacus than ours, and the tally may come out better for them than for faithful churchgoers who live by the Book but have no love in their hearts. Is this fair?

Not while we are pushing the beads, perhaps. But God doesn't stoop so low as fairness, and all kinds of unlikely people are making their way toward the Kingdom. GPBS

Father Peter was farewelled at the end of Mass on Saturday 26th September.



Julian Laffan is looking for old photos of St Bede's school and/or pupils/classes. There is to be a 200 years of Catholic Schooling celebration this year and St. Bede's is going to be one of those highlighted.

If you have any photos please either email them to Julian or ring the school for a time to take them in to be scanned.

Radio Church is looking for people interested in contributing through the reading of prayers and Scripture for our weekly ecumenical service on Braidwood Community Radio. If interested please talk with Bro Brian or email:

drjuliefletcher@gmail.com

Anglican Parish of Braidwood

UNITY IN COMMUNITY!

We often talk about unity in Community but how do we find that sense of unity when so many of us share different beliefs, be they ethical, political, religious or social values? From our elected leaders we often here the catchcry, 'this or that is not the Australian way'!

We really have two options:- a) we can choose to go our own way or b) we can work co-operatively and productively with other people, be they people in the local community or people within the Church. Paul was writing to a developing new Church at Philippi under the most extreme circumstances by being incarcerated in prison simply for being so bold as to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In Philippians 2:1-13 he outlines the key virtues of promoting unity. The unique feature of this passage of scripture is that Paul was not wallowing in self-pity but espousing a far more desirable way of relating to others.

The whole thrust of Paul's argument is that unity is not found by looking inwardly but by looking beyond self to the welfare of others. In verse 2 there is an appeal to share the same love, being one in mind and spirit.

The following verse makes it quite clear that there can be no harmonious unity if people are generally consumed with selfish ambition and conceit. The preferred qualities mentioned in this context are compassion and sympathy, likemindedness and love that unites rather than divides. Humility is the quality that finds fulfilment in the service of others whereby we put the interests of others before the interests of self. Paul goes on in this passage to make an unmistakeable comparison with the person of Jesus Christ.

We must never forget that it was Jesus Christ who was the absolute benchmark or role model of one who humbled himself for the greater good. Jesus had power and authority direct from God but as Paul so tellingly reminds us Jesus did not exploit his birthright.

He emptied himself totally to the point of death with one primary objective in mind, the salvation and redemption of humankind. Those sacrifices still hold validity in the modern day whether we like to acknowledge it or not.

Scripture clearly teaches us that Jesus Christ is the unifying factor for ALL relationships, and his ongoing desire is that we will humbly partner with him for the unity and welfare of the Church and the communities in which we live.

Touch Judge

Uniting Church

Can you see where you've been?

Throughout the animal kingdom there are many ways trackers can see which animal has been where. Kangaroos leave a long straight furrow in the dust with their tail, as they jump through the bush.

Dogs leave the imprint of a distinctive paw profile, in the damp sand at the beach. When Jesus walked the earth he too could be tracked, not by an imprint in the dirt, but by his good works and by the bringing of freedom.

Luke wrote of Jesus, "...because God was with him, he went around doing good and healing everyone..." (Acts 10:38). I wonder, can people see where you have been? Do you leave a trail of doing good behind you? Do you bring a peaceful, healing presence wherever you might be?

We have the choice to leave good things in our wake. Whatever we may have left in the past doesn't have to be our future: We get to choose each day what we leave behind us. What might you choose today?

Peace to you from Dr Julie Fletcher and the congregation of Braidwood Uniting Church. Weekly Garage Sale: Wednesday 9-3, cnr Duncan and Monkittee Streets.

Catch us on Radio Church, Braidwood Community Radio, 6pm Sundays.

GOLF CLUB NEWS

Many thanks to Barb Stuart, Di Freeman & Fran McGrath for their work on resurrecting the garden on the 3rd hole.

With daylight saving upon us now the club will be moving to a single tee time for men and women from next week. All players are to be registered by 12.15 for 12.30 tee times. The plan is to reduce the congestion there has been at times over winter but still maintain the smaller groups required by Golf NSW for the duration of the pandemic and quicker overall round times.

Next Sunday, October 11th, is the Foursomes Championships. Five women's teams are already registered but there are currently only have four men's teams and a couple more are required for the Championships to go ahead. The Championships are standard foursomes over 27 holes, $30 per player, tee off from 10.30am for women and 11am for men. Men, please let Mark know ASAP if you have a team to play next Sunday. (shezmark2709@bigpond.com or 0409 250 713).

The Mixed Foursomes with the same format will take place on Sunday October 25.

Warning to all players, members and casuals, to take care as the snakes are out and about. A large brown was seen near the dam on the 3rd hole and also the swooping magpie on the 7th, 9th and nearby holes is still very active.

Results: Saturday October 3 Men's Stroke, Monthly Medal

Winner: Terry Hughes nett 70 c/b

Runner Up: John Harb nett 70

Ball Comp: Brendan Sly nett 71, Don Burke nett 73, John Stahel nett 73,

Nelson Sargent nett 75, Keith Ferguson nett 75

Handicap Changes: John Harb down 1 to 18, Terry Hughes down 1 to 25,

Andrew Clark out 1 to 20

Women's Stroke, Monthly Medal - Amanda Hall Trophy- with many thanks.

Winner: Jackie Clark nett 71,

Runner Up: Di Freeman nett 72 c/b

Ball Comp: Margy Gardner nett 72, Donna Kuhn nett 76

Handicap Changes: None

Coming Events

Saturday October 10: Men's Single Stableford – Michael Fitzgerald Trophy

Women's Single Stableford – Jackie Clarke Trophy

Sunday October 11: Men's & Women's Foursomes Championships (27 Holes)

Women 10.30am Hit Off, Men Hit Off from 11am

Saturday October 17: Committee Meeting 10.30am

Medley 2BBB Stableford- Debbie & Keith Ferguson Trophy

Draw For Partners After The Game

Saturday October 24: 3 Ball Stabrose - The Mafia Trophy –

12.30 Hit Off All Players

Sunday October 25: Mixed Foursomes Championships (27 Holes)

Saturday October 31: Medley 2BBB Stableford Hans & Donna Kuhn Trophy

12.30 Hit Off All Players

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Dan Hart gives it his all. PHOTO: KATHY TOIRKENS

Gallant Redbacks go down to Tigers in Semi-Final

Nick Pengelly

On Saturday 26 September the Braidwood Redbacks travelled to Taralga to play their first semi-final match since 2007.

The Redbacks and their strong supporter base were met with a cool, windy, sleety day; a far cry from the 27°C they played in at Batemans Bay some weeks beforehand. This was always going to be a tough game for Braidwood with Taralga being one of the strongest, best drilled teams in the South Coast Monaro competition over the last few years. However the game started at a cracking pace with both sides pulling off some crushing tackles and slick backline moves.

It was Taralga who scored first; two tries quickly putting them out to a 12 – 6 lead, with the Redbacks clinging on through a couple of penalty goals. Braidwood then found their mojo, and on the back of some strong forward work, were able to post a couple of tries themselves to Luke Turner and Jeremy Ramm taking them to the lead 18-12.

Just on half time the Tigers hit back with a converted try and to take a lead of 19-18 into the break. Soon after commencement of the second half the Tigers scored again and slowly began to dominate. To their credit the Redbacks never gave up but were unable to mirror the form of the first half and ended up going down to the Tigers by 41-18. The Redbacks should be proud of themselves for what was a magnificent season on the back of the hard year it has been. Three points went to captain Jake Holland, two points Fergus James and one point to veteran Kiwi Hopkins.

The Club will now look to next year to go one better!

The Redbacks would like to thanks the large contingent of supporters that travelled to Taralga on what was a terrible day weather wise. The club now looks forward to its presentation day commencing at 4.00pm Saturday 17 October.

Due to the unusual year we are having, the usual presentation dinner will be replaced with a BBQ at the club with friends and family. Additionally the players will be looking forward to their end of season tour with location still to be finalised.

STOP PRESS

For the eleventh consecutive day, NSW has reported no recent cases of locally transmitted COVID 19. Eleven cases in overseas travellers in hotel quarantine were diagnosed in the 24 hours to 8pm last night, bringing the total number of cases in NSW to 4,057.

BC TALLS TARS

Minutiae

A good week to examine the fine print. Do you realise that your house insurance might not be paid out if you fail to disclose anything, 'you know or *should know*' that might increase the risk? Is that a bit like at a wedding when the celebrant asks, "does anyone know, or should know, of any reason why these two may not be joined in matrimony"?

Götterdämmerung

A bad time to be in tertiary education. They're dropping like flies. The Minister for Re-education, Mort Tein swatted away criticism. "They have only themselves to blame," he said while spraying another intellectual infestation with neurotoxins. "This has been long overdue. Everyone knows the more your educate people, the less likely they are to support this government's policies".

Gesundheit

"Don't be afraid of Covid," said the Tweeter-in-Chief surrounded by his team of 14 doctors. There was concern that pumping him full of remdesivir and dexamethasone would lead to encephalopathy or 'altered mental function' as it has in a third of COVID-19 sufferers. However it would seem at this time that no-one has noticed any change in the President's behaviour.

Latterday

And it's tempting to think that the world has never been as mad as it is right now. So to put all our minds at rest below is a popular ad from days gone by. In today's times of course you could wear your nose shaper under your coronavirus mask and nobody would even know.

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