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Changing Times

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COMING WEATHER

Temp	Min	Max	Chance rain
We:	4°	12°	50%
Th:	6°	14°	20%
Fr:	5°	11°	40%
Sat:	4°	9°	40%
Sun:	2°	13°	5%
Mon	-1°	12°	5%

Driving forces Jessica Friedmann and Madeleine Boulton with children Owen Baylis and Lucinda Jones.

New before and after school care to assist working parents

Robin Tennant-Wood and Paul Cockram

After 18 months of active lobbying by the Braidwood Central School P&C, the school now has a Before and After School Care.

President of the P&C, Madeleine Boulton, said that parents at the school were very keen to see such a service established. "It's an important service for our communities, and it will enable parents to have more employment opportunities. And it's a service that we haven't had locally for a few years," she said.

The new service commenced on Tuesday with the new school term and will not only provide care for students before and after school hours, but will also provide vacation care. Ms Boulton said that not only is this a service that has also been lacking in this town, she believes that there's not a lot of vacation care services in the entire QPRC region, or, indeed, in Canberra. "Options in terms of holiday care were very, very limited prior to this opening," she said.

Ms Boulton said that the P&C is very grateful to have had the support of the Department of Education and the BCS school executive in getting the Before and After School Care up and running. "We were able to get this off the ground through the Department of Education, running a joint pilot program with Captains Flat Public School. Our service provider is Big Childcare. They're actually an organisation from Victoria, and this is the first service that they'll be running in New South Wales," Ms Boulton said. The provider will be operating a two-site service at both Captains Flat and Braidwood Central.

The new service is entirely an initiative of the BCS P&C, which has been actively lobbying and advocating: a long process which included letter writing to the premier, Gladys Berejiklian. Ms Boulton said that that was what "finally got some traction on this."

In order to access the Before and After School Care service, bookings are required. The service is a subsidised scheme through the federal childcare subsidy scheme.

Ms Boulton explained that "what this means for parents is that you only pay the gap between the rebate that you're eligible for. It's a means tested rebate depending on people's incomes, which is done on a sliding scale. But the afternoon fee for instance, is $18, but what you actually pay out of pocket is likely to be quite a bit less than that."

For further information on the service go to the NSW Government – Education website or go to: https://bigchildcare.com

COVID-19 vaccinations at Capital Chemist Braidwood

Press Release from CCB

Capital Chemist Braidwood is an approved provider for the COVID-19 AstraZeneca Vaccine, helping to provide COVID-19 immunisation for our local area and wider community.

We were pleased to hear the NSW Government endorsing the use of community pharmacy to increase vaccination rates, and most importantly vaccine availability in rural and regional areas, like ours. Only 22 pharmacies have been approved in NSW, and we are thrilled to be able to provide this service for the Braidwood community.

At this stage, we are only providing the COVID-19 AstraZeneca vaccine to those over 60 years of age. However, we hope the government will provide access to the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines for younger populations around September or October.

If you are over 60 years of age,

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EDITORIAL Robin Tennant-Wood

Champions for our time

It says a lot about our current society that Australia's current heroes are a young Indigenous woman and a bloke in a wheelchair.

When Ash Barty and Dylan Alcott won their respective Wimbledon finals in the early hours of Sunday morning, a grateful nation celebrated.

In a country where sportspeople are often afforded far more attention and respect than they deserve, these two deserve every shred of attention and respect. Both have risen to the top of their sport through sheer grit and hard work. While both are blessed with natural athletic talent, the application, focus and sheer enjoyment they put into their games is a joy to watch.

> They also both have a grace and humility that speaks louder than even their formidable games.

None of the strutting conceit, arrogance, temper tantrums or intolerance that mark other champions, not just in tennis, but sport more broadly. Uniquely, in Australian sport, these two both have one hundred percent approval ratings with the public. They are not regarded as 'tall poppies' in need of cutting down, they are, indeed, examples and while neither Barty nor Alcott seek to represent 'just' Indigenous or 'just' disabled people, they are nonetheless inspirations for two groups of people who are frequently marginalised in our society.

At a time also when spirits are low or times are tough, Australians look to our sports stars for relief. Perhaps more so than other countries, an Australian sporting victory serves to unify and encourage. That we are unified and encouraged by two people representing the broad diversity of our society is a bonus.

No one can argue that the past eighteen months have been challenging. The COVID pandemic is still as threatening as it was a year ago: our three biggest cities (or parts thereof) have had to go into lockdown on numerous occasions; the vaccine program is a disaster with no improvement in sight for the short-term; the federal government is unravelling; small businesses and individuals are suffering economic hardship. Perhaps in any other country a win by the country's tennis stars would seem trivial, yet somehow, these two have lifted the national spirits in a way that no politician could dream of doing.

Ash Barty and Dylan Alcott, a grateful nation salutes you both. Long may you both stay at the top of your games.

Vaccinations at the Chemist

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you can book an appointment with us after the 19th July using our booking link: https://capital-chemist-braidwood.pharmacybookings.com.au/

Alternatively, you can call the pharmacy on 02 4842 2528.

You can check your eligibility using the COVID-19 vaccine eligibility checker at https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility

All your questions about the COVID-19 vaccine answered

Do the benefits of the COVID-19 AstraZeneca Vaccine outweigh the risks?

Yes. The benefits of receiving the COVID-19 AstraZeneca vaccine clearly outweigh the risks in most circumstances. This is particularly clear for older Australians who are at significantly higher risk of severe COVID-19 infection and serious complications, including death.

https://capital-chemist-braidwood.pharmacybookings.com.au/

How low is the risk of getting a blood clot from the COVID-19 AstraZeneca vaccine?

We have been hearing in the media about people getting blood clots after receiving their COVID-19 AstraZeneca vaccine. The actual incidence of the specific condition (TTS) in Australia in extremely rare – 0.003% of people who have received the vaccine are likely to have a severe adverse effect, 0.0001% (69 people out of 5 million vaccine doses) have developed TTS and even fewer have died as a result.

What is TTS and how does it compare to blood clots such as pulmonary embolism or DVT?

TTS, or thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome, is a very rare side effect that involves a blood clot (thrombosis) and a low platelet count (thrombocytopenia). TTS is completely treatable and our medical profession has robust guidelines and procedures to ensure appropriate, timely treatment.

TTS typically occurs around 4 to 28 days after vaccination. Symptoms to look out for include severe headache with onset 4 days after receiving your vaccine, blurred vision, chest pain, shortness of breath or abdominal pain.

TTS is different from other types of clots, such as pulmonary embolism and deep vein thrombosis (DVT). The COVID-19 AstraZeneca vaccine is not associated with these types of clots. It is important to remember that every day in Australia, over 80 people develop these types of clots resulting in over 30,000 cases each year. If you develop a blood clot after receiving your vaccine, your doctor can do blood tests to determine the cause.

What other side effects can I expect from the COVID-19 AstraZeneca vaccine?

Common side effects from the COVID-19 AstraZeneca Vaccine include:

- Pain, swelling, tenderness or itchiness at the injection site
- Tiredness
- Headache
- Muscle pain
- Nausea
- Fever and chills
- Joint pain

These side effects are usually mild and occur in about two-thirds of people who receive a vaccination. They usually start the day after receiving the vaccine, and last for 2-3 days. These symptoms are more common after the first dose of COVID-19 AstraZeneca vaccine when compared to the second dose. Most people will get relief from these symptoms by taking regular paracetamol or ibuprofen.

Source: Australian Government COVID-19 Vaccination microsite.

Bente Hart, Natasha Jovanoska and Kayla Lee of Capital Chemist Braidwood (Image: Doug Hall)

Capital Chemist Braidwood moving to Lascelles Street

The pharmacy in Braidwood has been in the same building for over 100 years but in these changing times the current location does not allow for growth.

The new store, at Shops 1 & 2 Village Terrace, on the corner of Monkittee and Lascelles Streets will allow for more health services, more access to pharmacists, more healthcare options, and more room to grow.

According to pharmacy co-owner, Kayla Lee, the new space is double in size, "meaning that we can stock more of your favourite items, and have dedicated areas for pharmacist advice, prescriptions, and payments. This change will ensure that our pharmacists can give you the advice and help you need, when and where you need it."

There will also be three consult rooms, to be used for all the health services currently offered, such as leave certificates, blood pressure checks and vaccination services, as well as several new health services, such as heart health checks, sleep apnoea services and screening for various health conditions.

The new space will also be fully accessible for wheelchairs and other forms of mobility aids, thanks to the new flat entry with automatic double-doors. Parking right at the door will be a huge benefit to anyone who has had to walk from the end of Wallace Street to the current pharmacy when they're unwell.

Capital Chemist Braidwood has been through quite a lot of change over the last two and a half years. While Bente Hart has long been a pharmacy owner and a local resident in Braidwood, she was joined by Kayla Lee and Natasha Jovanoska as joint owners in mid-2019.

Bente is Danish born, grew up and studied pharmacy in Denmark, and the way she tells it, was "swept off her feet by a young fella from Braidwood and moved to Australia." Bente began with a passion for research, but quickly fell in love with all the clinical aspects of pharmacy in both the community and hospital settings in Braidwood.

Kayla and Natasha both grew up in Canberra and love community pharmacy and being able to help people to reach their health goals. Kayla cannot wait to use her passion, experience, and studies in mental health to help the Braidwood community, while Natasha is passionate about cardiovascular health and became a Heart Foundation Health Professional Ambassador in 2017.

MEET THE SUMMERFIELD RESIDENTS — David and Geneth

Geneth and David

Geneth: We're orininally from New South Wales, but we went to Tasmania 25 years ago, to a place called Penguin. And now we've come back.

David: I'd been looking at downsizing from our small property in Tasmania. My mother was born in Queanbeyan, and my grandfather up at Tarana — so I thought it'd be very interesting to come back to somewhere around here. I saw this place advertised and we came out in January with my son and decided that Summerfield was going to be ideal — and it is.

Geneth: It ticked all the boxes. I grew up on a sheep farm. So I'm used to being on the land and I've never really liked living in towns; but I don't mind a small town and this one's so warm and friendly and it just seemed the place that we'd be able to settle in.

Here at Summerfield, it's got everything we need. The hospital is next door and the swimming pool down the road. And it's such a lovely sunny spot that we've got. We have hardly needed a heater on, and yet it's pretty cold outside, isn't it?

David: The new hospital was another selling point for Summerfield, of course.

Geneth: It's means that you can stay in your own home if you possibly can, at our age. Another plus is that our friends can come and stay because with three bedrooms, there's plenty of room — yeah, it's excellent.

We've only just started settling in. We've got more furniture to come, so we're just waiting until it all comes and then we'll work out what we're going to do. And we're waiting for the window furnishing. But it doesn't seem to take long to get help in Braidwood. Whenever we get in touch with anybody they're here nearly the next day, and we haven't really had any problems.

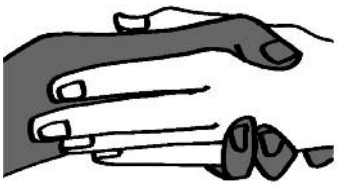
NAIDOC thanks

Sue Doran

Braidwoodians are taking strides towards healing Country having been the fortunate beneficiaries of generous teaching by First Nations custodians.

After all Braidwood is the gateway to countless hectares of native forests and headwaters of critical waterways. So we're heavily invested in healing Country. There's also a sad - and likely violent - past, its truths yet largely untold. All the more reason to acknowledge the courage of those First Nations contributors to return to Country and help to heal.

Just some of these steps (involving so many more people than there is space to name) include:



■ years of wonderful work of Uncle Max and other Walbunja custodians alongside Merrie Hamilton and so many others, as well as a long list of generous First Nations speakers, artists, activists, historians and scientists who've participated in our Two Fires Festivals continuing the legacy of Judith Wright's passions for Art and Activism;

■ Uncle Noel Butler's work in helping us learn the names, identities, uses, life-cycles of flora in his Budawang Country;

■ pre-schoolers learning Dhurga language, flora and fauna through song with Noel and Trish Butler;

■ Dhurga language classes taught by Kerry Boyenga and hosted by St Bedes;

■ the Dhurga Rock in Ryrie Park;

■ ancient songlines insights explained by Margo Neale;

■ opportunities in our local museum to learn about our long heritage, urged and devised with First Nations advice;

■ traditional custodians teaching Mongarlowe RFS members following input from Uncle Noel Webster about cultural burning practices;

■ the generosity of Tjanara Goreng Goreng and others teaching aspects of traditional women's business;

■ partnerships with local land councils in efforts to protect river banks and to regenerate fisheries;

■ world-leading regenerative and land hydrating practices with First Nations advice, supported by Landcare and Bushcare projects;

■ advice over the years from both Batemans Bay and Ulladulla Land Councils;

■ support for our teachers from Waine Donovan, NSW Teachers Federation Organiser;

■ and most importantly of all, the energy, excitement, confidence and proud future of our own Braidwood First Nations school students.

Much to be celebrated. Much learned. Thank you all.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Open letter to Kristy McBain, Member for Eden-Monaro

Dear Kristy,

I was unable to attend your 'town hall' gathering in Braidwood recently, but anyway it is difficult to make clear points in such a format. I write as a retired Earth scientist. I think Labor is failing Australia.

You seem like a good, caring person, yet since you have entered Parliament you have been required to vote to allow the government to imprison innocent refugees indefinitely. That violates every moral code on the planet.

You have voted to increase the limit on donations from developers.

You have voted against Independent Zali Steggal's bill to prohibit fracking the Beetaloo Basin for gas and will vote against her efforts to rapidly transition away from fossil fuels.

Your leader, Mr. Albanese, says Braidwood wants a government that takes climate change seriously, and that is probably true, but it has been made quite clear since your meeting here that Labor would not be that government.

Your resources spokesperson, Madeleine King, states Labor's intention to allow extensive new fracking, including the Beetaloo. She refers to 'clean, low-carbon gas', which is simply a lie, natural gas is no such thing.

Ms. King portrays 'climate activists' as extremists who 'demonise all fossil fuels'. This insults the world's climate scientists, who have been warning that the need to phase out the use of all fossil fuels is desperately urgent, and that there should be no new extraction projects approved.

Labor's shadow cabinet will convene in Port Hedland to show its support for the fossil fuel industry. It should be promising to remove the existing large subsidies for fossil fuels but has in the past supported additional public subsidies and may well again.

Every relevant major scientific organisation in the world warns that global warming is real and caused by human activities that must be curtailed. There is serious concern that several climate drivers are close to or already tipping the climate into irreversible runaway, which would bequeath a hellish Earth to our grandchildren.

It is obvious the Coalition has been captured by the fossil fuel industry. It seems Labor has now also fully capitulated.

Mr. Albanese might be genuine in promising to more actively promote clean energy and a modernised grid, but it will all be for nothing unless fossil fuels are rapidly phased out. He and most of Labor clearly do not understand, or admit to, the dire situation we are in.

Your electorate of Eden-Monaro was affected by six megafires, any one of which would have been a major disaster. Their unprecedented number, magnitude and intensity was clearly caused by global warming. If you really want to serve your electorate then curtailing global warming has to be your over-riding priority.

If you have to go against Labor policy, so be it, even though you might well be expelled. Perhaps that would be just as well. Labor at present is a big part of the problem.

Sincerely,

Dr. Geoff Davies,

Braidwood resident and retired Senior Fellow, Research School of Earth Sciences, Australian National University.

Fire and Rescue Safety Visits

"Thanks to early warning from a working smoke alarm this young family escaped safely. The toddlers room was located next to the origin of the fire and was quickly engulfed by flames. Without the smoke alarm it could have been a very different story."

— Firefighter Kate Faith

What is a Safety Visit?

During your Safety Visit, we will attend your home and check that you have working smoke alarms, that they are in good working condition, and are installed in suitable areas. If you do not have one, firefighters will install a long-life battery-powered smoke alarm as well as replace existing smoke alarm batteries all at no cost.

A smoke alarm is a life-saving device which should be installed and properly maintained at all times. This is the responsibility of the home owner.

With your permission, firefighters will also ask you to show us around your home and property. This will allow us to give you personalised fire safety information including, but not limited to;

Who might benefit from a Safety Visit?

Everyone can benefit from a Safety Visit, however there are people within our communities that are statistically at higher risk of incidents occurring, including:

- Over 65's,
- Those who live alone,
- People with limited mobility, hearing impairments or vision impairments,
- Residents who are supported by carers, family and friends,
- And anyone with English as a second language.

How can I organise a Safety Visit?

You can organise a Safety Visit by calling your closest fire station. You can find your closest fire station by typing in your residential street address below and select the correct address from the dropdown. If the fire station is unavailable or you are unable to call, please fill out the online form.

Enter your street address and select the correct address from the dropdown.

Covid constraints

Due to the restrictions imposed by the NSW Government surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, Fire and Rescue NSW is restricting the Safety Visits program at this time.

You can still call your local fire station for fire safety advice and to register your interest for a Safety Visit, but please be aware that we can only visit once the permits it.

Araluen Creek restoration project gets the nod

Araluen Restoration Project newsletter July 2021

UDCLG's application to the Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Fund was successful and the group has received $290 000 to implement sediment control strategies in the Araluen Creek below the Neringla Bridge.

The lengthy drought, extreme bushfires and seven major flooding events in 16 months have created such high levels of damage that only major efforts can be employed to stabilise the Araluen Creek and its tributaries.

Our partners; Local Land Services, Soil Conservation Service and Upper Shoalhaven Landcare Council have assessed the damage and identified at least 20 sites requiring immediate attention in order to prevent further catastrophic outcomes for the Araluen Valley and those downstream who depend on good water quality. Improvements in stream stability will improve water quality, biodiversity and agricultural resilience.

Identified sites include stream bed erosion and bank collapse, sediment movement, stream deviations, weed infestation and instability created by the burnt landscape. Continuous and extreme weather events mean that remedial action is of a matter of urgency otherwise future weather extremities will continue to adversely impact the water catchment, its tributaries and the riparian zones of the Araluen Creek and Upper Deua catchment.

Expressions of Interest

The UDCLG is seeking Expression of Interest from landowners along the Araluen Creek and its main tributaries keen to participate and be part of this vital project. The positive benefits to both the landowner and the health of the creek are extensive and has been proven by past project outcomes with increased water levels. In stream log sills and stabilisation works have remediated many sites along the creek. Log sill installations in situ for many years are still performing well and serving their purpose.

The UDCLG invite you to attend a Community Information Session on Sunday 18 July at the Araluen Hall. BBQ Lunch provided from 12:30pm followed by project presentation from 1:30pm. Venue will be subject to covid conditions. In conjunction with the project a series of engaging workshops will be run throughout the year. Workshops will be presented by the Upper Shoalhaven Landcare Council and include topics of relevance to the project and the valley.

First workshop: Geology of the Araluen Valley 10am - 2pm Saturday 21 August.

Second Workshop: Erosion Control Sunday 12 September.

For further information please call Cath Harrison, Project Liaison on 0248 464079 or cathharri @gmail.com

UDCLG Membership: $2 per year or 3 years for $5. To join the group or check membership status please see our Treasurer Robyn Clubb.

Better waste management can cut emissions and save money

Press Release from Greens

The Greens have announced a raft of measures to improve the way waste is managed and resources are recovered in Queanbeyan-Palerang, including a trial of textile recycling and repair cafes, setting up Green Sheds and tool libraries, and turning food waste into compost for local use.

Greens candidate for QPRC, Katrina Willis, said that Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council's (QPRC) new waste management strategy, adopted on 30 June, is an improvement and should reduce waste to landfill but it doesn't meet the NSW government's targets and could be more ambitious.

"Repairing, mending, reusing and recovering resources used to be second nature to Australians but these habits have fallen by the wayside for many of us," Ms Willis said.

"There are also serious problems with packaging waste and plastic generally which ends up in waterways, parks, gardens and roadsides.

"Improving the way we manage waste, working harder to recover resources and re-creating a culture of reuse and repair will all help reduce waste to landfill and greenhouse emissions as well as save everyone money."

Greens on QPRC will work to:

- Promote home composting and local processing of food waste
- Work with community groups to trial repair cafes
- Seek interest in operating Green Sheds
- Run a textile recycling trial
- Set up tool libraries
- Work with regional councils and the ACT Government to develop regional processing of recyclable materials
- Advocate for the phasing out of plastic packaging and reduce plastic litter.

BRAIDWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION — Sue Murray

Community Transport – getting you to the specialist on time!

Braidwood residents are very familiar with the challenges of attending specialist medical appointments in Canberra, Goulburn and Queanbeyan.

Apart from the time involved in travelling, it becomes especially difficult for the elderly and those who are already feeling weak or unwell. It is also very challenging for younger residents who may not have a driver's license or access to a reliable car to attend appointments.

As the people of Braidwood have not had a dependable solution to this problem for over twelve months, we have developed a wonderful informal network for helping our vulnerable family members, neighbours and friends. However, as our population is growing (and ageing!) the demand for this type of support is on the rise.

This issue is one that the Braidwood Community Association (BCA) is very aware of, and they have been investigating different options to take the stress out of travelling to medical appointments.

The BCA is currently in discussions with the wonderful team at Valmar in Goulburn, who are keen to commence door-to-door community transport for the people of Braidwood. As we are a transport-disadvantaged community without public transport options, the service would be available to all Braidwood residents needing to attend medical appointments (regardless of age or financial situation).

But we need local volunteer drivers to make this initiative work.

Volunteers do not have to commit to a minimum number of hours, they may drive their own car (or potentially use a Valmar vehicle) and will receive all the training and support they need. They will also receive a kilometre allowance to cover vehicle costs. Most importantly, volunteers will be providing a much needed (and appreciated) service to the people in Braidwood who need it the most.

Would you like to find out more about becoming a volunteer driver? Or would you like to be notified when this service is available?

If so, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Kerrin Glover at the Braidwood Community Association, ph 0403 054 221 or mkglover@bigpond.com

Winter wildlife warning

The Native Animal Rescue Group (NARG) is warning that with the early sunsets and late sunrises of winter, wildlife and cars tend to be on the road at the same time.

President of NARG and the Majors Creek Wombat Refuge, Bill Waterhouse, said that people driving to and from work in the early mornings and evenings need to aware that kanngaroos and wombats will be out on the sides of the road.

"Just because it's been raining and there's grass around, the animals are still out on the roads looking for forage," he said.

Majors Creek Wombat Refuge currently has about 26 animals in care, of which around half are either injured and are in intensive care or are small orphans that require round-the-clock attention. The injured and very small are unable to get outside and graze naturally and need supplementary feeding.

When the Changing Times caught up with Bill, he was harvesting winter grass from a creek bank in Braidwood.

"We need four tubs of this every day," he said, indicating the tubs of grass he'd picked. "This is just for the injured wombats and the babies that can't go out." He asks that anyone with winter grass in their yards or paddocks to get in touch – he'll be round to pick it.

While we were talking, a phone call came in to say that a member of the public had just pulled a live 'pinky' joey from its mother's pouch on the Cooma Road. Bill estimated that the tiny orphan weighed around 50 grams.

The woman who pulled the mother off the road and checked the pouch said that the mother died of a head wound and that there was no sign of injury on the body. Bill explained that this was positive as it meant there was less likelihood that the joey was injured in the collision.

"It's so important that people stop and check the pouches of dead animals," he said.

> "We can save the joeys if we can get them early enough and we're so grateful to all those people who do take the time to stop and check."

Animals that have been checked by NARG members will have coloured paint markings.

If you hit an animal or see one that has been hit, call NARG, 4846 1900.

Braidwood mob on Larapinta Trail

Thanks to the Terry Campese Foundation, nine Braidwood teens have been able to experience the hike of a lifetime.

The nine, along with ten youngsters from the Goulburn Youth Foundation, took to the famous Larapinta Trail in the Northern Territory over the winter school break. They were mentored and guided by Terry Campese, Araluen Fire Captain Luke Watson, and Monica Kincaid, a community development officer from Nowra.

Mr Watson said that for the three months prior to the trip, the mentors worked with the 19 students on team-building and preparation. As a group, they undertook a couple of hikes: one local one to the Big Hole and Marble Arch in the Deua National Park, and another to Bungonia Gorge. "Nothing really prepares you for how challenging the Larapinta is," he said, adding that all the kids enjoyed it.

Among the highlights were some wonderful cultural experiences. The groups had a bush tucker tour and learned about the various edible plants in the region, and sampled traditionally cooked roo tail. They also visited some sacred sites, including a men's meeting place where there were 10,000 year old rock carvings.

"The group was divided into boys and girls, and the boys went in with the traditional owner, and then the girls went in," said Mr Watson. "But the girls had to step precisely in the footsteps of the guide so there was no deviation off the track." Once inside, both boys and girls were able to wander around and get a feel for the sacred nature of the place and look at the carvings.

The group completed six of the twelve sections of the Larapinta Trail, which is 223 kilometres in total. The trail goes from Alice Springs in the east, to Mt Sonder in the west, through the West MacDonnell Ranges.

More community grants

A new round of community grants will be opening soon.

The *Black Summer Bushfire Recovery (BSBR)* grants are funded by the Australian Government, from the National Bushfire Recovery Fund. Applications will be open from 22 July to 2 September 2021.

The grants can fund a broad range of community led projects – from social and community wellbeing projects right through to projects that support the recovery of local economies and built environments.

Applications are sought from all communities in eligible Local Government Areas. Queanbeyan Palerang is in this category. The grants are seeking ideas from different community groups, small businesses and Indigenous Australians about support for your community, as well as Councils and large businesses.

This grants program is not available for individuals, partnerships or

trusts. To be eligible, you must have an Australian Business Number (ABN) and be one of the following:

- an entity incorporated in Australia
- a company limited by guarantee
- an incorporated association
- an incorporated not-for-profit organisation
- an Aboriginal Land Council or indigenous corporation
- a local governing agency or body (such as a Council) or ACT governing agency.

The criteria for the grants is broad, making them accessible to as many groups as possible. So please look at the guidelines, as you might be eligible even if you can't see yourself in the list above.

Project proposals can be anywhere from $20,000 to $10 million.

For more information go to: https://recovery.gov.au/black-summer-grants

Applicant support services

Applicant support workshops (in person and online) will be available for people who would like some help with the application process, these dates will be confirmed in the coming weeks – expected to be around late July early August.

The workshops will cover how to write a good application, making sure it is answering what is asked in the criteria. The workshops will not provide someone to write your application. The workshops won't give applicants an advantage in the grants process, but aim to help people understand the guidelines and criteria to make sure you are putting forward the best version of your proposal.

The locations of the workshops will be listed on the website. If your area is not located near one of these workshops, you can advise community members register for an online webinar. Please note that dates may change due to COVID-19 restrictions, so please register early so that you are kept informed of changes.

Applications will open on 22 July, which gives people some time to think about what kind of project would work in our area. Applications will close on 2 September.

PEARLS AND IRRITATIONS
John Menadue's Public Policy Journal

Photo: Renew Economy

South Australia's impressive renewable energy transition

Fran Baum and Michael McGreevy

South Australia underwent a significant renewables transition under successive ALP governments from 2002 until 2018.

In 2002 SA generated its electricity locally from brown coal and gas and imported around 30% of its annual needs from Victoria where brown coal production dominated. There was no production from renewables. Jump to 2018, when the ALP lost office after 16 years, and the state was generating 52% of its electricity from renewables with the remainder from natural gas, with 3% of net annual production being exported east.

Leading up to the 2018 election, which they went on to win, the Liberal opposition in concert with their Federal colleagues attacked SAs renewables transition claiming it was responsible for the state's comparatively high electricity prices and blackouts that hit the state in 2016 and 2017. One of which induced Scott Morrison to infamously brandish a lump of coal in parliament and pun that South Australia under the ALP's renewables policies had entered the 'dark' ages.

The state was hit by blackouts including one that affected the entire Adelaide metropolitan area. Thus, in the lead up to the 2018 election, the ALP had a policy to increase its independence from the National Energy Market and grid, which it argued had caused one blackout. Its policy of self-reliance entailed a renewable energy target of 75% by 2025, increased battery and pumped hydro storage, and new instantaneous gas-fired generation as a backup. It also supported via an advanced purchasing agreement, a private solar thermal plant at Port Augusta able to store energy as molten salt.

In comparison, during the run-up to the election, the Liberals emphasized the need for lower costs and increased reliability. Their policy commitments included improved management of existing and future renewables, and grant subsidies for households to adopt battery storage. However, the major policy difference between the parties was a push by the Liberals for greater integration into the national system by fostering the construction of a new interconnector into NSW, with the rationale of gaining access to its cheaper coal-generated power.

> The Liberal government was confronted with a well-established renewable energy transition with dozens of proposals for new renewable generation and storage on the horizon.

A transition so entrenched it would have required legislation to halt it. Faced with this reality the new government gradually became champions of the renewables transition themselves.

Fortune also shone upon the new government, wholesale prices for electricity fell and became the lowest nationally in 2020, even as the proportion of electricity generated from renewables continued to rise and reach 60% that year. This price drop was a result of household solar forcing down daytime prices and lower gas prices, not better management or policy changes.

In line with the new attitude, the yet to be constructed but promised interconnector metamorphized into an opportunity for the state to export excess renewables east and help build renewable capacity in the state. Although difficult to substantiate, the longtime government proposal to construct the interconnector potentially affected the long-term viability of proposed hydro storage and the solar thermal plant, leading to their shelving. This action has likely delayed SA reaching 100% renewables and therefore using the national and global kudos from this for economic advantage.

The Liberal government also adopted a target to increase electricity production to 100% by 2030 with a notional aspiration to increase it to 500% by 2050. Excess capacity is to be used for transitions in the transport, manufacturing, and agriculture sectors, to attract new sustainable industries, and for export via interconnectors interstate or internationally as green hydrogen.

On the other hand, while the Labor Party opposition is very quiet about the planned interconnector, it too has a 100% target for renewables by 2030. As a point of differentiation from the Liberals, the ALP is also proposing a government-owned 250 MWe green hydrogen production facility to attract green manufacturing, provide peak electricity generation, and facilitate hydrogen exports.

The South Australian story provides hope in a country where climate denialism is still rampant among the Federal Liberal-National Coalition government. The transition can happen and does not result in the "dark ages" forecast by Prime Minister Morrison but rather reduces costs and contributes to Australia achieving zero-net emission by 2050. The transition also sends a global message that there are actors in Australia who will be able to hold their heads up high during the UN Climate Change Conference (COP 26) in Glasgow, and demonstrate that we don't all have our heads in a coal mine!

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MUSIC MATTERS

Recently I have been thinking about pianos — to be honest, this is not an unusual occurrence for me.

I've been thinking about some of the great piano players and the instruments they choose to play. What makes some pianos worth more than a house?

Pianist and master-showman Liberace played mostly Baldwin pianos. The Baldwin Piano Company is an American piano brand. It was once the largest US-based manufacturer of keyboard instruments and known by the slogan, "America's Favourite Piano". It ceased most domestic production in December 2008, moving its total production to China.

> One of Liberace's Baldwin pianos has every panel of the piano covered with Austrian lead crystals, including the underside.

Liberace would use it during his performances on stage in Las Vegas. It is in tune today and played by professionals weekly. You can see it if you ever visit the Liberace Museum in Paradise, Nevada. A Baldwin piano will set you back between $AUS15,000 and $AUS69,000 in America.

Oscar Peterson played Bösendorfer pianos. In Vienna Peterson was taken to a Bösendorfer showroom containing 20 grand pianos for him to try with a view to purchase one. "Suddenly I touched this one instrument, and it spoke to me in a way I'd never heard before: the sound seemed to run through my fingers, straight up my arms and into my whole body: 'This is mine!' I shouted in excitement. 'This is the one!'" Instruments will do that to you. (When I bought my piano – definitely not a high-end instrument like a Bösendorfer – I also knew straight away that this was the piano for me). Bösendorfer pianos, handcrafted in Austria, retail for be-

David McClymont

tween $A110,000 and $A770,000 in America.

Peter Nero plays only Steinway pianos. He says, "The Steinway has the power to project the personality of the artist through its unique ability to give the music a life of its own. It has a lyrical quality that is unsurpassed, and the capacity to span the entire tonal spectrum as no other piano." As a Steinway artist for close to 50 years, he returned to New York's Carnegie Hall to perform at a gala celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Steinway with many noted pianists, including Dr. Billy Taylor, Herbie Hancock, and Michel Legrand.

A couple of years ago I visited the Steinway showroom in St Leonards. I was like a kid in a lolly shop. The staff asked if I wanted to play any of the pianos – what a silly question – I tried every piano in the shop. Had a wonderful afternoon! A small Steinway will cost you about $AUS56,000 and the top-end pianos about $AUS260,000 in America.

Pianists like Peter Nero and Beegie Adair have "sponsorship" deals with piano manufacturers (in their case, Steinway). It means the artist is endorsing and approving that product and confirming to the audience that they use it exclusively. This means that the company or product benefits from the exposure that an artist is giving it and the artist then benefits in payment. The bigger the value of the deal, the more money you as an artist will receive.

What makes a piano worth hundreds of thousands of dollars? It's in the careful engineering design and the manufacturing process. You might think, well what's the big deal, you press a key down, on the other end a hammer comes up and hits a string, everyone's happy. However, obviously it's not as simple as that. A high-end piano has a very responsive keyboard, for example. What does that mean? It means that when you push a key down the piano produces a positive, clear sound. An example of that clear sound can be heard on Hugh Laurie's introduction to *St James Infirmary Blues* on the *Let Them Talk* album. The notes are clear, ringing and beautiful – just what you want from a piano.

What about the lower-end pianos? There are many manufacturers of pianos which are perfectly acceptable to those of us who don't have a "lazy" $100,000 or so sitting around. Also, there is the fact that some manufacturers make very nice upright pianos but so-so grand pianos and vice-versa. One of my preferences is Yamaha. Torakusu Yamaha started making pianos in Japan in 1900. By the way, Yamaha made the first commercially successful digital synthesizer, the DX7, in 1983.

On a local note – you may be aware that one of the local pubs in Braidwood (well, OK, The Royal) has recently purchased a very fine Yamaha G3 baby grand piano for its dining room. I happened to be passing on Saturday night (coincidentally, along with several fine musicians) and we sat down at the Royal and road-tested the piano. It passed with flying colours. I'm hoping that the Royal dining room becomes a recognised venue for music and dining in Braidwood. Please keep yours ears open for the grand opening.

In terms of recommendations for albums to listen to this week – I recommend the following CD's : *I'll Be Seeing You: The Piano Stylings of Liberace*, *Peter Nero's Greatest Hits*, Oscar Peterson's *We Get Requests*, Hugh Laurie's *Let Them Talk* and *Best of Beegie Adair: Jazz Piano Performances*.

Happy listening one and all.

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council
For Your Information

Youth Arts Program Applications Open

Do you know a young artist aged 13-17?

Applications are now open for QPRC's Media Arts Program. Young people aged 13-17 can apply to participate in a media arts and filmmaking program that will run between August and December 2021.

Todd Fuller, *Little Star Animation still 2*, 2015

The program will be run in Queanbeyan, Bungendore and Braidwood for up to 10 participants in each locality (total 30 participants).

The project will provide mentoring for young people to develop their skills, with workshops in traditional illustration, digital drawing and filmmaking.

To be eligible applicants must commit to the full program calendar from August through to December on a weekly basis, including an intensive five-day program in the September school holidays.

Applications need to be submitted by 10pm Sunday 18 July.

For more information and to apply head to our website at **qprc.nsw.gov.au/Community/Culture-and-Arts/Youth-Arts**

Have Your Say

Projects and initiatives open for community comment	Closing Date (2021)
Monaro Lanes	1 August
Towards 2042 - Community Strategic Plan	31 July
Community Resilience Plan	21 July
Monaro Street Upgrade	Ongoing
Renew 2620	Ongoing

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

Advertising of Notices and Documents under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and Regulations

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

Funding announced for Community Projects

The Australian and NSW Governments have announced funding under the co-funded Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Package.

The new Braidwood skatepark, that has been in Council's works program for some time, will now go ahead thanks to the Braidwood Community Association in conjunction with the Braidwood Youth Performing Arts Association securing a grant.

Upgrades to community halls in fire affected areas, a new amenities building for the Araluen campground, the Bungendore playground and back up battery systems for a number of Rural Fire Services stations will also be funded as part of this package.

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.**

The Queanbeyan Chambers can accommodate councillors, the community and digital participation via Zoom. We ask that In-person attendees check in with the Service NSW QR Code and follow current Health advice. There is limited space in the Queanbeyan Chamber, however, there is some overflow space available in Bicentennial Hall.

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

- Written presentation - submit by midday on Tuesday
- Zoom presentation - register by midday on Wednesday
- Verbal presentation - register online by midday Wednesday or by 5.30pm at the door.

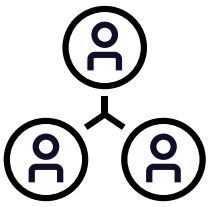
Register to make a presentation at **www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Business/Public-involvement-at-Council-meetings#section-2**

Next meeting dates are:

- 28 July - Ordinary Council Meeting
- 11 August - Planning and Strategy Committee 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.



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Lions give year-end funds to local causes

by Lion John Tuckwell.

With the end of the financial year Braidwood Lions has dispensed the remainer of the funds raised to local causes.

In total, Lions raised just under $15,000 which is a good result given Covid-19.

While Braidwood Lions does support some broader Lions national and international programs – eg Cancer research and Eye Health initiatives – the vast majority of funds raised (~70%) gets distributed back to needy causes in our local community.

Key recipients in the past 12 months have included the Braidwood Pre-school, St Bede's Primary School, Braidwood Central School, Braidwood & District Education Foundation, St Vincent de Paul Society and Braidwood Life Centre (see table).

Braidwood Lions Club members would like to warmly thank the Community for their ready and generous support.

Fund raising activities include the Lions famous sausage sizzle at the monthly Ryrie Park Markets and elsewhere, winter wood raffles, weekly Thursday night chocolate wheels at the Royal Mail, Lions cakes and sweets, as well as hosting the Antique Fair and the Young Writers Festival.

The same team has been elected as officeholders for 2021-22, with Lion Frank Hansby as President, Lion Laurie Ffrench as the Secretary and Lion Ken Thomas as Treasurer.

The annual change over dinner will be held on Saturday 28 August at the Braidwood Servicemens Club.

Braidwood Lions have their regular meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. New members are always welcome.

If you are interested, please contact Lion Frank Hansby on 0425 536 787 or drop in and see Lion Jamie Raynolds at the Royal Mail.

COMPUTER TAKEOVER SCAMS ON THE RISE

So far this year scammers have stolen more than $7.2 million from Australians by gaining access to home computers, an increase of 184 per cent compared to the same period last year.

According to the ACCC's Scamwatch, almost 6,500 Australians have reported phone calls from scammers trying to convince them to download software that gives access to home computers and their bank accounts.

Commonly called remote access scams, scammers pretend to be from well-known organisations such as Telstra, eBay, NBN Co, Amazon, banks, government organisations, police, and computer and IT support organisations. They create a sense of urgency to make you give them access to your computer via remote access software.

"Remote access scams are one of the largest growing scam types in Australia. Scammers take advantage of the digital world and the fear of fraud and cybercrime to access people's devices and steal their money," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

"These types of scams target and impact all people and can be convincing. People aged 55 and older lost over $4.4 million, accounting for almost half of total losses. Young people reported losing on average $20,000 and eight Indigenous Australians, some in remote communities, lost a total of $38,000."

Scams of this nature will often be an unexpected phone call saying you've been billed for a purchase you didn't make, your device has been compromised, or your account has been hacked. Sometimes they start with an SMS, email or pop up on a screen from a scammer seeking urgent contact to fix a problem.

The scammer will pretend to assist you or ask you to assist them to catch the scammer. They will tell you to download remote control software such as AnyDesk or TeamViewer. Once the scammer has control of your computer or device, they will ask you to log into applications such as emails, internet banking or PayPal accounts, which will allow the scammer to access your banking and personal information to impersonate you or steal their money.

While remote access tools have been around for years to help IT support personnel in their work, scammers are also taking advantage of the ability to remotely access people's computers or smart phones.

"It is really important not to let anyone who contacts you out of the blue access your devices, as once you give them access, you have no way of knowing what the person will do to your computer or what programs they may install," Ms Rickard said.

"If you receive contact from someone claiming to be from a telecommunications company, a technical support service provider or online marketplace, hang up.

If you think the communication may have been legitimate, independently source the contact details for the organisation to contact them. Don't use the contact details in the communication. Also, don't click on any of the links."

"Remember, your bank will never ask you to give them access to your computer or accounts, nor will they ask for the codes to verify transactions. You should never provide those numbers to anyone except to verify transactions you are making in your mobile banking app or through your online banking," Ms Rickard said.

The ACCC is working with the private sector to disrupt these scams including by sharing information with telecommunications carriers about the phone numbers used to call Australians so they can trace and block calls.

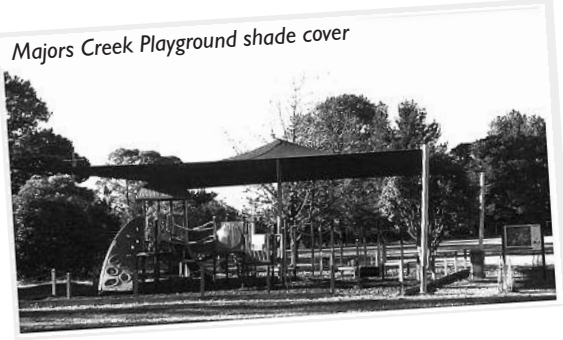
People who think they may have been scammed should contact their bank or financial institution as soon as possible. If they installed any apps or programs, they should also delete them from the device. Support in recovering from these scams including how to check if your identity and computer is secure is available through IDCARE on 1800 595 160 or www.idcare.org

Braidwood Community Bank opens 6 Sep 2002


Braidwood Central School Award winning Agricultural Studies class

Braidwood FM launches Bushfires Podcast


Captains Flat Public School sports


Majors Creek Playground shade cover

Community bank returns four million dollars to the people

A message from Shane Holness, Palerang Financial Services Chair

Community Banking in Braidwood and Bungendore

Since its establishment in the early 2000s, the success of your local Community Bank has delivered more than $4 million for a range of essential community services and infrastructure and it's all thanks to our loyal customers!

Such fantastic community support enables us to continue to contribute our profits to delivering worthwhile community outcomes and unmet need. And the results are all around us.

In Bungendore we have invested in a range of projects such as:

- The shade covering the children's playground at Mick Sherd Oval,
- Infrastructure for our show ground,
- Upgrading the Bungendore tennis courts,
- Creation of a National Bush Balladeers memorial
- Establishment of the Men's Shed,
- Providing support for local sporting teams of all codes, and
- Hampers to help those in need.

Projects delivered in Braidwood are just as diverse:

- Community organisations such as APEX, Lions, CWA and the Braidwood Hospital Auxiliary to support those in need
- Supporting the Arts and Cultural sector via visual arts, writers, community radio and community video productions
- Providing support for local sporting organisations of all codes
- Supporting the RFS and Emergency Services
- Underpinning the Braidwood Show Society along with groups associated with the showground facilities

We think it's a great time for a little reflection

Almost 20 years ago in 2001, a small group of community members came together with a single goal: to provide banking services locally through the creation of our own Bendigo Community Bank, with a commitment to strengthen the Braidwood community and the surrounding district. This became a reality with the opening of a Community Bank branch under the Bendigo brand in Braidwood in 2002. The residents of Bungendore watched on and began garnering community support to form a Steering Committee whose endeavours resulted in a branch opening there on 1 July 2006.

In 2021 the results are beyond all expectations. We now have two locally owned Community Bank branches that provide the full suite of banking services for the region via Bendigo and Adelaide Bank. Our main objectives remain in that we are locally driven to deliver financial services. We use the profits to invest in community projects, of all shapes and sizes, year on year and sometimes that 'once in a lifetime' fantastic idea.

As the operator of these two Community Bank branches, Palerang Financial Services Ltd (PFSL) has reached the impressive milestone of delivering $4 million dollars in profits back into the Bungendore and Braidwood communities and across the region (including Araluen, Captains Flat, Mongarlowe, Nerriga, and Tarago).

Our Community Banks are now an essential element that supports the vibrancy and diversity of activities and services within our communities and local residents who can join and participate in our community across the region.

Right now, the Crookwell community is showing keen interest in the Bendigo Community Bank model as we step up our agency operations there.

The community is our driver and we exist to provide financial services and to deliver benefits to the community.

We have worked with other parties to leverage support for larger initiatives including the Scout Hall in Bungendore and improvements to the Recreation Grounds in Braidwood.

As well as community projects, the profits generated by our local customer base supports local employment and the use of local services. For those who are shareholders in the business we, where possible, deliver an annual dividend as reward for their investment.

The achievement of this significant milestone in delivering $4,000,000 back into our local communities is one rarely achieved.

It is a testament to the support we receive from across the region and the service excellence our staff provide to you as customers of our Community Banks in both Braidwood and Bungendore, so if you're not yet a customer, please pay us a visit and make the switch as we strive to become Australia's bank of choice.

I also encourage you to look at some of the wonderful projects our national network of Community Banks are delivering achieving here: https://www.bendigobank.com.au/community/ and I look forward to welcoming more local customers to our Bank so that together, we can continue to deliver great things for our region and beyond.

BOOKWORM Julia Ermert

ANY ORDINARY DAY — blindsides, resilience and what happens after the worst day of your life.

Leigh Sales
Hamish Hamilton 2018

In *Changing Times'* last editorial, Robin reminded us that this pandemic could be for some of us the worst time of our lives. It will end, but life will never be the same. We must move forward, as a society, with courage, compassion and respect.

But this is as a society. What of those who face individual disasters? Does sharing make it easier?

Leigh Sales AM, Walkley Award winner, ABC's Washington correspondent and then Australian reporter on federal politics and international affairs, now anchors the 7.30 Report. She has the dubious honour of having interviewed every living Prime Minister.

What she had little experience of, was dealing with ordinary people coming close to death themselves, or losing loved ones: people who were simply in the wrong place at the wrong time. In this, her third book, and written well before COVID, she explores for us how they survived.

Covering the aftermath of the Lindt Café siege, she met Louisa. Louisa was one of the hostages lined up for possible execution. She already had MS and her husband had left her. Eventually she escaped with shrapnel wounds in her foot, including a piece which couldn't be removed.

Yet she now leads a full and happy life. Louisa has a religious faith which helps her make sense of the situation and assures her she's being cared for. She described her way of moving through her grief: she allowed herself only one hour a day to dwell on things. She could cry, rage and scream as much as she needed — for one hour.

She looked forward to that hour, but then it melted into half an hour, and eventually became an inconvenience she didn't want to make time for. She was too busy.

Others see their terrible event as completely random. There was nothing they could have done to avoid it and no one is to blame. It's all chance. They don't ask Why me? but Why not me?

When you consider that such events may have one chance in a million of happening, but we have a population of 24 million ... then something really nasty could happen to 24 people every day, and you're quite likely to come across one of them!

Stuart Diver, who survived that Thredbo avalanche and then lost his second wife to cancer, warns that we can carry so much more than we think we can, whether of love or pain. He still finds life wonderful, because he is a determined, resilient, positive man.

Walter Mikac, who lost his wife and daughters in the Port Arthur massacre, is just such another. He found meaning by setting up the Alannah and Madeline Foundation, concerned with keeping children safe from violence. And he cherishes his time, because no one can know when things might change.

> Those who don't manage so well are the ones who blame themselves: Why did I go out that day/take that bus/go down that street? They torture themselves endlessly with, If only...

Or those who must find someone else to blame, who petition the government for an enquiry or troll others on the internet, who want

Leigh Sales Photo: Daniel Boud

'justice'. It might seem positive action, but nothing for them will ever be enough.

So what can we do? If it's your hard time, know you can get through it. Life will not be the same, but there will still be lovely things.

Be less afraid of life rather than more afraid.

If it's your friend's bad time, don't turn away, not knowing what to say, or fearing you'll say or do something to make it worse. Don't try to fix it. Don't offer solutions. Just be there.

Don't make them bear your grief as well as their own.

And read Leigh Sales! She has so much more to say.

A remembrance of travel

At a time when international travel is off the agenda, one local artist has put her memories of travel into a collection of works.

Zoe Anika Bilston's exhibition, *"are you going to keep that?"*, opened at Altenburg Studio last week and places the ephemera of travel into a new perspective. Bilston describes her as "an ongoing collection of work centred around the effects of 2020 throughout the world.

"It examines the invisible presence of memories in physical objects and spaces and prompts the viewer to consider the printed and photographic ephemera they have accumulated throughout their own personal travels."

Bilston returned home in March last year from seven months overseas, studying in Scotland and then travelling the world. Choice works are pieces from locations hardest hit by the pandemic: Italy, the US and the UK.

As well as the ephemera of travel, the exhibition features a collection of screenprints of aerial landscapes from a plane window. Showing, as they do, the remoteness that the long-distance traveller often feels from their surroundings in viewing the landscape from above, they stand in contrast to the intricate reproductions in pencil of the bits and pieces a traveller finds in the bottom of their suitcase when they return: boarding passes, receipts, tickets and the flotsam of passage.

Zoe Anika Bilston's artistic focus is printmaking and drawing. She recently graduated with a Bachelor of Visual Arts and will shortly graduate with a Bachelor of Design. She has exhibited both locally and internationally and was the recipient of multiple awards through the 2020 Emerging Artist Support Scheme.

While maintaining her artistic practice, Bilston works at the National Gallery. Her current work is an exploration of how the onset of the pandemic and it's associated societal shifts are changing the way we think about travel and the freedom of mobility.

are you going to keep that? is showing at Altenburg until 7 August.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Braidwood Uniting Church

Proverb 9:10-11

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." Do we, should we – fear God?

Fear of God! For some it is drummed into us as children, are we told that God will punish us if we are naughty? "God will get you", I have often heard said, when someone does something nasty. But now as we gain wisdom and knowledge, we understand and know that God is love. God loves us all, no matter who or what we are, he is a forgiving God. He is with us in good and bad times, always. He is our loving Father. So, what is the meaning of the word 'fear' in this Proverb 9:10-11?

'Fear' in this instance is emphasising the wonder and awe of God. In this world if one person had all the power that God has, would we not be careful(?) fearful(?) of what that person could do if we upset him/her? God is a good and loving Father; he is not going to harm us. We need to respect and honour Him, follow His teachings and commandments.

Why? Of course, all for the betterment of our own lives. He has given us life, and favoured us with so many blessings. He has created a most wonderful and beautiful world to live in. All he asks of us in return is that we obey his commandments and love one another. Is that so hard to do?

Here a couple of quotes that I have unreservedly stolen from Google:

"Fear of the Lord (Wonder and Awe): With the gift of fear of the Lord we are aware of the glory and majesty of God. ... He describes the gift as a "filial fear," like a child's fear of offending his father, rather than a "servile fear," that is, a fear of punishment. Also known as knowing God is all powerful." [www.hearthymn.com] I couldn't put it any better.

Holding onto our Faith, holding God in our hearts with reverence and respect, will set us onto the way for all knowledge and spiritual truth. This is the meaning of Proverbs 9:10-11.

Blessings from Irene Murtagh and the congregation of Braidwood Uniting Church. Worship Sundays 10am, Radio Church 6pm. Weekly Garage Sale: Wednesday 9-3. Cnr Duncan and Monkittee Streets, Braidwood.

St Bede's Parish

REFLECTION on the Gospel of Mark 6:034 by Dianne Bergant CSA

Jesus chose disciples to continue his work; he instructed them and empowered them. He sent them out on a mission, and they returned. People followed them, because they wanted to hear what Jesus and the disciples had to say; they wanted to be released from the sickness and the demons that possessed them.

There are so many searching people in the world today, people hungering for instruction, good people looking for direction. They may be parents who are sick with grief over the future of a troubled child; a man stripped of his dignity through unemployment; a woman facing a pregnancy alone; elderly people feeling the surge of life leave their declining bodies; people who are angry and confused because they believe that the church is no longer dependable. They are people who are looking for answers and for meaning. They are like sheep without a shepherd, and Jesus looks to us to shepherd them.

In the midst of this confusion, there are reliable shepherds who walk with us in the dark valleys. They are willing to share the dangers through which we pass, even at the risk of their own safety. They do not pit one segment of the community or one theological perspective against another, scattering the sheep and driving them away. Instead, they work to dismantle the walls that divide us. They speak the word that gathers us together. They reconcile us with God and with each other. They may not give us easy answers, but their primary concern is to lead us to Jesus, the one who is our peace.

Weekday Masses: Tuesdays at 10am in the Church

Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.

Adoration: cancelled until further notice.

Araluen Stations of the Cross: 3.00pm First Friday of every month. All welcome.

Social Justice Meeting: Sunday 1 August in the church at 10.30am.

Whole School Mass: Tuesday 27 July 2021

Sacrament of First Eucharist: Special Mass on Sunday 15 August at 10.30am.

Markets in Ryrie Park:

8am - 2pm next Saturday.

Produce; Crafts; Plants; Antiques & Collectibles; Trash & Treasure; Monthly Raffle; Donations of cooking etc gratefully accepted by the rostered group.

Vinnies needs winter clothing!

Vinnies shops and our emergency support services remained open throughout the COVID-19 emergency last winter in Canberra. Because Vinnies was one of only a few services open, our stocks of winter coats, jackets and blankets were wiped out. Donations may be left at your local Vinnies shop.

Anglican Parish of Braidwood

This week I have been trying to relate to music, or the lack of it now Covid Restrictions are back in place in our Church services.

Improvised music via CD was necessary for listening purposes only. I then remembered some of those great old musicals that were popular and brought peace and tranquillity to life's existence. Musicals like My Fair Lady, South Pacific, The Sound of Music and Oklahoma which shared its 'bright golden haze on the meadow'. Suddenly, things changed as Rock 'n Roll emerged and raised the decibel count. Stereo sound systems also played their part in fracturing the dream and perception. Music had lost its innocence as it were. Music had gone from calming and soothing to confronting, controversial and revolutionary. The music of sensitivity and serenity had become more sensational, sensual and seductive. The musical Jesus Christ Superstar caused outrage in the community at the time of its release. It was labelled blasphemous and demeaning for portraying Jesus as some kind of rock idol. In purely secular, visual and practical terms, Jesus did indeed seem like a superstar. During his earthly ministry Jesus clearly made an impact on many, many, people.

We should never demean or diminish the divinity of Jesus Christ in any way, however, a casual observer might easily conclude that here was an extraordinary crowd pleaser, one who created a level of hysteria wherever he went, generating controversy through miraculous actions and deeds. In purely secular terms, Jesus was the ultimate entertainer and performer. However, again it must be asserted that Jesus saw his role quite differently to the thronging crowds and masses. Mark 6:34 sums up the attitude of Jesus; "As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion on them, (WHY?), because they were like sheep without a shepherd". So, what then was the actual, divine role of Jesus beyond some phoney perception of Superstar status?

This crucial question is broadly answered in Paul's letter to the Ephesians in chapter two. Here we see that Christ's real, God ordained purpose was one of individual and community reconciliation. This great reconciliation chapter is about bring things into agreement. It is about reuniting people in accordance with the will of God. It is about making us compatible and consistent in our relationship with God through Christ. Reconciliation brings peace and restored harmony to fractured relationships. Christ's death on the Cross signals a new era, where individual and community reconciliation are inaugurated. Jesus is the abolitionist and peacemaker. He breaks down the barriers of division, hostility, and indifference, bringing harmony rather than discord. Christ initiates a new regime of mutual respect and trust as opposed to conflict and suspicion.

To think of Jesus Christ as a Superstar who could attract a crowd by miraculous performances for little or no appearance money is cheap and demeaning. Jesus was God's personal agent of personal and collective reconciliation. Rev. Rick Lewis – Braidwood Anglican Church.

Services at St. Andrew's will continue at 9AM each Sunday unless harsher restrictions are implemented by the State Government. Masks must be worn indoors and no singing is permitted at this time. The Prayer Book Workshop has been deferred until Sunday 25th July pending a freeing up of Covid Restrictions. If not possible in July it will be further delayed until at least September as the Rector will be on leave in August except for the 1st and 5th Sundays.)

GOLF NEWS

A small field played in cold, damp conditions on Saturday. While the course has dried out a lot from the recent rains, it is still heavy underfoot keeping stableford scores generally lower than usual.

Men and women both played a single stableford on Saturday, the Don Burke and Robin Tennant Wood Trophies respectively, with thanks to those sponsors.

Results

Men

Winner: Mark Newman 34pts
Runner-up: Michael Toirkens 33pts
Third: Ted Emmett 32pts
Ball comp: John Harb, Nick Fry, Roger Hovey, Keith Ferguson
NTP: Andrew Clark

Women

Winner: Michelle Henry 31pts
Runner-up: Deb Ferguson 30pts
Ball comp: Robin Tennant Wood, Donna Kuhn
NTP: Not won

Coming events:

July 17: Committee meeting 10.30am

Men, 2BBB stableford (Nick Fry and Roger Hovey Trophy)

Women, 2BBB stableford (Michelle Henry and Deb Ferguson Trophy)

July 24: Daargun Aboriginal Corporation Trophy, 2BBB stableford medley

July 31: Medley Irish 4-ball stableford, Betty and Vic Jones Memorial Trophy, Legacy Day

COVID golf rules

Golf NSW recommends the reintroduction of modified local rules in NSW.

The use of the modified playing conditions should be included as a part of a Club's COVID-19 Safety Plan, e.g., flags left in, no rakes in bunkers, no swapping of scorecards etc.

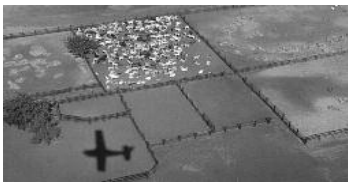
Players may share golf carts, however, when sharing a cart players must wear a mask as they are unable to social distance.

Clubs may also consider recommending that one player be responsible for the driving duties for the entire round and that the passenger remains on the passenger's side of the cart.

As a part of the Club's COVID Safe Plan, Clubs may allow players to access ball washers and bubblers, although it suggested that this be done with a towel or glove on the player's hand, and that players use the bubbler to fill up their own water bottles.

Online cattle markets lift for new financial year

Hindmash & Co Livestock



Key points:

- All online cattle categories lifted, backing up record saleyard results for the first week of the financial year
- Yearling heifers and cows perform strongly as females continue to be sought after
- Lamb yardings picked up slightly, backed up by modest lifts in price.

The online cattle market looked to mimic upwards movements similar to the saleyard, as prices for young cattle continue to break new ground. The 2 July sale saw the majority of online categories stabilise or lift when analysing week-on-week comparisons. It is rare that all of the primary categories lift in the same week, highlighting the abundant strength for light to mid weight cattle along with breeding cows.

As rain simmers across the eastern states, prices launched on the back of tightened supply, providing confidence in all forms of the store markets.

Weaner heifers and steers hit $2,034 and $1,889/head respectively, with yearling heifers skyrocketing to $1,986/head, up $85 week-on-week – the highest average price for that category in the eastern states' weekly sale.

Cows are also still in hot demand, achieving an average of $2,608/head, a testament to producer efforts to rebuild.

Braidwood Community Radio

Program Guide

Monday
5am – Good Morning Country
7am – Martins Morning Mix
4pm – Book Reading with Rod
5.30pm – The Green Horns with Nick, Violet & Hamish
8pm - It's Time
10pm - Aussie Music Weekly

Tuesday
5am – Good Morning Country
7am - The Fred Nurk Show
3pm – Bunkem, Faves & Raves with Rod & Bill
4pm - A Breath Of Fresh Air
5pm - Top 200 of the 70's
6.30pm – Real World Gardener
7pm – The Billy Bob Show
9.30pm - Hot Sweet & Jazzy

Wednesday
5am – Good Morning Country
7am – Martins Morning Mix
10am - The Magazine with Disko
3pm – Pop Heads
6pm – Woodsongs Old Time Radio
7pm – Magic Carpet Ride with Cool Bill

Thursday
5am – Good Morning Country
12.30pm - The Parish Pump
1pm - The Billy Bob Retro Countdown
3pm – The Hot 30
7pm - I love the 70's
8pm - Simply The 80's
9pm - Hero of the Zero's
10pm - Off the Record

Friday
5am – Good Morning Country
7am - The Morning Mix with Martin
12.00 - The long Lunch with Disko
3pm – The Greenhouse with Violet
5pm - The Atomic Countdown
7pm - Raised On Rock

Saturday
9am – Mornings with Gavin & Roger
11.15am – The Parish Pump
12.00 – I love the 70's
1pm – A bit of this and that with Gavin
4pm – Blues in the Afternoon with Gavin
6pm – Saturday Night Gold

Sunday
7am – Sunday Classic with Martin
8am - Exploring the Classics with Barbara Jane
10am - Jazz on Sunday with Gavin
12.00 - Covers
3pm – Birds on a Wireless with Julie & Vera
6pm - Combined Church Service of Braidwood

For a full listing go to braidwoodradio.com.au

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Tigers outmuscle Redbacks

Nick Pengelly

The Braidwood Redbacks were outplayed by a strong well-drilled Taralga Tigers side on the weekend who consolidated their position as one of the South Coast Monaro competition favourites.

The Redbacks front row was decimated during the week through sickness and injury resulting in Saturday's game being played under uncontested scrums. Taralga, traditionally a very well drilled outfit, played to the conditions and overran the Redbacks in the second half to record a convincing 26 to 10 victory. The Redbacks scored the first converted try, and with an early penalty stormed out to a 10-0 lead. However this was to be the last points scored by the Redbacks with the Taralga side incrementally crawling their way back into the game through persistent pick and drives up the middle which eventually converted into points. The Tigers took a 14-10 lead into half time.

The second half saw much the same as the first with the Tigers dominating possession and successfully disrupting the Redbacks lineout and consistently forcing Braidwood to defend their own line through a series of rolling mauls that eventually converted into points. The Tigers scored 2 further tries in the second half leaving a fulltime score of 26-10. Even though this loss was very disappointing to the high flying Redbacks, they are still strongly in finals contention, and with a bye this weekend, will need to re-group and put in a strong performance against Bermagui-Cobargo down the coast in a fortnight.

Three points went to Jake Holland, two points to Lachlan Allinson-Brasser and one point each to Ned Jeffery and Hayden Pengelly. Players Player went to Jake Holland.

As always the Redbacks would like to thank their major sponsors the Braidwood Servicemens Club and the Braidwood Community Bank for their ongoing support.

Winter Ball coming up soon

The Braidwood Redbacks and Community Annual Winter Ball is being held at the Braidwood Showground Hall on Saturday July 31 commencing at 6:30.

Tickets $120 p/h for tables of 8. Please contact Louise on 0413 465 566 for tickets and further details.

The Redbacks scored early, but despite showing heart and effort throughout the game, ball handling errors and lineouts gave possession to the Tigers. Photos by Kathy Toirkens

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COVID GETS TO GOULBURN SO BE CAREFUL

STAR TIMES

I'mthevictimhereM'Lord

There once was a book, *"How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying"*. The modern practitioners are more likely to follow, *"How to Fail in Business by Really Trying"*. Bankruptcy, it seems, is not now a shameful failure but rather a necessary step to building a solid property portfolio. The second volume is titled, *"How to Make Your Mind Go Blank Under Cross-examination"*, and it's a best seller.

Scrapingbottomofbarrel

We hardly yawn these days when learning that the government cobbled up the idea of new commuter carparks for all marginal electorates. Ah, the convenience of a personal transport capsule to the station and the bliss of a missed traffic jam; subsidised private/public infrastructure at its best. In fact, the spokesgnome for the government got quite shirty when asked about the propriety of the scheme. "It was all just a pre-election promise, we were never going to actually pay for it — and we still haven't."

Slabofmeatonaplatter

A restaurant in Woolarah has appealed, probably with a fair chance of success, to the establishing of a funeral home nearby. "How can my customers be expected to enjoy their filet mignon while watching human carcasses passing by," he exclaimed. What he actually said [and I didn't make this bit up] is, "Imagine the shock the poor kids from the nearby primary school will have when they encounter bodies being delivered back and forth." And: "A cloud of grief and bereavement is not compatible with fine dining and shopping for bespoke retail offerings." Of course death is so icky and really should be kept right out of sight especially as it might be racing towards us on a global scale.

Whatafewprickscando

It is amazing how the vaccination debate is regrouping the factions. No longer do we have the science set versus the SkyNews set. When it was, "the science is settled on climate change", all the hippies who don't like rich fossil fuel magnates anyway, batted for the science team. But when the scientists came out in support of vaccinations for everyone, not a new idea by any means, think smallpox, some people saw that as one boffin too far. Oh deary me my preciouses.

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