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72 years of flying – a career in the air

***Graham Franklin-Browne** introduces us to his flight instructor, former fighter pilot **Michael Apps** – 84 years young and mentor to a whole generation of recreational pilots*

LAST YEAR, at the tender age of 65, I decided to learn to fly recreational aircraft. I don't believe in 'bucket lists', things to do before I die, that sort of thing, but I do love meeting people who are passionate about the lives they have chosen.

At the Snowy Aviation Academy in Cooma, I was surprised to learn that my instructor, Michael Apps, and his wife Elisabeth had nearly 100 years of aviation experience between them.

Elisabeth starting flying in 1987 and gained her licence in 1990. She wanted to fly because she had married a pilot, and thought it would be a good idea if she could land the plane in case her husband had a heart attack.

Mike is great supporter of woman aviators, and believes that their lateral thinking and multi-tasking skills contribute to their abilities as pilots.

Mike and Liz are members of the Australian Warbirds Association and flew Chinese manufactured Nanchang fighters at airshows around Australia. Liz was the first woman in Australia to fly the Nanchang aircraft.

At the robust age of 84 years, Mike now has over 72 years flying experience, and on my first training day he looked me over carefully, before delivering a briefing on the somewhat sombre relationship between age and flight.

"Young pilots are able to tell you the square root of a pickle," he announced, "but unfortunately they can't get the pickle out of the jar. Older pilots have no idea what the square root of a pickle is. They can get a pickle out of the jar, but they sometimes forget where they put the jar."

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NSW State of the Environment Report signals alarming trends:

- The Baird Government's failure to attract renewable energy to New South Wales. More than 90% of the state's energy demand still being met by non-renewable sources (coal, gas and petroleum).
- A backlog of 860 contaminated sites reported in 2014 still waiting assessment.
- Continued poor ratings for NSW greenhouse gas emissions. Forecasts are that emissions from the energy and transport sectors will continue to rise.
- Continuing deterioration of the state's soil quality – with 74% of priority soil units being rated as poor or very poor for at least one soil degradation hazard.
- Continued biodiversity loss, with 999 native species listed as threatened, an addition of another 10 species since 2012. The number of endangered species is now 54.
- Only 9% of the State's native vegetation is in a good condition. Weeds now make up more than one-fifth (21%) of the New South Wales' flora.
- Air quality for fine particles PM10 continues to be an issue particularly in regional New South Wales areas like the Hunter (mining).
- River health throughout the state continues to deteriorate with none of the ten NSW catchments rated as being in 'good' condition. Close to a third of all native fish in the Murray-Darling Basin is listed as threatened with extinction.
- Coastal, estuarine and marine environments have been extensively cleared with only one in five NSW environments retaining more than 90% of their natural uncleared vegetation.

NSW environment going backwards, latest report

by Maria Taylor

THE LATEST NSW State of the Environment Report released in March, reveals the continued loss of native wildlife and widespread decline of the natural environment, noted the Queanbeyan Conservation Alliance (QCA).

"More native species are threatened with extinction, the condition of native vegetation is deteriorating and transport is now the major source of greenhouse gas emissions and rising," QCA spokesperson Katrina Willis said.

Alleged causes: staff cuts and cuts to science programs along with "extreme anti-environment sentiment within the National Party"

The State of the Environment Report shows that cuts to programs and staffing, a lack of data and a lack of commitment to addressing environmental concerns are responsible for worsening environmental conditions, said the Shadow Minister for the Environment, Penny Sharpe.

"The downgrading of environment within government, ongoing cuts to programs, the sacking of highly trained scientists, and extreme anti-environment sentiment within the National Party are all taking their toll," said Sharpe.

Native vegetation loss a major finding of report, reflects on Queanbeyan's EDE plans

The Queanbeyan Conservation Alliance has been a robust critic of plans to build a new roadway through native bushland and suburbs. "The findings of the report are particularly relevant to whether Queanbeyan City Council should approve the proposed Ellerton Drive Extension (EDE) through the eastern escarpment," noted Willis.

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THE Q QUEANBEYAN PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

The path less travelled:
from Canberra's rural past to regional theatre impresario

For the April Bulletin *interview,* ***Christine M Knight*** *sat down with* ***Stephen Pike*** *– award winning vocalist and actor, theatre entrepreneur, director and performer, and program manager at The Q, Queanbeyan Performing Arts Centre.*

STEPHEN Pike spent his early life on his paternal family's property in Seven Hills where his family had worked in horticulture and poultry for generations. His family relocated to Canberra when he was nine-years-old.

At that time, Stephen was more curious about his new environment in Curtin than why his family had moved. In those days, Curtin was on the urban rural fringe. Stephen remembers the paddocks and outbuildings of the old Melrose Farm and the area's gradual transformation into a suburb as developers built and sold new homes.

That landscape gave him the opportunity to satisfy his innate desire to explore the world, test out theories, make mistakes and persevere. The landscape was rich in animal and insect life, large and small, and he often brought home his finds.

His family's backyard quickly became a menagerie of collected wildlife, aviary birds, guinea pigs, poultry and racing pigeons. Although those years were happy ones for Stephen, he vividly remembers the Yarralumla Creek flood when seven people, including four children, died on Australia Day in 1971.

Also clear in his mind is the murder in 1967 of Alan Redstone, a young boy living in the same street, along with his own suspected encounter with the murderer a few days earlier while playing at the creek.

When he was eighteen, Stephen started work in ANU's zoology department's animal colonies. At that time, he thought that working with animals was his life calling. He moved from the ANU to a property on Wallaroo Road at Hall where he ran boarding kennels.

As we chatted, the similarities that he shared with Gerald Durrell – an English naturalist, zookeeper, conservationist, author, and television presenter – struck me.

Singing: boys were not encouraged back in the 60s

Stephen began a new phase in his life when Tempo Theatre invited him to join their vocal ensemble in 1978. Although twenty-three-year-old Stephen loved singing and had done so from boyhood, he had not sung publicly since his early teens. Why?

For readers to understand the reason for Stephen's reluctance to sing publicly, I need to reflect on the 1950s to 1960s and the conservative forces that influenced how many boys were shaped into men. Bringing up boys then meant they had to learn to be tough and focused, often through sport, and engage in so-called manly pursuits. Interests that were not mainstream were viewed with hostility.

So, when thirteen-year-old Stephen's music teacher excitedly shared news with a male PE teacher that Stephen, a boy soprano, had qualified for auditions for the Vienna Boys Choir, the PE teacher's reaction was that of public and sustained mockery. Although Stephen weathered the humiliation, he stopped singing publicly and declined his audition opportunity.

When he embraced the Tempo Theatre opportunity, he discovered something valuable and rewarding in the process. Not only did he find that music healed his childhood scars and restored his self-assurance, but new career paths opened.

Stephen had many lead and supporting roles in musical theatre productions with a number of Canberra theatre companies. He won best actor in a musical at the 1996 Canberra Area Theatre Awards for his role as Jean Valjean in Canberra Philharmonic's *Les Misérables.*

From the early 1980's, Stephen established, managed and owned successful restaurants in the region – *The Bellows, Hippo's,* and *Tarzans Theatre Restaurant.* He became a respected cabaret theatre playwright and director before forming, with Duncan Ley, New Century Productions.

Thereafter, he added the role of entrepreneur to his complex set of talents. His experiences uniquely positioned him for his role as program manager at The Q.

Having had his own life enriched through the arts, Stephen is passionate about The Q's mission to enhance the cultural life of the city's community. It offers a diverse program with something for everyone – from the young to the not-so-young at heart.

Looking back, Stephen says he discovered above all that a rich life is one filled with things about which he was passionate, including sharing his talents with others. ■

After the interview Christine noted: Thanks to Stephen's knowledge and passion this year's program at The Q has something for everyone, as always. I'll be attending regularly. I hope our readers will too!

Parents, teachers in Eden-Monaro not about to yield to Turnbull thought bubble

THIRTY-SEVEN teachers and parents doorknocked in Queanbeyan and Yass in mid-March to marshal support for continuation beyond 2017 of 'Gonski' need-based funding to the nation's schools.

"We have had surges in supporter sign ups to I Give A Gonski website with every action we take. We can produce irrefutable evidence that the Gonski funding is getting results," said Kelly Bowman, President of the Queanbeyan Teacher's Association – part of the NSWTF Branch of the Australian Education Union (AEU), a non-partisan union of educators. **(See accompanying item p4.)**

Bowman said that as COAG talks between the federal and state governments commenced, teachers and parents tried to catch the attention of federal officials. "ACT and Queanbeyan teachers waved Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull through to Parliament House on his way to the COAG meeting. He sped past us as did Scott Morrison stony faced."

The show of concern came as the Turnbull government floated the idea of handing over taxing and funding powers for public schools (not private) along with health to the states, thereby washing its hands of national obligations to public education and health. In the event only WA thought this was a good idea.

Said Bowman: "the idea from this Turnbull government that public schools will be excluded from federal funding from 2017 onwards is a gross inequity.

"This is supported by Dr Ken Boston, a member of the Gonski Review Panel and a previous Director of Education in NSW under both Labor and Liberal governments. Kathryn Greiner, wife of previous Liberal Premier Nick Greiner, has also championed their work as a member of the Gonski Review. This is the bipartisan support we seek from all sides of politics. Let's take this off the political football field forever."

They give a Gonski. Teachers and parents from the ACT and Queanbeyan region, including some retired principals, at the driveway entrance to Parliament House on 1 April start of the COAG talks.

Bowman said the AEU local chapter and parents from local schools "will be applying maximum pressure to Dr Peter Hendy MP Eden-Monaro to properly fund schools in Eden-Monaro right up to the delivery of the budget and the election, whenever that is held.

"In the first week of term two, teachers and parents will be calling Peter Hendy's office to let him know how we feel about his government's decision to turn its back on public school students in a retrograde pre WW2 thought bubble, entrenching disadvantage." ■

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COUNTRY LIVING in Queanbeyan and Palerang

Queanbeyan and Bungendore schools show results: how Gonski funding is being put to good use

QUEANBEYAN and Bungendore primary schools and Karabar High School are reporting better resources and improved outcomes for all students, starting with early applications for literacy and numeracy in the primary grades, thanks to the first tranche of needs-based 'Gonski' funding to NSW schools. This use of taxpayer funds was to be continued for six years to maximise benefits but the present federal Coalition government has it stalling after 2017.

Here are some outcome examples, with a more in-depth story to come in our May issue.

Queanbeyan South Public School reports: the 'Language, Literacy and Learning' (L3) program results continue to show marked improvement from previous cohorts. Prior to Gonski funding only 20 percent of students achieved expected stage outcomes – now on average 40 percent of kindergarten students are meeting and exceeding stage expectations. Funding has enabled Aboriginal education programs and support officers. An additional teacher has provided smaller class sizes throughout with more individual attention.

Queanbeyan West Public School reports: (L3) from kindergarten to Grade 2; New support for numeracy in students from grades three to six. Similarly Aboriginal learning and support as well as additional learning and support staff for students that need it throughout the school.

Karabar High School: Similar programs to the above at age relevant levels.

Bungendore Primary School reports: School achieving improved results on benchmark reading and spelling tests, as well as on the NAPLAN writing test. Extra specialist support across the school for students who are below age level in reading and spelling. A specialist writing teacher who has provided support and training for other teachers. Learning support for targeted group work to ensure all students are progressing. Extra maths focused computer programs like Mathletics and Spellodrome. ■

Fairfax regional restructure

surprise bonus for *Braidwood Times*, while *Queanbeyan Age* ties knot with *Chronicle* and impact on Yass unclear

WHILE Fairfax is 'rationalising' (downward) its stand-alone news coverage and the size of its papers in Canberra and surrounding regional towns, the *Braidwood Times* has received an unexpected vote of confidence to expand its operations to Bungendore.

The exact nature of this union is still unclear according to a Fairfax source, but is likely to mean more resources and a bid for more Palerang advertising. Also not yet known is whether the paper will remain a subscription affair as presently or join the *Queanbeyan Age* in its transformation to becoming a free weekly.

The *Age,* according to a Fairfax surprise staff meeting and media communique on 31 March, will combine with the *Chronicle* for a weekly free paper model. It should be noted that the *Chronicle* already has a Queanbeyan zone cover treatment, so it remains to be seen what will change on that front. Website coverage as elsewhere for Fairfax will take on greater dominance.

Fairfax announced a "restructure of its local operations in Queanbeyan, Goulburn, Bowral, Yass, Crookwell, Braidwood, Cooma and Jindabyne" – including the closure of the Cooma and Jindabyne papers. The *Canberra Times* will shift to a cheaper-to-print tabloid size and 12 to 13 full time positions are to go from the *Canberra Times* and regionals. The *Yass Tribune* just published the general news communique about the changes without specifying local details. ■

NO WIN WIN AS QUEANBEYAN VOTES ON MERGER

Audit finds Palerang sustainable alone financially

Questions re Queanbeyan's financial future

Amalgamation: in Minister's hands and a political decision

Councils could be dismissed as early as end of month

by Maria Taylor

A MAJORITY of Queanbeyan councillors cast a 'we have no choice' kind of vote for the full merger proposal with Palerang, attached to a wishlist of conditions including $30 million for costs and infrastructure catch-up, plus the ability to cut Palerang staff.

The successful motion by Mayor Tim Overall also says if these conditions are not met Queanbeyan would fall back on supporting partial merger with western Palerang only.

The vote was contested by councillors Brown, Burfutt and Winchester arguing that Queanbeyan should stick to its stand-alone previous position and just say "no".

Part of the dissenting councillors' argument was the news from a council-commissioned consultant audit that Queanbeyan is facing a challenging financial position ahead, and therefore is in no good position to take on Palerang Council's infrastructure load or backlog.

The report says Queanbeyan is not putting enough aside for asset renewal under existing policies and that a large backlog (possibly $46 million by 2024) will cause pain in the future. Service cuts and increased rates and charges are discussed. Adding new assets like a new road is questioned.

"Good luck Palerang residents attaching to sinking ship that is Queanbeyan," Councillor Kenrick Winchester noted wryly.

Behind a forced amalgamation between Queanbeyan and Palerang is the theory to strengthen the 'regional centre' of Queanbeyan, according to NSW documents. That is one context. But maintaining roads and other infrastructure in both jurisdictions are the chief challenges. Neither council wants to take on the others' liabilities, but with a merger they will.

Queanbeyan councillor Judith Burfutt noted: "This is about councils not being funded adequately. NSW needs to address the infrastructure backlog. You can't merge two councils and expect that will just take care of it."

Consultants Percy Allan and Associates (who gave a public briefing in early April) say the outlook for a merged council using current data projections for the next 10 years "under continuation of existing policy conditions, is for trend deteriorations to unsustainable levels in both the operating balance and the infrastructure backlog."

About Palerang alone the report says: "Under continuation of existing policy, the Council's financial outlook is rated as financially sustainable with a minimal margin of comfort (but) the Council is confronted with a high and close to unsustainable infrastructure backlog."

The report addresses the NSW government's February announcement that it would freeze rates and rate variation ability for four years for merged councils (as well as staffing levels). It implies that Queanbeyan was hoping to benefit from Palerang's previously proposed rate increases of 9.5% for five years (largely for infrastructure responsibilities).

But with a merger under the freeze conditions that would not be possible nor would making all the rates level with Queanbeyan's. In that case, says the report, Queanbeyan's "finances and infrastructure would markedly deteriorate over the four years to 2019/20 making it impossible to achieve financial sustainability without horrendous increases in fees and charges thereafter."

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PALERANG COUNCIL

Development Approvals

Notification in accordance with Section 101 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.* Council approved the following development applications in March 2016

Development Consents are available for public inspection free of charge at Council's offices during ordinary business hours.

Application No	Development Description	Date	Property Description
DA.2016.011	Dwelling/Shed and Relocate Building Envelope	01/03/2016	Lot 4 DP 1141290 33 Lumley Road WAMBOIN
DA.2016.024	Shed	01/03/2016	Lot 11 DP 848586 4608 Kings Highway MONGA
DA.2016.009	Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling	01/03/2016	Lot 1 DP 612225 62 Ellendon Street BUNGENDORE
DA.2015.272	Dwelling	01/03/2016	Lot 60 DP 752166 526 Wyanbene Road WYANBENE
DA.2015.267	Dual Occupancy	01/03/2016	Lot 17 DP 1089987 254 Foxs Elbow Road WARRI
DA.2015.217	Commercial Building – Office	01/03/2016	Lot 1 DP 1149369 41 Wallace Street BRAIDWOOD
DA.2016.036	Shed	02/03/2016	Lot 2 DP 240950 8358 Kings Highway MANAR
DA.2016.033	Pergola, Garage and Carport	02/03/2016	Lot 5 DP 1089987 149 Foxs Elbow RoadWARRI
DA.2015.258	Dwelling	07/03/2016	Lot 180 DP 754878 3584 Kings Highway MOUNT FAIRY
DA.2016.023	Two Sheds	07/03/2016	Lot 2 DP 1141326 3298 Cooma Road KRAWARREE
DA.2016.032	Shed	07/03/2016	Lot 2 DP 262318 1468 Norton Road BYWONG
DA.2016.003	Industrial Storage Shed	07/03/2016	Lot 14 Sec 11 DP 976608 114 Molonglo Street BUNGENDORE
DA.2012.212	Continued Use of Dwelling	08/03/2016	Lot 51 DP 754916 533 Tally Ho Road BOMBAY
DA.2016.021	Shed and Demolition of Existing Shed	08/03/2016	Lot 2 DP 830710 97 Ellendon Street BUNGENDORE
DA.2013.156	Culvert Crossing	14/03/2016	Lot 15 DP 754894 Mount Fairy Road MOUNT FAIRY
DA.2015.253	Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling	14/03/2016	Lot 6 DP 270600 123 Brindabella Place CARWOOLA
DA.2016.042	Pergola	16/03/2016	Lot 6 DP 800095 11 Reardon Place BUNGENDORE
DA.2016.015	Patio	16/03/2016	Lot 189 DP 754893 237 Neils Creek Rd BUNGENDORE
DA.2016.025	Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling	22/03/2016	Lot 1 DP 719656 222 Doust Road LAKE GEORGE
DA.2016.022	Garage	23/03/2016	Lot 1 DP 1168479 80 Trucking Yard Lane BUNGENDORE
DA.2016.035	Garage	29/03/2016	Lot 809 DP 1129595 8 Faunce Place BUNGENDORE
DA.2015.182	Dwelling and Garage	30/03/2016	Lot 2 DP 1079627 128 Gibraltar Street BUNGENDORE
DA.2016.018	Dwelling and Shed	30/03/2016	Lot 2 DP 1206046 30 Bidges Road SUTTON
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Bungendore merchants to take Woolworths bid to consumer commission

BUNGENDORE merchants ambushed by a surprise developer deal with Woolworths and BWS Liquor to establish the village's new supermarket complex across from the railway station, are taking their case to the ACCC under competition law.

Darren Heathcote, operator of the Bungendore IGA, told the *Bulletin* that he and Michael and Sharron Blore of Bungendore Cellars and Paul Darmody from the butchery will be making a submission to the competition watchdog, claiming that establishing a Woolworths and its satellites in Bungendore, is one Woolworths too many in the immediate region.

Heathcote said the case is similar to one the commission considered in 2008, stopping the acquisition of the Karabar IGA by one of the majors because of a lack of competition in the area.

He said the claim will state that in "our market region" which he defined as reaching via Queanbeyan to the airport precinct, there are already two Woolworths. If one adds Dickson and Gunghalin to the market region on the northside that makes four.

He confirmed that IGA supplier Metcash will support the legal action, strengthening the case as a potential corporate tenant.

He also said that the ACCC might consider the value to local consumers of supporting the IGA bid to move to larger premises and thereby offering a full service competitive supermarket.

The move comes on the heels of a two year negotiation between the Bungendore merchants, Metcash and the developer, Canberra's Krnc Group. The locals, including Palerang Council, thought it was a done deal that IGA and the other two merchants would move to the new facility, only to be told a month ago that it was all off and Woolworths would be the building's new tenants.

Heathcote said he couldn't survive with a Woolies next door and if both tried to compete locally, both would likely lose and shut their doors.

Bungendore butcher Paul Darmody told the *Canberra Times* that if Woolworths opened, family-owned businesses such as his would downsize or close.

"Everything that comes through my shop in beef and lamb is grown and fattened on my own farm. I support the local stock markets and support a lot of farmers in the Queanbeyan-Canberra district," he said.

The Bungendore merchants say they are not only shattered but out of pocket for the anticipated setup expenses including a site liquor license for the Blores.

Heathcote said that they are asking customers to write to the ACCC on their behalf during the next few weeks and the shops can provide more information.

As to speculation why the Krnc partners, themselves IGA owners, are doing this, so far the best (unconfirmed) guess is that it is a block development deal with Woolworths over several sites. ■

Is this the human cost of cuts to the health system?

Non-urgent patients clogging NSW emergency departments

WITH STATE and federal politicians wrangling again about how to fund primary and hospital health care, the NSW Opposition has released startling impact statistics they blame on federal health funding withdrawals.

According to the NSW Shadow Minister for Health Walt Secord, NSW patients are presenting to emergency departments with non-urgent matters in record numbers because they cannot afford to go through a GP.

Data from the NSW Bureau of Health Information – October to December 2015 quarter released last month – show people are turning up in record numbers for small cuts, coughs, ear-aches and sprained ankles, as well as to obtain free medications for conditions such as asthma and diabetes.

Secord said there has been a recent increase of patients presenting to NSW emergency departments in triage four and five categories, with 54 percent of all presentations in the non-urgent (triage five) and semi-urgent (triage four) categories – that could be treated by a local doctor.

Raw numbers show that state-wide, there were 347,438 non-urgent and semi-urgent patients out of a total of 638,956 who visited emergency departments between October and December 2015.

As an urban example, in the last quarter there were a total of 19,256 people who visited St George emergency department – and 7,478 were in triage four (eg earaches) and 1,317 were in triage five (eg cuts and abrasions).

A request to the Queanbeyan hospital administration for comment and data on the impact of non-emergency cases on local emergency services did not receive a response.

Secord concluded: "Sadly, this is the impact of a lack of access to GPs with bulk billing – forcing parents to take their children to emergency departments because they are unable to pay for a GP."

(Recently the *Bulletin* was reminded that bulk billing for pathology testing and other medical benefits are also on the firing line as the federal government withdraws Medicare funding from practitioners in the hope they will charge fees.) ■

Yass, Canberra and Goulburn to lose NSW rail services, whole or part

YASS, Canberra and Goulburn are among the latest casualties of a NSW government seemingly less than committed to regional public transport, leading to the closure or de-staffing of regional rail stations.

Yass Junction will close and Canberra and Goulburn to lose staffing hours at the station.

The Labor Opposition used the opportunity to take a swipe at the National Party's lack of commitment to regional issues while announcing a total of eleven coach and train station locations will be closed in regional and rural NSW and a further 20 locations will have reduced man hours resulting in up to 60 job losses.

Transport Shadow Minister Jodie McKay said residents with a disability and the elderly "are among those most likely to feel the pain of the National's inaction. A lack of staff will impact those requiring assistance boarding and disembarking trains as well as providing up to date and reliable information".

Among the locations that will also close are Broken Hill, Byron Bay, Murwillumbah Griffith and Lismore. The 20 stations with reduced services also include Bathurst, Armidale, Dubbo, Wagga and the Sydney booking office.

The Sydney to Canberra line including Queanbeyan and Bungendore appears to be staying intact which may reflect the popularity of this corridor. ■

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Minimum lot sizes for rural zoned lands set to reduce

Are you across the proposed changes to the RU1 and RU2 zoned (rural) lands in the Yass Valley Council LGA?

Yass Valley Council are in the final stages of preparing the necessary documentation to amend the Yass Valley Local Environmental Plan 2013 (YVLEP) to reduce the minimum lot size from 80 hectares to 40 hectares.

These changes will create opportunities and have implications for all land holders who currently own 80ha of land or more that is zoned RU1 or RU2. It will also create opportunities for those looking to acquire a lifestyle property as it is expected that interest from landholders looking to subdivide will initially be high.

Jamie Bush, Managing Director of DPS Surveys, advised at a recent community event that council are optimistic that gazettal of the proposed changes to the YVLEP are expected in April 2016.

Mr Bush also indicated that, on average, from the time of lodging a development application to registration of new titles, it takes between 6 to 12 months and that utilising averaging provisions, lots will be able to be created ranging in size from 20ha to 70ha, depending on the total land area. This means that subdivision blocks may become available as soon as the end of this year.

If you would like further information as to what impact these changes will have on your plans, feel free to contact our office on 6262 5122 or mobile 0414 819 377.

The status of the amendments to the YVLEP can be followed at www.leptracking.planning.nsw.gov.au and selecting "Yass Valley" as the Local Government Area.

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Jupiter the 'star' this month

— Star Search —
with Dr David Weldrake

APRIL provides us with longer nights to enjoy the night sky, but colder weather is starting to return. The bright stars of summer are starting to move lower in the west after sunset, with the stars of autumn returning in the east.

Bright stars visible this month include blue-white Rigel low in the west, similarly coloured Achenar, Canopus and Procyon higher in the west and white Sirius higher up. The planet Jupiter dominates the east, with blue-white Spica nearby. Yellow Alpha Centauri lies in the south east, near the Southern Cross.

The Milky Way stretches overhead. Although at its best in the winter, it still provides an impressive sight in our dark rural skies.

While the weather gets colder, the autumn provides backyard astronomers opportunities to see distant galaxies, which shall be described more next month.

The giant planet Jupiter

The highlight for April is the giant planet Jupiter, which shines as an unmistakable bright yellowish 'star' towards the north east after sunset. Jupiter was at its best for the year last month, when it rose at sunset, and hence was opposite the Sun in the sky, at its closest point to Earth and brightest for the year. This point happens every year and it called Jupiter's 'opposition'.

The giant planet will continue to be visible in our evening skies for a few more months to come. April gives us a good opportunity to see it well.

All about Jupiter

Jupiter is the largest of the Solar System's eight major planets. It's width is around 11 times that of Earth, so big that more than 1,000 Earths could fit inside. In fact Jupiter is so colossal that all the other planets of the Solar System could be fit inside it with room to spare.

Luckily for us it lies more than five times the distance to the Sun away from Earth. If it was by chance a whole lot closer, then Jupiter's immense gravity would undoubtedly have affected the Earth over its long history, perhaps interfering with the evolution of life. Although we'd get a great view, we would likely not be here to see it.

Jupiter is a 'Gas Giant' planet, so called because it is made of gas, namely Hydrogen and Helium. If a spaceprobe was to visit Jupiter it would descend into the brightly coloured cloudtops that we can see through our backyard telescopes. The probe would disappear from our view and continue to fall through the clouds, encountering ever increasing pressure until it was eventually crushed by the pressures deep within the planet's bulk.

It would never reach a solid surface, as Jupiter does not have one, the poor probe would simply fall forever.

Jupiter carries with it a large retinue of moons, among which are four very big ones. These four, called Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto are easily visible through small backyard telescopes. They can actually be seen through a pair of binoculars if held steadily.

These moons continually move around Jupiter and sometimes pass in front of the planet, casting a shadow onto the cloud tops beyond. These 'shadow transits' are quite easy to see, particularly those caused by Ganymede, a moon which is bigger than the planet Mercury.

Have a look at Jupiter through a pair of binoculars and you will see the moons. If you have a telescope you will also see the planet's main cloud bands and atmospheric storms, as well as the shadows of the moons when the transits happen.

Jupiter rotates once in just under ten hours, looking at it over an hour can reveal how the features have moved. The cloud patterns and features of Jupiter change all the time. By keeping an eye on it you will be helping astronomers keep track of the weather on another world.

In April our Moon was at last quarter (half) phase on the 1st, new on the 8th, at first quarter (half) phase on the 15th, and full on the 23rd. Have a look when it is full, the dark patches are thousands of millions of years old. ■

Chart (9pm on the 15th April) produced using the Stellarium software package

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QUEANBEYAN VOTES ON MERGER

From p4

Said Queanbeyan councillor Brian Brown at the council extraordinary meeting: "I don't think I have ever heard an economist using such words." Brown said he understood that Queanbeyan is currently "in a financial hole" and looking at a 20% real cut in services over 10 years as well as a 17–20% increase in rates, fees and charges without CPI or inflation." That is partly due to an increasing population and without changing the way the council now does business.

However Mayor Tim Overall who is counting on what he believes will be a $30 million merger payoff by the state, responded that he is not happy about the "fear mongering" about rates and charges and that the $30 million would address Queanbeyan's deferred maintenance issues.

Queanbeyan Council is not officially releasing the audit by Professor Percy until councillors have considered how to respond at council's April meeting. However the *Bulletin* obtained a copy in the public interest as both councils make their final submissions on amalgamation by 8 April. There is the possibility that councils might be dismissed as early as the end of April at the Minister's discretion. ■

Troubling start to court case against whistleblower in ACT kangaroo killing program

Report from the courtroom and analysis *by Frankie Seymour*

THE ACT government's court case against a man for (literally) blowing the whistle, started on 24 February.

Chris Klootwijk was arrested while lawfully walking on the Rose Cottage Horse Paddocks near the Wanniassa Hills Nature Reserve on the evening of 1 July 2015. He was arrested for 'obstructing a government official' by blowing a whistle.

Three witnesses gave evidence on the first day of the case, with many more to come. The case was adjourned until 8 April.

Harassment of court observers

On three occasions during the day, the clerk of the court told the Magistrate that someone in the courtroom was taking photographs. The mobile phones of the observers were confiscated and kept for several hours, including during the lunch break.

Since no-one was ejected or arrested, it appeared that no-one was actually taking photographs. Most of the gallery were supporters of Klootwijk and it was supposed by some of those present that the allegation of photographs being taken was intended to prejudice the Magistrate against people who might be involved with the kangaroo protest.

Then, as the court adjourned for lunch, a person outside the courtroom was waiting with a clipboard, asking observers for their names. This person, who did not identify herself, turned out to be the same police officer who had arrested Dr Klootwijk, the same officer to whom Dr Klootwijk had reported the illegal shooting on the Rose Cottage Horse Paddocks a week before his arrest.

Even if it had been appropriate for the police to ask for observers' names, it seems entirely inappropriate for this particular officer to be the one to do it.

Dr Chris Klootwijk at the fence next to the Wanniassa Nature Reserve where he monitored the ACT 2015 kangaroo killing in the reserve from public land.

News: Government does not need a licence to kill anymore

The Prosecution claimed that, under the new Nature Conservation (NC) Act of 2015, the government does not need a licence to kill native animals. It is yet to be revealed what this actually means.

It may mean the government (as represented by the ACT Conservator of Flora and Fauna) now has absolute discretion to kill native animals without meeting any other legislated criteria or conditions. If so, the government as a whole, or the Conservator unilaterally, can now make a decision to knowingly cause the extinction of any native animal species – with absolute impunity.

Many kangaroo and animal welfare experts believe this is already occurring as a result of the Conservator's gung-ho issuing of licences to kill (83 licences to kill 25,722 kangaroos in the whole ACT in 2015 alone). But a licence at least imposes criteria on the Conservator and conditions on the shooter.

On the other hand, perhaps the new Act requires the Conservator to meet the same criteria that s/he is required to apply to the granting of a licence before authorising a government slaughter, and to meet the same conditions which s/he (the Conservator) imposes on a licensee.

If the latter is the case, it is hoped the Magistrate will require to Conservator to demonstrate that those requirements were met in 2015. Under this scenario, if the requirements were not met, the shooting on the night Dr Klootwijk was arrested was unlawful, and therefore the 'government officials' were not, in fact, performing their duty at the time.

Some 'government officials' are answerable to no-one

To press their charge that Dr Klootwijk was obstructing a government official because he (allegedly) hindered a shooter, it appears that the government must demonstrate that the private commercial company who employs the shooter is itself a government official.

This is an alarming concept. If a private company – whose reason for existence is private profit (as distinct from the public good) – is a government official, does that make it automatically answerable for its conduct under the Public Service Act?

If not, the public would have no protection or redress if that person acted in a way that would be a breach of the Public Service Act binding any real government official's actions.

On the other hand, if the company is bound by the Public Service Act, what are the implications for a private person contracted by the government to give independent expert advice? Can an expert possibly be independent when they are a government official/ public servant, in duty bound to give whatever advice their employer requires them to give?

The whole concept is fraught with threats to democracy. ■

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The BULLETIN interviews three contenders for Eden-Monaro marginal seat in upcoming federal election on their position on climate change action and renewable energy

Is the Clean Energy Finance Corporation now safe or only party gutted?

(*The District Bulletin* puts these issues amongst the top on our agenda, not least because much of the big media still treats climate change existence and response like a periodic novelty item.)

Extended interviews with the three candidates online at www.districtbulletin.com.au

IN THE week leading up to Easter, the World Meteorological Organisation warned of a changing climate. The year 2015 had shattered temperature records, and seen intense heatwaves, exceptional rainfall, devastating drought and unusual tropical cyclone activity. The same week, Australia's Climate Council reported that a record-breaking start to autumn ("mad March") had smashed temperature records all over Australia.

The three lead candidates in Eden-Monaro for the federal election this year were all asked whether they agreed that urgent action was required to mitigate climate change.

Labor candidate Mike Kelly was emphatic: "Absolutely – there's nothing more urgent. Immediate effective action is required." The Greens' Tamara Ryan agreed: "The Greens have been calling for urgent action on climate change for decades. It is absolutely needed to stop catastrophic changes in the global climate."

Sitting Liberal Member, Dr Peter Hendy, however, gave no specific answer to the question. Instead, he provided details of the Turnbull Government's new proposal to establish a one billion dollar Clean Energy Investment Fund (CEIF). This would be jointly managed by the Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC) and the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA), two enterprises the Abbott Government had sought to abolish.

Government finance corporation success did not stop the Abbott agenda

The Gillard Government had established the CEFC in 2012 to ensure the flow and diversification of finance into the renewable energy sector. With a budget of $2 billion a year, CEFC invested in such businesses as WA's Carnegie Wave Energy, Queensland's Landfill Gas Industries and the Moree Solar Farm in NSW. By 2015 its investments earned a return of 7 percent. The availability CEFC finance helped create a flow of capital into the renewable sector, not only from existing sources, but also new ones, including European and Asian institutions.

ARENA also was established by the Gillard Government. Through awarding start-up grants, its purpose was to improve the affordability and increase supply of renewable energy in Australia. Twice, however, the Senate blocked the Bill to abolish both CEFC and ARENA, and it thereby became a potential double-dissolution trigger.

CLIMATE Watch

with Jennie Goldie

In mid-2015, a frustrated Tony Abbott banned CEFC from investing in wind power and rooftop solar. Later that year, however, new Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull lifted the ban.

Then, instead of pursuing the Abbott objective of abolishing CEFC and ARENA, Turnbull announced the formation of CEIF that would incorporate the two. The ability of ARENA to deliver start-up grants for small enterprises, however, would be phased out after the current round. After that, as Hendy explained, CEIF would provide 'debt and equity' to renewable projects over ten years as the CEFC had done since its inception.

This gained a mixed response from the environmental community with some, such as the Australian Conservation Foundation, welcoming the move, largely relieved that CEFC and ARENA would not be abolished. And because Turnbull had suggested that the CEIF could possibly fund the proposed concentrated solar thermal plant (CST) in Port Augusta, that town was ecstatic, if only because it would supply much needed jobs once the coal mines close in a few weeks.

Moving money around to hide cuts

Others were not as happy, furious that the grant-making facility of ARENA would be phased out. The biggest criticism, however, was that there would be no new money provided, simply taken from the existing budget of CEFC and, worse, ARENA funds would be lost after the current $100 million round.

Mike Kelly was scathing. "It's extraordinary. For the past two and a half years the Coalition has sworn they were going to destroy the CEFC and even said it would be a double dissolution trigger. With CEIF, no new money is being leveraged," he said. ■

Eden-Monaro Greens candidate

Time is past for 'business as usual' politicians. Gonski, health, environment, free speech on agenda

*Eden-Monaro voters have previously been introduced to sitting member Peter Hendy for the Coalition and his Labor opponent Mike Kelly who was the previous long-time member for Eden-Monaro. Now a (mature) young voice has put up her hand for the Greens, so in the spirit of equity, we here introduce **Tamara Ryan** and her thoughts on what the election and the electorate needs.*

*We'll be hearing more from them in the coming months and this month get a measure of their thinking with 'climate watch' above and with extended interviews online at **www.districtbulletin.com.au**.*

FEDERAL Greens candidate for Eden-Monaro Tamara Ryan is one of the youngest candidates the electorate has seen.

This is certainly not a disadvantage she suggests. "When you see some of the childish behaviour going on in question time you realise age isn't the issue as much as maturity and sound policy.

"I've worked in law for eight years and I'm sick of affluent older white men standing up for an already privileged demographic in both law and politics. I think we need to shake up our system of career politicians to insert those who will stand for real people over the profit of big companies.

"I've always been preoccupied with the polarisation of wealth and structural injustice driven by capitalism. After volunteering in Palestine last year I realised how privileged I am to live in a country where I can protest for structural reform."

Tamara is concerned about the state's crackdown on free speech and last week held a rally against new state legislation that increases police powers, fines and prison sentences against protestors, including farmers protecting their land. "As someone about to seek admission as a lawyer, I'm terrified that we are steadily having our constitutional implied right to political speech torn away."

Looking to the electorate and jobs

"Regional communities continue to face significant disadvantage, particularly in unemployment and underemployment. Renewable energy farms and plantation forests are both an aid to the creation of new jobs, and an urgent solution to sustainable climate action. Eden-Monaro saw numerous rallies in the lead up to the Paris Climate Talks last year, indicating a shifting consciousness on climate change.

"With government cuts to healthcare, education and the welfare sector, plus continued abandonment on ecological sustainability, people will start looking to the left for solutions," she said about the Greens' chances in the 2016 election.

Gonski and health

In March, Tamara visited the 'I Give a Gonski' volunteers in Queanbeyan, who have been doorknocking and hosting street stalls throughout Eden-Monaro to raise support for re-funding of the program. The Greens support the fully funded Gonski program with preferences for public schools and further funding for children with disabilities. The program was brought in by Labor to seek parity in primary school education for students, but was defunded by the LNP last year.

She has also organised a rally in Canberra against LNP cuts to bulk billing incentives. She believes, "We cannot dissect social disadvantage from government policy. Only by standing united can we push back against their continued austerity measures.

"As the politics of the two major parties merge ever closer, the Green vote can only increase. It's not about winning votes though; if we can drag the other parties to more progressive positions I count that as a win." ■

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explains EDE growing bigger in footprint

PLEASE SLOW DOWN

It's wrong to rush a decision on proposed Ellerton Drive Extension

Queanbeyan City Council wants to vote on the proposed Ellerton Drive Extension (EDE) **BEFORE** we know whether Queanbeyan and Palerang will merge.

If this happens and the merger goes ahead, Palerang residents will have no say in the decision.

But they *will* have to share with Queanbeyan residents the risks of a $40 million-plus loan to developers for their part of the construction cost.

It's wrong to rush a decision on the $100 million-plus EDE before we know the outcome of the merger inquiries and before council develops a sustainable transport strategy.

Deferring a decision on the proposed road is the only sensible thing to do.

Tell Queanbeyan Councillors at **AllCouncillors@qcc.nsw.gov.au**

And sign our petition for a sustainable transport strategy at **https://www.communityrun.org/petitions/put-the-brakes-on-the-ellerton-drive-extension-proposed-for-queanbeyan**

Queanbeyan Conservation Alliance, April 2016

SLOW BURN exhibition opening 16 April Bungendore Wood Works Gallery

THE WORK of artists Pamela Griffith and Greg Hansell will be at the Bungendore Wood Works Gallery from Saturday 16 with an opening at 2pm by Emeritus Professor Ross Griffith. All invited.

The name 'Slow Burn' reflects the truth that age brings with it a variety of diminishments to either the mind or the body.

But with artists, this often suggests more of a maturity of the mind and its creative visions and powers.

Two artists experiencing this 'Slow Burn' are Pamela Griffith and Greg Hansell with 100 years of successful exhibiting between them. Both are at the peak of their creativity and like so many artists through history will continue to create into their dotage.

Their work is biographic: both feel compelled to translate lived experiences and visions to the viewing and buying public through artistic interpretation of those experiences. Pamela's work is very broad while Greg's is deliberate and steady.

The substantial and prolific output from the much-admired artist, Pamela Griffith, is often the result of commissions from important people and galleries, and may also derive from historical and social public occasions. The beatification of Sister Mary MacKillop is just one example of many.

Pamela Griffith – *Inferno,* oil on canvas 137x183cm (DETAIL)

Greg Hansell developed a passion for earth pastels that led to the making of his own from scavenged ochres, clays and rocks. He does this in close association with remnants of the social landscape that he finds in his chosen fields around the Hawkesbury region – shown most clearly in his fascination with corrugated iron.

Nineteen appearances in the Wynne Prize since 1979 attest to the success of his passion with the earth as his medium, and one might say the salt of the earth (the old buildings, materials, trees, rocks and man's best and worst interventions in nature) provide this slow burning artist with a wealth of subject matter that he continues to exhibit. ■

Murchison Gorge, WA, 95Hx80, oil on canvas (detail)

***Salwa Woodroffe** winner of 2015 Kiama Art Society Exhibition Awards will be exhibiting her diverse range of oil paintings at the Bungendore Fine Art Gallery opening on 30th April. Join us for drinks and nibbles and meet Salwa between 2 –4 pm on that day. All welcome.*

What's the BIG IDEA ...

We just keep on getting fatter

AN ANALYSIS, just published in the medical journal *The Lancet*, of the trends of adult body-mass index in 200 countries, from 1975 to 2014, shows that in the last 40 years the number of obese people worldwide has risen from 105 million to 641 million, now outnumbering the number of underweight people in the world. Almost a fifth of the world's obese adults (118 million) live in just six high-income English-speaking countries; Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, UK, and USA. In Australia, around 27 percent of the population are now obese. The Australian Science Media Centre gathered some local comments.

Professor Bruce Neal is Senior Director, Food Policy Division at The George Institute for Global Health and Professor of Medicine, University of Sydney —

This is a problem of the food environment not individuals, and it is interventions that change the food environment that are required to address it.

The world's population hasn't turned into sloths and gluttons – what has happened is that we now live in a swamp of low cost, high calorie junk food that is pushed down our throats by sophisticated advertising programs designed to maximise industry profits.

Industry is only partly to blame – after all, it's required to do pretty much whatever it reasonably can to benefit shareholders. Government ultimately controls what is acceptable corporate behaviour and what is not. And it's government that needs to start taking actions on behalf of the people.

Strategies based upon education and personal choice are not going to work. Incentives and disincentives that change the behaviour of the food industry are required – this means subsidies and regulations that support healthy food choices, and corresponding taxations and restrictions that control the sale, consumption and advertising of unhealthy products."

Professor Jennie Brand-Miller is Director of the Glycemic Index Research Service at the University of Sydney —

"The most interesting finding in my mind is that there has been virtually no increase in BMI in the women of Belgium, France and Switzerland – the countries associated with good chocolate, cheese and wine. We need to study them carefully (the women, not the chocolate…) and learn from them." ■

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No excuse for boredom!

Family classics for the school holidays

THE NATIONAL Film and Sound Archive of Australia (NFSA) presents a week of classic Australian family films on the big screen during the April school holidays. We have something for Spongebob fans, animal lovers and anyone who's a kid at heart; with $5 tickets, boredom is not an option!

Come and enjoy the comfort of Arc cinema whilst viewing a mix of modern and vintage Australian films: from Sam Worthington as the father of a young boy wanting to make it to the World Paper Plane Championship – *Paper Planes*; Shane Jacobson in a heart-warming tale about saving a penguin population – *Oddball*; a classic Australian adventure set in the high Country – *The Man From Snowy River*; and a computer-generated Spongebob Squarepants, animated by Melbourne's Iloura VFX.

Family Classics: Monday 11 – Friday 15 April, 10am. National Film and Sound Archive (Acton). Tickets $5. Book online now **www.trybooking.com/JZQX**.

— Press release

Turnbull Government to strip $1.3 billion from renewables in real terms

THE TURNBULL Government recently announced plans to redistribute and claw back more than $1 billion in renewable energy budget funding. According to the Australian Solar Council – the peak body for the solar industry – this amounts to an accounting con designed to destroy the role of ARENA, the government renewables research and development funding body.

The plan is to merge ARENA with the Clean Energy Finance Corporation (both of which had been on the chopping block under Tony Abbott).

"Malcolm Turnbull's new Clean Energy Investment Fund (CEIF) is like an exquisitely decorated Easter Egg. It looks great on the outside, but inside it's a rotten egg," says the Solar Council media statement.

"ARENA has $1.3 billion in allocated and unspent funds between 2016–22. The Government has announced it will replace this with $1 billion in funds between 2016 and 2026, taken from the Clean Energy Finance Corporation's existing $10 billion budget."

That amounts to $1.3bn in funding stripped from ARENA and $1bn reallocated from within the CEFC, leading to a loss of $1.3bn in funding for renewables overall, says the solar council.

Further, the Turnbull Government has announced that early stage renewable R&D and commercialisation will now be majority funded by debt and equity.

"By its very nature early stage research is speculative. Almost no projects will be fundable under this model. This will cut the guts out of renewable innovation in Australia.

"The Turnbull Government has tried unsuccessfully to abolish ARENA and the CEFC. This is a backdoor way to gut ARENA.

"ARENA has played a critical role in supporting research and development and early stage commercialisation of renewable energy projects through grant funding. Stripping its budget, taking away funding for early stage commercialisation, and directing the money be spent on non-renewables projects, achieves its goal through other means." ■

Freak! who is piloting this thing?

self-driving bus hits Perth

IF YOU thought the robotic revolution involving autonomous vehicles was decades away, think again. Perth residents may soon be able to hop on a driverless, all-electric bus as part of a bold new plan by the RAC in Western Australia.

The European-made electric shuttle bus, which has a top speed of 45km/h and can carry up to 15 passengers, is scheduled to begin operations in Perth this year as part of a pilot trial funded by RAC.

But the self-driving multi-passenger EV goes further by using a high-tech sensor suite to read street signs and detect bus stops, other vehicles and obstacles and then navigate around them.

The RAC has evidently been convinced of the bus's potential as the group will start trialling the autonomous vehicle on private roads at its driver centre from April. If the tests are successful, the RAC will work with the state government to begin legislating for the use of autonomous vehicles on public roads.

However, it's this legal step which is proving to be the most challenging, since the question of who is liable if there's a collision – or worse, a fatality – needs to be resolved.

In a press release titled 'Autonomous vehicle trial the first of its kind [in] Australia', WA transport minister Dean Nalder said his department was working with the RAC to ensure the shuttle bus complied with road and vehicle safety standards during the trial.

"It is important West Australians are aware this technology is not confined to Hollywood blockbusters, but is actually coming to Perth." ■

Blending the new with the old is challenging

THE AUSTRALIAN Energy Council, which represents 22 major electricity and downstream natural gas businesses operating in competitive wholesale and retail energy markets and serving 10 million homes and businesses, has entered the public discussion about the move to a national cleaner energy supply. Their perspective:

> "The last decade has seen large volumes of renewables added to the energy mix with a material reduction in the greenhouse intensity of electricity supply. As renewables increase in scale they pose new market challenges which we are still yet to solve.
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> "Current clean-energy technologies are different to conventional power stations. Renewables require backup when clean energy, from wind and the sun, is not available. Pushing more renewables into the market without a clearly thought-through transition plan creates the increased reliability risks we are now seeing in places like South Australia.
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> "We need to address these broader energy market issues urgently. We do not want the transformation of the energy system to be undermined by compromised reliability or unnecessary price increases." ■

: Community Notices :

Successful farmers market goes weekly

THE SOUTHERN Harvest Farmers Market in Bungendore is NOW weekly. The Farmers Market is held at the Memorial Hall every Saturday from 9am to 1pm until the last weekend in May.

"We are always looking for new producers. Our Community Stall is a great way to test the markets out if you just have a little extra produce, or you can have a Micro Stall if you want to test the waters further," said Samantha Hawker, market manager.

"If you find your garden full of abundance of, let's say tomatoes or zucchinis, come on down to the Home Produce Swap at 10am run by Totally Locally Bungendore."

Produce available at the markets includes poultry, meat, honey, herbs, wine, fruit, vegetables, eggs and of course the Market Cafe selling hot and cold drinks and food.

For more information go to **www.southernharvest.net.au** or email bungendore@southernharvest.net.au.

Or Penny Kothe Caroola Farm, Southern Harvest Farmers Market, Southern Harvest Education 9074 Kings Hwy, Mulloon, NSW 2622. **www.caroolafarm.com.au**; penny@caroolafarm.com.au 02 4842 1899 **www.permacultureexchange.org.au / www.southernharvest.net.au**

Queanbeyan Evening Branch of the Country Women's Association – 12 April Meeting

The next meeting of the Queanbeyan Evening Branch Country Women's Association (CWA) of NSW is Tuesday 12 April 2016 and will be held in the Function Area, Queanbeyan Golf Club, Brown St. New members are welcome.

Join the ladies for dinner at 6.30pm, meeting commences at 7pm.

The CWA aims to improve conditions for country women and children in various ways, including lobbying for change, helping the local community, creating a network of support and meeting together.

For further information or inquiries about joining the CWA, please contact the Branch Secretary Nicole Lyons on 0409 323 569 or the Publicity Officer, Narelle Sargent on 0407 829 433.

Play trivia in May and help raise funds to educate children around the world

SCHOOLS, workplaces and trivia buffs across Australia are being invited to take part in ChildFund Australia's third annual trivia fundraiser called ChildFund's Big Ask, in support of children's education around the world.

From 2–8 May 2016, ChildFund is calling on all Australians to hold a trivia event with friends, family or colleagues, to help raise vital funds that will ensure children in some of the world's poorest communities have the chance to go to school.

For more information and to register your event visit **childfundsbigask.org.au** or call 1800 023 600. Funds raised will support ChildFund's education programs in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond.

ChildFund Australia is a member of the ChildFund Alliance – a global network of 12 organisations which assists more than 15 million children and families in 58 countries. ChildFund Australia is a registered charity and is fully accredited by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade which manages the Australian Government's overseas aid program.

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72 YEARS OF FLYING

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That summed me up perfectly, and it was perversely reassuring enough for me to give recreational flying a go.

Recreational aircraft are small, light, and as I later found out, a huge amount of fun to fly.

Last month, thanks to Mike's skill, patience, incredible knowledge of people and planes, and a little bit of bloody-mindedness on my part, I became a recreational pilot.

Liz was the first woman in Australia to fly the Nanchang aircraft.

Mike's love of aviation began as a boy during World War II

Mike was brought up in the English countryside near an American bomber base, and in the summer of 1944 one of his earliest experiences with aircraft nearly killed him.

He was polishing the family car in the driveway when his mother called him into the kitchen for a drink. Stepping through the back door he was startled by a loud noise behind him. The family raced outside and saw a large round hole in the car door. On the seat inside, lay a spent bullet from the nose gun of an American bomber which had been practice firing at the American base.

As a boy, Mike spent many hours with his mates watching British and German fighters battling in the skies over the countryside near his home. It was a dangerous pastime, and more than 3,000 civilians were known to have died during this period, just from the hail of aircraft fragments.

For Mike and his school friends however, the dangerous fallout simply provided an abundant and irresistible harvest of interesting trading objects which they could take to school the next day.

Later, as a fighter pilot in the Fleet Air Arm, Mike saw action during the Korean War and served for many years as flight commander on a number of Royal Navy aircraft carriers.

Following his military career he became an historian, documenting the history and operational life of the British carrier fleet.

In the 1990's Mike and Liz took over the Pilot Shop at Canberra Airport which became a social focus, and a valuable resource for hundreds of Australian pilots.

During this time Mike became President of the Canberra Aero Club, and resumed his love of gliding, competing in, and winning several championships around the country.

The couple bought the airstrip at Cooma Polo Flat in 1998 and opened the Snowy Aviation Academy in 2002. Since starting the school Mike and Liz have enthusiastically introduced nearly 1,500 people to the fun of recreational aviation. ■

We're trialling **'What's On'** as an **online feature** with weekly updates.
Look for the regional events calendar this month at
www.districtbulletin.com.au

LOCAL MARKETS:

1st and 3rd Saturday of every month

Braidwood Farmer's Markets
National Theatre in the main street of Braidwood, from 8am–12.30pm. **www.braidwoodfarmersmarket.org.au**.

Every Saturday

Capital Region Farmers Market
EPIC grounds, Mitchell, 8–11am. A genuine farmers market offering a diverse range of fresh seasonal food straight from the producer to the consumer and an opportunity to discuss with growers. **www.capitalregionfarmers market.com.au**

Southern Harvest Farmers Market
Memorial Hall, Molonglo St, Bungendore, 9–1pm, (opposite Food Lovers Market).

1st Saturday of every month (ex-January)

The Captains Flat Country Markets
Community Hall, Foxlow St, Captains Flat, 9.30–1.30pm. Enquiries to Maggie on 0473 113 398.

3rd Saturday of every month (ex-July, August)

Wamboin Produce Market
Wamboin Community Hall, Bingley Way, Wamboin, 9–12 noon. Fresh produce including cheese, eggs, honey, vegetables, nuts, seeds and plants.

3rd Sunday every month

Bungendore Markets
War Memorial Hall, Molonglo St, Bungendore, 9–2pm. Art, craft and local produce.

Windy Hall Country Markets
Windellama Hall, 10–2pm, craft goods, Devonshire tea, deli delights + more. Bob Shaw 4844 5001.

4th Saturday of every month

Braidwood Markets
Ryrie Park, Wallace St, Braidwood, 8am. Local crafts and cooking, plant and natural products. Call Geraldine 4847 5061.

More on regional / local events / tourism:
www.bungendore.com.au
www.visitqueanbeyan.com.au
www.visitbraidwood.com.au

NSW ENVIRONMENT STATUS

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The report notes that habitat destruction poses the greatest risk to biodiversity, in particular the clearing of native vegetation and the impacts of invasive species, weeds, foxes and cats.

Weeds make up 21 percent of the New South Wales' flora

The condition of native vegetation is deteriorating, and clearing is the primary cause.

"Just nine percent of the native vegetation across NSW is considered to be in good condition. Yet in Queanbeyan, the city council is considering destroying native vegetation in good to moderate condition, including an endangered ecological community that is now rare in NSW and the ACT," said Willis.

"Patterns of transport use are also a cause for concern. Gains in energy efficiency and increasing use of renewable energy are being undermined by the steady growth in greenhouse gas emissions from transport, where most journeys are made in private vehicles.

"Transport accounts for a rising share of NSW greenhouse gas emissions. In 2012–13, it was 19 percent. While there are public transport and active transport (cycling and walking) projects planned for Sydney, here in Queanbeyan there is no investment in public transport planned to address congestion caused by a growing population and the need for most people to travel to Canberra for work. Instead, the focus is on building roads such as the proposed EDE."

Willis said the QCA is calling for a sustainable transport strategy before new road projects are approved and that close to 1,200 people have signed a petition in support of that stance. ■

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Commemorative posters depict life on the Western Front

TWO POSTERS depicting the different experiences of Australians on the Western Front in 1916 have been released by the federal government for Anzac Day to commemorate the thousands of lives lost in battles on the Western Front.

One image depicts members of the 53rd Battalion preparing to take part in the Battle of Fromelles, the first major battle fought by Australian troops on the Western Front, while the second image depicts men of the 1st Division recovering at Vignacourt, behind the lines.

Both posters will be distributed to Australian schools, libraries, ex-service organisations, aged-care facilities, hospitals, local councils, and Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade overseas missions. The posters are supported by an online *Wartime Snapshot,* providing background information and learning activities for schools and members of the public to freely download.

High resolution versions of both posters and the *Wartime Snapshot* can be accessed from the Anzac Portal at **www.anzacportal.dva.gov.au**. ■

*'Haiga (photograph and tanka) by **Michelle Brock** of Queanbeyan as a creative response to 1915 for the PeaceKnits Pop-Up event held last April. A Haiga is a a five-line tanka poem displayed with an image. The poppy was photographed in Paris. "One of the things I love about writing tanka is how this ancient form of Japanese poetry unites people all over the world in a positive and creative way", said Michelle.*

Historic Braidwood at merger cross-roads *by Jill McLeod*

ORIGINALLY named the Eastern Capital City Regional Council, Palerang Council was proclaimed on 11 February 2004, when Tallaganda Shire was amalgamated with the area southeast of Canberra. The new council area included the town of Bungendore and, to celebrate the new identity, a brand spanking new council chambers was built on the eastern fringe of that town. The new council area boasted a population of about 15,000.

The jewel in Palerang's crown is the town of Braidwood which received its NSW state heritage listing on 30 March 2006. The listing was based on Braidwood's unique setting with its vistas of natural surrounds, the retained character of the main street with its original buildings which include shops, hotels, National Theatre and residences, and its 177 years of history including its bushrangers.

The unsettling discussion about the possibility of bits of Palerang Council being amalgamated with various surrounding council areas has thrown a fairly large spanner into Braidwood's comfortable and serene works. The fracture of the close relationship between Braidwood and its small satellite villages, particularly Majors Creek and Araluen, is totally undesirable.

While early reports from Queanbeyan and Goulburn appeared to accept the possibility of Palerang going to one of their directions, the possibility of Palerang being split up has not been met with much joy. In fact, the lack of the once enthusiastic rivalry has led to the belief that nobody wants us!

So, if Palerang Council is split up into bits and pieces, what can Braidwood look forward to? Will our beautiful gem of a village be able to make itself Fit for the Future?

When I first moved to Braidwood in the early 1990s, one of the first organisations I joined was the tourism organisation. As so often happens in country towns there was a very small team of extremely enthusiastic members who worked hard to diligently promote the most important drawcards which were the town's history, the bakery and a friendly welcome.

These days, hundreds of vehicles pass through the village at weekends – many stopping to take advantage of our relaxed atmosphere. The very visible tourism office will continue to be manned seven-days-a-week. The majority of our main street shops will stay open all weekend as they do now.

Our visitors and our residents will still support our numerous cafes and eateries (we have more cafes per capita than we should have – all different), we will still attract the young families that seek our lifestyle and our schools will still be at maximum capacity. Our National Theatre and art galleries will remain drawcards for local and visiting film buffs, performers and art lovers.

Our community radio station – 2BRW 94.5 fm – will continue to run 24-hours-a-day to entertain and inform.

Add the magnificent scenery, the clean air, the clear blue sky (most days), and our proximity to the coast.

What more could anyone wish for? ■

Queen's 90th birthday stamps with Aussie diamond wattle

TO MARK the 90th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Australia Post is releasing two commemorative stamps depicting the Queen and her Golden Wattle diamond brooch.

The $1 stamp features a photograph taken of Her Majesty attending a garden party for the Not Forgotten Association (NFA), which is held annually to honour the contribution of the armed forces.

The $2.75 stamp depicts the Queen's Golden Wattle diamond brooch worn by Her Majesty at the NFA garden party.

The brooch was presented as a gift from the people and government of Australia during the Queen's inaugural tour of Australia in 1954. The brooch comprises 150 white and yellow diamonds arranged to resemble a spray of Golden Wattle, Australia's national floral emblem, together with mimosa leaves and tea-tree blossoms.

The Queen's birthday stamps and associated products are available from 5 April at participating post offices, via mail order on 1800 331 794 and online at auspost.com.au/stamps while stocks last.

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