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Above: *Mindi, Engonnia NSW 1974*, Don Burrows' seminal photograph of a young Indigenous girl blowing her first musical note on Don's B Flat School Flute at one of the many outback workshops and concerts during his Keating Fellowship days. This image is featured in the upcoming exhibition *Counterpoint* at Cafe Wood Works commencing on 22 August as part of the Vivid National Photography Festival. *Counterpoint* is a joint exhibition by Australian Living Treasure Burrows and Bungendore photographer Stan d'Argeavel. In the exhibition the two draw on a musical term and apply it to photography challenging each other to complete the melody of the other's photographs.

GREENER CITY, AS MAYOR MOVES ON TO NEW PASTURES

by Maria Taylor

AFTER 17 YEARS as Mayor of Queanbeyan, Frank Pangallo jokes with everyone that he is counting the days (now somewhere around 40) before he moves on to his latest challenge of running for the ACT Assembly as an independent.

But there's no doubt he is proud of his hometown and the civic legacy he'll be leaving behind.

Mr Pangallo is particularly proud of Queanbeyan's green record.

High on the list is the recycling of green and brown waste. The green waste is collected weekly from households and city parks and sent to a facility the size of an airplane hanger at the recycling station in West Queanbeyan.

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Growth for Queanbeyan, Bungendore only

BUNGENDORE WILL BE the focus of new residential development in Palerang in the coming decades, according to the final Sydney-Canberra Corridor Regional Strategy released by the NSW government last month.

The 25-year blueprint for the corridor around the highway and rail line between the two capitals emphasises consolidation around existing urbanised centres. This is to promote the most efficient use of existing transport and infrastructure as well as energy-efficient alternatives such as light rail.

Lowering the need for commuting is a priority focus of the strategy and includes the goal of providing land for localised employment, although not particularly so in Palerang. Conservation of biodiversity, water catchments and other natural resources also must guide local planners.

Queanbeyan is marked as the major regional growth centre along with Goulburn. In the rural areas, Bungendore and Murrumbateman, with land already zoned for village development, receive specific mentions as areas for additional settlement but Braidwood does not.

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Cleanseeds – where Bungendore's farmers shop



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20 YEARS AGO WE BELIEVED IN EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLES

With recent 24/7 coverage about emission trading schemes as ‘the’ response to climate change, and ‘shock horror’ stories about the rate at which the country has to cut back emissions and by when – it is instructive to look back at what we once thought we could do as a nation.

The following quotes are from an October 1991 ANZECC document (Australian and New Zealand Environment and Conservation Council Australia – ie federal and state environment ministers) on programs and policies adopted since 1988 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

1990 message – reduce emissions by 60%

Foreword begins: “In September 1990 ... ANZECC *inter alia*, noted that the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) calculated with confidence that emissions of carbon dioxide from human activities would have to be reduced by 60 percent to stabilise its concentration and that other gases would need to be reduced by between 15 percent and 85 percent.”

COMMUNITY FIRST

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Commitment to inclusive and non-adversarial politics

- pre-election pledge to treat councillors and others with respect at all times, while recognising diversity of opinion;
- taking the personalities and egos out of decision-making and focusing on issues;
- working co-operatively to solve problems.

We will be signing a pre-election pledge along the lines that if elected, we will treat councillors and others with respect at all times, while recognising diversity of opinion; put the interests of Palerang and its communities first, in line with our campaign platform; and work co-operatively, to achieve consensus where possible. It is my hope that whatever the make-up of the new Council, it will do the same.

Efficiency and renewables – a win-win situation

“ANZECC further stated in *Towards a national Greenhouse Strategy for Australia* that its proposed Australian target of 20 percent reduction in carbon dioxide emissions below 1988 levels by 2005 and stabilisation of emissions before that date, was achievable through the implementation of energy efficiency and renewable energy options and fuel substitutions. These measures were also considered to deliver other environmental and economic benefits...”

We had a national target timetable...

“On 11 October 1990, the Commonwealth Government adopted an interim planning target of stabilising emissions of greenhouse gases...”

All State and Territory governments endorsed this decision at the October 1990 Special Premier’s conference and agreed to cooperate in the development of a National Greenhouse Response Strategy.”

What we could once do

The states had the following responses to climate change at the time – most notably the approach to energy management called demand management – ie using less.

- Manage demand through energy retailers by removing tariffs and subsidies, education and promotion;
- Also mandatory measures including home insulation and providing incentives



for renewable energy, cogeneration and efficiency options;

- Mandatory appliance energy labelling, government leadership in efficient energy use;
- Energy-efficient housing developments; plus
- An end to native vegetation clearance.

All States were putting money into further research on alternative fuels to coal.

Australia lagging far behind on efficient housing

The report noted that at the time (continuing through much of the 1990s) Australia

“Every building constructed without taking account of energy efficiency will demand extra energy for the next 70 years or so.”

was the only country in the OECD that did not have an energy component in its building regulations. As a result public, commercial and rental housing was built without insulation, efficient hot water systems heating or appliances. The same recipe has applied for decades to suburban tract housing as well.

The car market has been subject to similar ‘irrational’ forces with tax deductions encouraging more mileage and masking true costs.

We have lost 20 years of effective action

The 1991 spelled out why it is easier to start emission reduction at that time versus later – which we are in fact doing.

“It is easier to reduce current emissions, which are only a small amount higher than 1988 levels, back to levels 20 percent below 1988 levels than it will be to wait several years and then attempt to reach that reduced level.

...Many opportunities are lost by waiting. Every building constructed without taking account of energy efficiency will demand extra energy for the next 70 years or so.”



Across the radar screen...

Kids are quick:

TEACHER: John , why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn’t have ten years ago.

WINNIE: Me!

TEACHER: Glenn , how do you spell ‘crocodile?’

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L’

TEACHER: No, that’s wrong

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it’s H to O.

Kosciuszko to Coast Cont’d from p13

Program	Agency	Is my property suitable?	The benefits	What does this mean for my property?	Who to contact
Good Neighbours	Greening Australia	This incentive program targets properties in areas fringing the ACT, including Hall, Carwoola, Burra, Royalla.	An on-site meeting can be arranged as well as funding assistance for fencing and revegetation. There is a land manager in-kind contribution (generally labour, ie planting, erecting fences etc).	The site must be managed for conservation for 10 years. This is an agreement between you and Greening Australia; it does not change a property’s legal status.	Angela Calliess, Greening Australia – ph: 02 6253 3035 acalliess@act.greeningaustralia.org.au
Rehabilitation of Riparian Areas	Molonglo Catchment Group and Greening Australia	The high priority areas for this incentive are Molonglo River, Woolshed and Reedy Creeks, Upper Molonglo and Burra Creek Catchments. Medium priority areas are Jerrabomberra Creek and Upper Queanbeyan Catchments.	An on-site meeting can be arranged as well as funding assistance for river restoration, including rivers, creeks, gullies, drainage lines. Works include: fencing, providing stock water, tubestock and direct seeding. The funding is 50% upfront 50% on satisfactory completion and there is a Land manager in-kind contribution (generally labour, ie, planting, erecting fences etc).	The site must be managed for conservation for 10 years. This is an agreement between you and Greening Australia; it does not change a property’s legal status.	Angela Calliess, Greening Australia – ph: 02 6253 3035 acalliess@act.greeningaustralia.org.au
Incentive Property Vegetation Plans	Various Catchment Management Authorities	Native vegetation.	Property Vegetation Plans give farmers security to plan and invest. Incentive Property Vegetation Plans allow farmers to obtain funding to protect and restore native vegetation. You receive a satellite photomap of your property and supporting documentation outlining the agreement.	Once approved and signed the Property Vegetation Plan is a legal agreement under the <i>Native Vegetation Act 2003</i> and the <i>Threatened Species Conservation Act of 1995</i> , it is binding for the period agreed to. A Property Vegetation Plan is not affected by any changes to local or state planning rules or new listing of threatened species. A Property Vegetation Plan cannot be revoked unless it is breached. It still applies if the property is sold.	Contact your local Catchment Management Authority. www.cma.nsw.gov.au
Tax concessions	Australian Taxation Office	Landholders interested in donating land to conservation organisations.	Donors benefit from the capacity to claim tax deductions on the donation. This is particularly important for donors who are asset rich but on low income.	Donations of property to eligible environmental bodies are in perpetuity.	Donna Rich, Non Profit Centre – ph: 02 6216 1493 donna.rich@ato.gov.au
Conservation Management Networks	Department of Environment and Climate Change Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority	Your participation in a Conservation Management Network is determined by the Location of your property and interest in undertaking and learning about local conservation. Conservation Management Networks (CMN) are regionally and/or ecosystem based. Three regional CMNs in the K2C region are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Southern Tablelands Grassy Ecosystem (STGECMN)• Monaro Grassland (MGCMN)• Far South Coast (FSCCMN)	Conservation Management Networks create a network with other landholders and other land management bodies working within the region or ecosystem. CMNs organise field days and workshops and distribute information through mailouts and newsletters.	You can become part of a CMN and receive information, newsletters and invitations to field days. If you have grassland or grassy woodland on your property contact the STGECMN. If you have Monaro grassland contact the MGCMN. If you have remnant native bush on the Far South Coast contact the FSCCMN.	Southern Tablelands Grassy Ecosystem CMN. Mary Appleby, facilitator – ph: 02 6989 9741 Mary.Appleby@environment.nsw.gov.au Monaro Grasslands CMN. David Eddy, Facilitator – ph 6242 8484 MGCMN@myaccess.com.au Far South Coast CMN: Dan and Vickie Williamson, Facilitators PO Box 816, BEGA NSW 2550 Ph: 02 6492 5558, mob: 0401 065 068 Info@fsccmn.com.au www.fsccmn.com.au



We stand on our (green) record

There it is sliced and diced to mulch proportions for re-use by Council. (Palerang is looking at something similar with the 'Groundswell program'.)

The same green waste mulch is sold to the public, seven days a week, at minimal cost, at the Council's Waste Minimisation Centre at 5 Lorn Road. Recycling generally



Left: Outgoing Mayor Frank Pangallo is happy to take a couple of Palerang visitors around and explain how brown waste becomes lawn fertilizer (looking good underfoot).

Above: At the Queanbeyan Waste Minimization Centre this ½ million dollar machine mulches green waste up to the size of healthy tree trunks.

has taken off in Queanbeyan (as in Canberra) and the Mayor says the town is one of NSW's top recycling achievers.

The brown waste at the municipal sewerage treatment plant is treated and separated to clean water and compost. The compost component is mixed with sawdust and soil and returned to the community on its parks and gardens as fertiliser.

The sewerage treatment works rely on Green Energy for their electricity, costing the Council an additional \$70,000 annually but well worth the investment because "envi-

ronmentally it's the right thing". (Green Energy is retailed by most electricity suppliers and means that the power comes from renewable sources like wind and solar).

Also a 'Waterwise' town

The Waterwise program of free retrofitting and subsidies for more efficient water-saving appliances (now getting underway in Palerang) has proven popular in Queanbeyan after a slow start in 2000. The town has achieved a 15 percent reduction in overall water consumption, presumably despite a growing population.

Mr Pangallo said this also affords residents an average annual saving on their water bill of \$120–160. Perhaps not dramatic statistics, but being the first community in the state to pioneer subsidies for a changeover to front-loading washing machines is still something to be proud of.

And Queanbeyan has traded in its petrol-guzzling and CO₂-emitting municipal fleet of

GROWTH FOR QUEANBEYAN, BUNGENDORE ONLY

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"The majority of new housing will be provided in Queanbeyan with the potential for limited expansion in the towns of Yass and Bungendore as well as the village of Murrumbateman," says the report on p37. An additional 10,000 new dwellings have been identified for the Queanbeyan area with growth areas expected to be South Jerrabomberra and Googong.

Rural residential development is not part of the plan beyond the existing capacity of land already zoned for that use. Development of concessional allotments has been relegated to history.

The strategy notes that "the extent of dispersed rural residential development has significant implications for costs of servicing, the fragmentation of lands and impacts on agriculture".

Along with retaining agriculture, alternative energy proposals such as windfarms,

solar installations or bio-gas conversion facilities become favoured land-use options. Aged-care facilities will also get a favoured nod.

Water restraints figure prominently. New development proposals must show a sustainable water supply keeping in mind changing conditions due to climate change. Bungendore's water supply thus remains a central issue.

Local environment plans (LEPs) will need to adhere to this strategy and its criteria. The strategy can be downloaded from: http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/plansforaction/pdf/sydcancorridor_regional_strategy_final.pdf

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What else is new in Queanbeyan?

Mr Pangallo said there are plans for a major revamp for the central business district (in an area behind the Leagues Club) with retail, office and residential space. Where is the demand coming from?

From the neighbours, apparently. Queanbeyan, with 2.5–3% growth in the past 10 years is seeing ever more people from the ACT opting for a more relaxed and affordable lifestyle across the border.

Light rail to defence headquarters and beyond?

Palerang residents might also be interested in a proposal being floated by the would-be developers of the Tralee housing estate near Jerrebomberra who are hoping for a rezoned green light by the end of the year. The proposal is for a light rail connection between there and the new Defence Headquarters.

Or perhaps from Canberra through Queanbeyan and all the way to Bungendore via the headquarters? (*The Bulletin* has also heard that a business and environmental coalition in the ACT is floating a similar, local proposal. And the new Palerang planning chief is also interested in a commuter rail connection. What if they all joined up?!)

Details on Queanbeyan's recycling centre can be found at: www.qcc.nsw.gov.au

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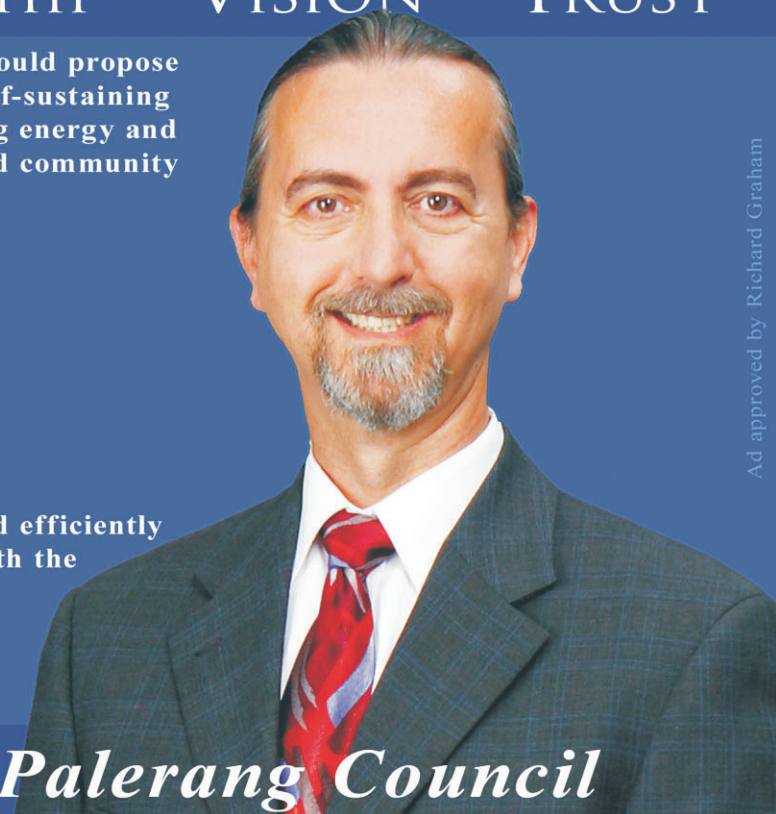
As a result of reviewing the 2006 Community Visioning Workshop results, I would propose eight initiatives for discussion that I think would achieve a friendlier, more self-sustaining and more prosperous community, even in the face of climate change, and rising energy and food costs. I believe most of them could be achieved by a proactive council and community in the coming 4 to 6 years at no meaningful cost to rate payers.

1. Webcast Council Meetings
2. Determine Council's Vulnerability To Rises In Fuel & Energy Costs
3. Establish Commuter Public Transportation
4. Establish Palerang Employment Parks
5. Develop Local Employment Expansion Initiatives
6. Create Fresh Food Farmers' Markets
7. Establish a Cinema/Performing Arts Centre and a Fine Art Museum
8. Work to Make Our Town Centres More Inviting

I also know the importance of maintaining our Roads, keeping Rates down and efficiently collecting and recycling our Rubbish. So if elected, I would work diligently with the other councillors and management to improve upon these three 'R's', while commencing these eight community-building initiatives as soon as practical.

To learn more about me or these initiatives, please visit www.RichardGraham.com.au.

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Bungendore Wood Works Gallery, 18 Malbon St, 9am–5pm. Award winning impressionist Ken Knight has been capturing the unique landscape of Australia for over 25 years. This exhibition displays images of Australia’s beaches, waterways, the golden interior and dark moody mountains. Exhibition runs daily until the 26 August.

Mountain Huts By Night Photography Exhibition
Café Wood Works, Malbon St, 9am–5pm. A part of the National VIVID photography festival Eve Conroy displays images of huts at night using traditional light sources such as moonlight, candles and firelight. Exhibition runs until the 18 August.



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Friday 15
Shortis and Simpson
Teatro Vivaldi Restaurant, ANU Campus. 15 and 16 August (two shows only). *Close your eyes and think of England* has Moya Simpson singing in 6 languages! Bookings on 6257 2718.

Tuesday 19
Lake George Day VIEW Club 4th Birthday
Carrington Inn, Bungendore. Arrive at 11.30am for a 12noon start. The LGDVC celebrates its 4th birthday with an Olympic-themed birthday lunch and entertainment by Brian Butler. Cost \$25 per person. Limited numbers so call Lorraine by Friday 15 August on 6238 1953 to reserve your place. For more information about LGDVC ring President Pauline on 6238 1996.

Saturday 16
Bungendore Music and Poetry
Heritage on the Square, starting at 2pm. The stage will be open to a variety of performers and anyone who wants to have a go. Food and drinks will also be available. For more details call Lorraine on 6238 1903 or 0404 188 524.

Sunday 17
Bungendore Market
War Memorial Hall, Molonglo St, 9am–3pm. A variety of stalls with arts and crafts, local produce as well as trash and treasure.

Tuesday 19 – Saturday 23
Shirley Valentine
Playing at the Queanbeyan Performing Arts Centre (The Q). *For more info see p13.*

Saturday 23
Introduction to Native Foods
Le Très Bon restaurant, Malbon St Bungendore, 10am. Learn to experiment with the wonderful flavours of Australia – learn more about growing and cooking with our own native bush foods. *For more info see p5.*

Braidwood Market
Ryrie Park, Braidwood, 8am start. Goodies include local plants, natural products, crafts and cooking.

Friday 29 – Saturday 30
Stop, Look and Listen
A night of music, photography and words by jazz legend Don Burrows in conjunction with the opening of the exhibitions *Counterpoint* by Don Bur-

rows and Stan d’Argeavel, and *A Photograph is missing* by leading Australian professional photographer Robert Billington and author Tim Gooding. Bookings and details from Bungendore Wood Works Gallery on 6238 1682

Saturday 30 – Sunday 31
Toni Lamond
Playing at The Q in Queanbeyan. *For more info see p13.*

September: Monday 1
Wattle Day Dinner
Teatro Vivaldi Restaurant, ANU Campus. Arrive 7.00 pm for 7.30 dinner. Join the celebration of National Wattle Day with family and friends and enjoy an Australian-themed degustation menu (\$45/person includes a glass of sparkling wine or orange juice to begin with & a tea or coffee to finish.) Historian Libby Robin will speak about ‘Wattle in the National Imagination’. RSVP by August 28 to Terry Fewtrell at terry.fewtrell@netspeed.com.au or 0412 823 275. For more info www.wattle day.asn.au/

Friday 12 – Saturday 13
The Carpenters from Kempsey
Playing at the Queanbeyan Performing Arts Centre. *For more info see p13.*

Send ‘What’s On’ info and community notices to... Chrissy@palerangbulletin.com.au

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Held in conjunction with the Fireside Festival restaurant participants: see www.firesidefestival.com.au for other participants.

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THE UPPER MURRUMBIDGEE Catchment Coordinating Committee will host a workshop to assist people identify and control willows will be held on the 7 September at the Queanbeyan Conference Centre.

Since European settlement, willows have been planted in Australia to protect soils from erosion, provide shade for stock, occasional fodder, amenity, and also for the purposes of production (cricket bat wood and floristry).

Approximately 100 types of willows have been introduced into Australia. Over 30 types are spreading naturally in the environment.

There are a number of environmental problems associated with the spread of willows, including soil erosion, waterway diversion, reduced capacity in waterways, displacement of

native flora and fauna and reduced water quantity and quality. Whereas, in the past, environmental advice included the *planting* of willows, now environmental advice may include the *removal* of willows.

For people interested in river restoration, the approach to willows can be confusing. It does however help to remember two things. Firstly, not all willows are the same, and secondly, the role willows play in a landscape can vary.

Ability to identify different willow species and ability to understand the impact willows have on the landscape are important skills when it comes to managing our waterways. The workshop will address these issues.

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Willow Workshop

- Learn to identify different willow species.
- Visit demonstration sites.

When: Sunday, 7 September 2008 10.00am–3.00pm
Where: Queanbeyan Conference Centre, Crawford Street, Queanbeyan

Lunch and transport to demonstration sites provided

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