

# Bulletin

COUNTRY LIVING in Queanbeyan, Bungendore and Palerang



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## HUSHED UP IN 2006:

# New evidence of flawed science, wishful counting as kangas die for petfood

by Maria Taylor

IN 2006, Glenys Oogjes, Executive Director of Animals Australia, publicised the alarming findings of that year's Commonwealth State of the Environment report. Biodiversity in general was taking a hammering from human land clearing and development. But equally revealing was what she learned about the Australian kangaroo meat and skin industry.

The 2006 State of the Environment report revealed "government decisions relating to wildlife are being made devoid of any substantive data and are having a dire impact on the welfare and numbers of Australian wildlife", she wrote.

Soon thereafter, Oogjes told the *Canberra Times* (and since confirmed to the Bulletin), the environment report was altered after she contacted senior officials in the Howard government to discuss the ethical and environmental implications of this assessment.

"We believe the report was changed after pressure from the minister and possibly interests within the commercial kangaroo industry. This is morally wrong. It is meant to be an accurate, independent national report," she told the *Canberra Times*.

The original version said "There are insufficient data available on actual kangaroo populations and population characteristics to demonstrate that harvesting does not have a detrimental impact either on the harvested species or their ecosystems". In particular there was not enough information on population trends, structure or distribution to show a sustainable industry.

The final report was changed to read: "Commercial kangaroo harvesting in Australia has been sustainable for more than 25 years ... Current management plans incorporate provisions appropriate to the current drought. Kangaroos have the ability to adjust their reproductive cycle very rapidly to changing environmental effects."

## Drastic population drop mid 2000s, harvest continues unaltered

The original analysis by departmental staff linked the reader to Commonwealth population estimates starting from 1991, which did little to show this was a sustainable 'harvest'.

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## Palerang water dreaming

PALERANG COUNCIL'S award-winning study looking at future development in western Palerang points to some old problems that continue to challenge planners and communities – limits to water resources being high on the list.

A 2004 state agency 'snapshot' of the water resources in the Yass River catchment concluded that surface water use was unsustainable. At that time, it reported that surface water storage was on average 200 percent above sustainable yield.

The 2012 Palerang Council study examined water availability and quality, population and climate variability for all western catchments and concluded things had not gotten better. For example, it draws attention to the relatively large diversions to small shallow farm dams in rural residential areas which in some places already are 400 percent above sustainable yields.

The study also gives the best data available on the alluvial and fractured rock aquifers which

underlie west Palerang, suggesting a gradual draw-down in the fractured rock aquifers. Groundwater affects both rural residential and Bungendore village residents.

Most of Palerang's western catchments ultimately drain to the Murrumbidgee and Murray-Darling Basin. They include the catchments of Lake George, Yass River, Molonglo River and Queanbeyan River (including Burra Creek). This area includes the localities of Bungendore, Burra, Butmaroo Creek, Bywong, Captains Flat, Carwoola, Currawang, Hoskinstown, Royalla, Urialla, Taylors Creek and Wamboin.

The series of six reports were supported by the Australian Government's *Water for the Future* initiative and ActewAGL.

Palerang residents are urged to attend a public forum presenting the reports and consider their implications for future land use planning on **Wednesday 20 June at 6.30pm** in the Palerang Council Chambers in Bungendore. Details, see p5. The reports are available at [www.palerang.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.palerang.nsw.gov.au/).

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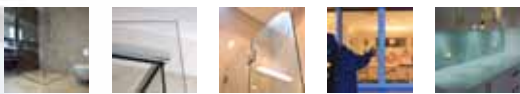
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# Racing around with alfa males

by Karen Lovatt

TWO MATES are in a shed, tinkering around with a car. They want to try it out and see how fast it will go. So they decide together to take it down to the Targa Tasmania event.

It's not an unusual scenario, especially in the early 1990s, when there were fewer requirements for events like the Targa. Back then, a stock-standard road car was not only permitted to run, most of the field was made up of them.

Not many drivers tackle the Targa as a first event, and fewer use it as a launch for their racing career. But for Wamboin resident Wes Anderson (whose day job is in the optometry business), that's exactly what ended up happening.

In 1993 he took on his first Targa Tasmania, sharing a 1967 Alfa with a friend. Back then, the motorsport world was completely different.

"It wasn't an actual rally car," Anderson remembered, "and back then you didn't even have to have the roll cage in it for a Targa. It was totally different back then, it was more like just a drive around Tasmania, and you stopped for lunch and guys would be having lobsters for lunch, it was very relaxed."

Anderson was not new to owning Alfas, having previously owned several as road cars. But after the Targa, a whole new side to the Alfa was opened up to him – the potential for it to be a racing car.

"After we did the Targa, a friend of mine, who was my navigator, said 'oh, let's go out and get our racing licence'," Anderson said. "He had a car that was eligible for what they called Appendix J, which is cars from the mid-50s up to 1972, and it was fairly bog standard. We thought, 'ah well, just have a bit of fun in it', so that's what we did."

## Cost and passion

A 'bit of fun' quickly became a passion for racing, and when he got the chance to upgrade his car and take on a more serious schedule, he seized it with both hands, not knowing at the time quite what he was getting into.

"A similar car came on the market which the guy had spent a lot of money on and had a lot of success with, he was selling it without a motor, just the running gear, no motor," he recalled. "It had a pretty good reputation this car, so I thought 'oh, I might buy that and put a motor in it' – cheap motorsport!"

Anderson was quickly relieved of this delusion.



"I did that ... and then only after that I found out that, oh, this isn't going to be so cheap after all, because to get a good motor built was going to be 15 to 20 thousand dollars, which was quite a bit of money ... I managed to scrape some money together for it, got a motor for it, and in 1995 that was when I started doing Historic Touring Cars or Appendix J."

## Wheels with history

Historic Touring Cars is a very popular series. Even today, when financial difficulties have decimated most fields in lesser categories, the Historic Touring Cars always puts together strong grids. At the time, there were three Alfas in the field, which comprised mainly Falcon GT-HOs, Holden Toranas, Minis, Cortinas, and even a few Chevrolet Camaros.

"They have historic race meetings probably once a month through the winter," Anderson explained. "Some of them are really popular like at Phillip Island or Eastern Creek, and they get up to maybe 300 cars, mostly historic touring cars, but some in the different categories."

He had a lot of success in the Historic series, winning the Australian Historic Touring Car Cup, which was a single-event format, with three races run over one weekend, and the person with the best finish over the three races declared the winner. He also won the Appendix J Cup, a championship series run over 12 months.

## Around Australia with the supercars

In 2000, however, Anderson changed championships, becoming a competitor in

what was then known as the Biante Series, a support category for the V8 Super-cars. He went from one of three Alfas, to the only one, and got the opportunity to travel all over Australia, following the main event.

"I did the supporting series for about eight years," he said. "I was fortunate enough to be invited to quite a few of their events, I was lucky enough to race at Bathurst seven

**The Targa now: "It's mad ... the speeds are too high for the roads ... they're just too fast".**

times, we got a couple of invites to the Clipsal 500, and also we got two invites to the Australian Grand Prix. We got to race at some of the best circuits in Australia, or even the world. I did Canberra twice, we were lucky to get into that."

Now, though, Anderson has retired from racing. He still keeps his hand in, helping out a friend who goes racing six to eight times a year, but has no desire to get behind the wheel himself any more.

"I lost my nerve with Targa," he explained. "It's mad ... the speeds are too high for the roads ... they're just too fast. There are four events in the Targa Series: Targa Tasmania, Targa Adelaide, Targa Rest Point, and Targa High Country, that's the last one I did, back in 2011."

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# PALERANG LEP – where are you?

PALERANG RESIDENTS may well be wondering whether their Local Environment Plan (LEP) will be completed before the election in September with recent months of quiet on that front and only three months to go before the election.

Councillor Pete Harrison says some councillors too are unsure about the timing, with the draft document yet to be certified by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure, before a required two-month public exhibition period. Uncertainty remains over lot size averaging in some parts of the current rural zone so certification of the

current draft is not a mere formality.

It is understood that the working draft would be sent to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure for Section 64 certification in early June. However, there are a few final steps even with a quick green light, before the public exhibition phase. So the timing is not encouraging

Some councillors have said a new council will inevitably want to put its stamp on the LEP and it would be back to the drawing board.

## The Macs Reef waste transfer station and Native Title claim

"I have been advised that, following discussions with the local Aboriginal Land Council, the Native Title claim that was holding up processing of the development application for the new waste transfer station on Macs Reef Road has been withdrawn. With this matter now resolved, it is expected that the DA will be approved within a couple of months, with construction to begin in the new year (2013)."

— Community Association President and Palerang Councillor Pete Harrison

## Palerang News

### Community Strategic Plan adopted

Developed over the past 12 months, through widespread community consultation, the Palerang Community Strategic Plan 2013-2032 (CSP) was adopted by resolution of Council on 17 May 2012. The CSP provides the foundation for Council's four-year Delivery Programs and annual Operational Plans for the next 20 years.

Copies of the Palerang Community Strategic Plan 2013-2032 can be downloaded from the Council website, and are available from Council's offices in Bungendore and Braidwood.

### 2012-13 Budget, Fees & Charges now on exhibition

Council's 2012-13 budget estimates of income and expenditure, annual charges for waste management, water and sewerage, and fees and charges will be on public exhibition until 15 June 2012. The draft 2012-16 Delivery Program will also be on public exhibition during this period.

The documents on public exhibition may be downloaded from the Council website, or are available for viewing at Council's offices in Bungendore and Braidwood, during business hours.

Public submissions on the draft documents are invited during the exhibition period and should be submitted in writing to the General Manager, Palerang Council, PO Box 348, Bungendore NSW 2621. They may also be submitted by email to [records@palerang.nsw.gov.au](mailto:records@palerang.nsw.gov.au).

All submissions received will be considered prior to formal adoption of Council's 2012-13 Operational Plan, Budget and Revenue Pricing Policy, and the making of the rates and annual charges at an extraordinary meeting to be held on Thursday 28 June 2012, at the Bungendore Council chambers.

### Australian Aboriginal Flag

Following the resolution passed by Council at its February general meeting, a ceremony was held on Friday 25 May to mark the first raising of the Australian Aboriginal Flag outside the Bungendore Council office.

The flag raising ceremony, hosted by councillors Turley and Moore, saw a welcome to country from Louise Brown of the Ngambri people. Palerang students from Braidwood, Bungendore and Captains Flat then outlined the history and significance of the Australian Aboriginal Flag, the role played by indigenous Australians in armed service, and recognised National Sorry Day.

The flag will now be flown with the Australian National Flag, the NSW State Flag and the Palerang Council Flag, in front of the Bungendore office, and is on permanent display within the Council chamber.

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### Advice for new home builders

The NSW Government, through its Environmental Trust and in conjunction with regional Councils, established the Sustaining Our Towns initiative to help build a sustainable future for our region through a variety of programs and opportunities aimed at reducing our ecological footprint. The product of one such program is a new booklet entitled *Home Comforts*, which explains the principles of passive solar design as they apply in the South East region of NSW.

*Home Comforts* outlines what you need to consider when buying land and building a home in this region, including solar orientation, thermal mass, insulation and natural heating and cooling, and glazing. It also provides information on solar hot water and electricity systems. In plain language, you can read about BASIX energy rating, managing bush fire risk and Council planning requirements.

Copies of *Home Comforts* are available from Council's offices in Bungendore and Braidwood, or can be downloaded from Council's website.

### Palerang census data

Council has recently enlisted the help of the .id consulting group to provide online demographic information about the Palerang population. The information is derived from ABS census data, with access through a simple graphical web interface that is linked to Council's own website (click on "About Palerang" on the home page menu).

Access to two sets of data is currently available. The Palerang Community Profile includes data from the 2006, 2001, 1996, and 1991 Censuses of Population and Housing, while the Palerang Community Atlas includes key socio-demographic characteristics for the Palerang Council area, presented through interactive maps.

# Queanbeyan Local Environment Plan could use more enviro focus

by Katrina Willis\*

THE PUBLIC gallery was packed. People spilled into the foyer or stood against walls. Staff brought more and more chairs, filling every available space. People queued to register for the opportunity to make a brief presentation directly to councillors – a final pitch or appeal. There was a great sense of anticipation.

What was the occasion? Queanbeyan City Council's Planning and Development Review Committee Meeting of 9 May 2012. Usually, you'd be lucky if a dozen people turned up to these monthly P&D meetings; mostly developers, the odd resident who has run into trouble over a fence or building line, or a neighbour unhappy about a proposal that might affect them adversely. The meetings are over pretty quickly.

But not on 9 May. The meeting ran from 5.30pm until just after 9pm as 23 speakers took their turn at the podium.

So what was all the excitement about? After dealing quickly with a few standard business items, we got to the drawcard –

the draft Local Environmental Plan.

Council was preparing to sign off the plan, which is the framework for planning and development for Queanbeyan City. Seven years in the making and with several major studies to support it, including the 2008 Queanbeyan Biodiversity Study, this was the last opportunity for residents to have input. Seventeen people spoke.

Council received 68 written submissions and a recurring theme was the tension between protecting our local environment and heritage, and the demand for more development.

## River corridors still not fully protected

Staff reviewed public comments, proposing a few minor changes to the document but some fundamental shortcomings remain. Among the most significant is that we still haven't fully protected natural areas of high and medium conservation value, including river corridors.

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## Queanbeyan update with Mayor, Cr Tim Overall

### Lifestyle Precinct's official opening

The Crawford St Lifestyle Precinct will be officially opened with a special ceremony on Saturday 30 June. The Lifestyle Precinct was all but complete when I was writing this column on 29 May. The contractors were undertaking the final stages of work on the western side of the street and then were due to turn their attention to some minor defects on both sides. The opening ceremony will include market stalls, entertainment and activities in Crawford St between 12 noon and 3pm. During the opening Crawford St will remain open to traffic. More information on the opening will be available on Council's website at [www.qcc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.qcc.nsw.gov.au)



### New-look signs: a fresh approach

Anyone who has travelled into Queanbeyan via the Yass Rd or Canberra Ave recently would have noticed a striking difference. The installation of the new entrance signs, which stand around 3m, has significantly enhanced the entrances to our city. The signs add to the plantings and landscaping Council had already done at the city's entrances, especially Yass Rd. Further signs will be installed at Lanyon Drive and Bungendore Rd in 2012-13 and the Old Cooma Rd will be upgraded following road improvements.



### New LEP awaiting gazettal

Following a change of legislation by the NSW Government in 2006, Council commenced work on a project to combine all of the city's Local Environmental Plans into one document. This process moved closer to finalisation in May when Council adopted the Plan and sent it to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure for review and gazettal. Following a public consultation period, Council agreed to make some adjustments to the Plan before it was sent to the

Department. Some of the key points in the LEP are:

- Council agreed to proceed with the rezoning of Jumping Creek subject to the future extension of Ellerton Drive and that there would be no access to Jumping Creek through Greenleigh Estate.
- Council deemed the 651-lot paper subdivision of Curtis Estate was not suitable for urban development due to a number of issues and the area has been zoned Environmental Conservation. However, if a landowner can demonstrate that they can address the issues with the site, including the concerns of the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage, they could always submit a planning proposal for consideration.
- An additional 40 properties were included on a heritage listing which now includes some 170 heritage items in total.
- Council agreed to rezone 58 parcels of land from community to operational. The majority of these were drainage reserves, road reserves, reserves adjoining main roads and land used for operational requirements of Council.

### Work starts on Old Cooma Rd upgrades

Preliminary work has commenced on Stage 1 of the Old Cooma Rd redevelopment which. Stage 1 will see the section of road near the Cooma Rd Quarry replaced with a straighter and wider section of road which commences south of Wickerslack Lane and extends south for approximately 1.5km towards Googong. The new road will be single lane, apart from a southbound overtaking lane from Tempe Cres to Talpa Rd. Preliminary work will see approximately 11 hectares of land cleared to allow for the services trench and the new roadway. Stage 2 of the Old Cooma Rd works will involve a 4.5km long duplication of Old Cooma Rd from Edwin Land Parkway at Karabar to Googong, however this is not scheduled for some time.

### Honouring Queanbeyan's greats

There have been some amazing contributions to Queanbeyan during its 174 year history and Council wants to recognise these people. Council is calling for nominations for the Queanbeyan Honour Walk with initially up to 15 of Queanbeyan's most notable people to have a plaque installed in the pavement in the new Crawford St Lifestyle Precinct. Nomination forms can be obtained from the Queanbeyan Library and from Council's Customer Service Desk at 257 Crawford St and must be submitted by 5pm on 31 July 2012. For more information contact Peter Conlon on 6285 6298 or email [peter.conlon@qcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:peter.conlon@qcc.nsw.gov.au)

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## ELECTION SEASON STARTING

# Queanbeyan mayoral race

by Maria Taylor

THREE CANDIDATES have declared their intentions to run for mayor of Queanbeyan and there may well be more as the race heats up. Apart from incumbent Mayor Tim Overall, Brian Brown, the Deputy Chair of Regional Development Australia (Southern Inland) has stepped up for the Labor Party and will head their ticket. And the head of the Queanbeyan Business Council is also in the ring.

Tim Overall is running on his record of promoting civic and environmental improvements to Queanbeyan, a recent example being the just-completed Crawford Street Lifestyle Precinct, and on a very strong background in corporate and public sector administration.

Seeking a second term, he says there are goals and projects he would like to complete, as outlined in a community vision statement based on widespread community consultation in 2006. He is finalising a council ticket.

Brian Brown cites his family and community knowledge of Queanbeyan, extensive volunteer work including getting community banking into Jerrabomberra with Bendigo Bank, and his negotiating and planning experience with local councils through his job at Regional Australia. He told a local publication this has taught him how to get things done “smarter” in regional areas.

In May, President of the Queanbeyan Business Council, Jamie Cregan, threw his hat into the ring and heads an independent, business-focused ticket. He says the council needs to be led by someone who knows how to “make every dollar count” and promises to extend business management principles to council. Also on the ticket are business-

man Neil Thompson, and firefighter Chris Newman.

The *Bulletin* will be having a chat with the candidates in the coming months to bring you a fuller picture of what the Mayoral and City Council candidates see ahead for Queanbeyan and also for Palerang.

Declaring councillor tickets early are the Queanbeyan Greens, and for Palerang, a Labor Party ticket.

The Queanbeyan Greens ticket is headed by Katrina Willis and includes Richard Philpott, Margaret Piper, Meg Boland and Greg Buckman.

## Palerang wide open

In Palerang, which does not have a separate mayoral leadership ballot like Queanbeyan, it currently appears that only two or three of the current councillors will stand again. Pete Harrison and Paul Cockram are fairly definite. Despite the off-putting image of turbulence experienced by those who served on the last two councils, residents are hoping other good candidates will emerge who

represent the existing communities.

So far, Country Labor has announced a ticket headed by Garth Morrison of Bungendore. The Bungendore and Majors Creek branches of the party have endorsed representatives from both Bungendore and Braidwood who are “looking forward to a clean and positive campaign that concentrates on Palerang’s strengths and opportunities”. Besides Morrison, Fernando van der Linden, Mike McColl, Jil Chapman, and John Brophy are on the ticket.

## OPEN LETTER TO MEMBER FOR MONARO JOHN BARILARO

### Dear Mr Barilaro

IT IS WITH some shock that I read today that NSW Government is now allowing recreational hunters into our National Parks, State Recreation Areas and Nature Reserves.

I wonder if the NSW Government realises how dangerous this is? Have the ballistics experts been consulted on the risk and how this will be managed?

The chance of someone being hit by a ricocheting bullet is extremely high. Mr Mark Watson, local Bywong/Wamboin shooter, Wildcare advocate and ballistics expert, addressed our local community nearly three years ago (October 2009) about the liability that NSW NPWS would face if they issued shooting licences in this, a built up area.

A bullet can travel **at least 3km** after accidentally ricocheting off a tree or a rock, he reported.

Since this time, no shooting permits or quota have been approved by NSW NPWS for this specific area.

My other objection is that as a responsible dog owner, I am not allowed to take my trained and registered companion animal into a National Park or Nature Reserve.

If I want to walk our national parks, I have to leave my dog behind.

But we allow cars at high speed (Thredbo/Alpine Way is littered with dead wombats), professional shooters and now amateur shooters as well into these areas.

As a taxpayer, I object on these grounds. As a dog owner and bushwalker, I object to

not being able to take my dog and then risk either being shot at or run over.

I join with the other 71 percent of people responding to an SMH poll AGAINST recreational shooting in parks. <http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/premiers-park-hunting-backdown-the-price-of-power-sale-20120530-1ziik.html>

As our local member, I would urge you and your colleagues to re-think this issue and perhaps get a little more common sense back into the equation.

— Nora Stewart, Bywong NSW

## Coalition backflips and lies

**Editor's note:** When interviewed by the *Bulletin* in April 2011 before taking office Barilaro was asked about his position on shooting in national parks. This is what he said: “Aren’t we a bit over that as a society? This has never come up in Monaro and it’s not part of our mandate on taking office.”

The deal reportedly struck with the fringe Shooters Party by the Premier Barry O’Farrell, boldly doubled up on broken promises or backflips or lies (Julia Gillard take note of a master). The deal allegedly was on behalf of getting through the Upper House the sale of state-owned electricity generators, another ‘never, ever’ of the NSW Coalition election campaign.

## PALERANG COUNCIL

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In 2011 Palerang Council received funding from the Australian Federal Government under the Strengthening Basin Communities Program for the Murray Darling Basin. Council has used this funding to commission reports on water resources, water quality, population pressures and climate variability in the western catchments of Palerang. A fifth report *Snapshot on Sustainability: Report on water management, institutions and issues for Palerang* describes the institutional and legislative framework that water planning operates within and provides a brief summary of the other reports. (The reports will be available at <http://www.palerang.nsw.gov.au/>.)

The Murrumbidgee catchments of Palerang include the catchments of Lake George, Yass River, Molonglo River and Queanbeyan River (including Burra Creek). This area includes the localities of Bungendore, Burra, Butmaroo Creek, Bywong, Captains Flat, Carwoola, Currawang, Hoskinstown, Royalla, Urialla, Taylors Creek and Wamboin.

Land owners and residents are invited to attend and participate in the forum which will communicate the results of the research so far, and consider them in the light of three planning scenarios for the next ten years. Please contact Project Manager David Anthony 1300 735 025 for further information.



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## THE REGION FOR

# Creative business solutions by Nichole Smith

LESS THAN 10 years after a lone European set up camp on the banks of that picturesque river, Queanbeyan's first entrepreneurial endeavour, a humble village store, opened its doors for business.

Today it is estimated the city is home to over 4,000 commercial enterprises, from the most recognisable corporations to home-based cottage-industries, IT specialists to master craftsmen, including a number of innovative ventures currently garnering global attention.

Along the way this regional centre also nurtured one of the great Australian retail success stories of the 20th century, the department store chain JB Youngs.

## International buzz

Some of a growing number of locally based high technology firms are generating international interest.

The renewable energy company Dyesol has set the alternative energy market abuzz with their creation of a revolutionary process

that uses dye cells to generate solar power.

Software and engineering specialist Codarra Advanced Systems has won acclaim for its unmanned aerial vehicle, AVATAR, that transmits real-time images from up to 5km away and can be stored in a backpack.

On a similar front, EOS Creative Technology Solutions, a world-leader in the aerospace market, remote weapons systems and camera and thermal imaging, started life on this side of the border before branching out into the ACT as well as commencing operations in the US and Germany. The technology developed by the company has even been acquired by NASA, but is most widely recognised for its international use in the cricketing world as the HotSpot – the heat signature detected when the ball hits the bat.

## Designer solutions

Design firms Thylacine and Fink and Co. are two more home-grown businesses to have made their presence felt further afield.

Based in the city since 2001, Thylacine



Alison Jackson and Rob Foster of Fink and Co. display some of the distinctive designs produced in the Queanbeyan studio/workshop. Created by Australian artists, each is hand finished and elevates everyday household objects to the level of art. PHOTO: NICHOLE SMITH

has been involved in projects with the National Museum of Australia through to the design, development and installation of interactive public art in a number of capital and regional cities.

Fink and Co. has earned itself a reputation for the production of singular and aesthetic yet functional household objects. Its contemporary pieces have even earned a place in the Museum of Modern Art in New York and in our own National Gallery.

Local businesses that have created a niche market for themselves include the highly regarded fashion boutique Nouveau Riche and also Benedict House, the former convent which has again been reinvented: this time as a haven for the creatively inclined, offering a unique and extensive collection of hand-made glass beads and designer jewellery.

## Web-based business growing

Web-based endeavours are also putting Queanbeyan on the entrepreneurial map.

Start-up technology company MYSKILLS manager.com has developed a range of online apps that accurately match workplace skills with job requirements and shoes totango.com.au is setting fashionistas aglow with its exclusive, hand-made leather shoes imported from Argentina.

All of this is a long way from that solitary store back in 1836.

## 250 STOCKS ON ASX TO PAY CARBON PRICE but ethical portfolios have few of them

AUSTRALIAN Ethical reports that only four of the stocks held in its domestic equity portfolios (including its superannuation fund) will be directly affected by the carbon price legislation, due to start from 1 July 2012.

"We are not that surprised that our exposure to a price on carbon is so low. Australian Ethical avoids coal and uranium mining and other industries that are unnecessarily harmful to the environment. However, we know that, like all taxes, it would be hard to completely avoid all carbon-intensive companies," said Paul Smith, General Manager, Strategy and Communications at Australian Ethical.

"The smart players concluded long ago that a price on carbon was inevitable. However, our stock selection process has not changed in any way as the carbon legislation nears, so it is good to see that our approach of only investing in stocks that are positively impacting society is working well."

The four more carbon-intensive stocks in Australian Ethical's portfolios are: DBNGP; Energy Developments; Envestra; and Snowy Hydro.

Australian Ethical expects that over 250 companies will fall under the carbon legislation in the next financial year.

— PRESS RELEASE

## Rego stickers give way to digital age

The NSW government has announced registration labels will be abolished from 1 January 2013. "The task of scraping off the old label and affixing the new one will soon be a thing of the past," promised Member for Monaro John Barilaro in a recent media release.

With 5.5 million light vehicles registered in NSW, abolishing registration labels will benefit most NSW residents and businesses, he said.

A review by the Better Regulation Office [did Dickens name this? – Ed] and Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) [the former RTA] decided real time labels were no long-

er needed for compliance and enforcement of vehicle registration and other laws.

Registration labels, which were introduced in 1932, now cost RMS \$575,000 a year to produce. Technology has made them redundant.

"The police have number plate recognition technology so if you choose to drive an unregistered and uninsured car – you will be caught," warned Barilaro.

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MURRUMBATEMAN 7 ARMSTRONG STREET

A magnificent blend of modern function & historic style. The glorious centrepiece of this 4 bedroom home is a classic style staircase with turned wood balustrade that was reclaimed from an old English cottage. There are also the gothic arched doors that adorn many of the rooms & wait until you see the 'cupboard under the stairs'. **Offers over \$765,000**

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GUNDAROO 8 HARP STREET

Here lies a unique opportunity to secure an elevated block in the centre of Gundaroo village with an early 1900's cottage requiring restoration. The cottage offers good strong bones and exudes potential. Period finishes worthy of featuring in a renovation include the original ornate pressed tin ceilings, the hardwood flooring and outside timber cladding, 3 fireplaces, hand-hewn verandah posts and some of the original timber windows. Outside on the 1897m<sup>2</sup> block there is a single garage/ workshop and additional timber shed. **Asking \$330,000**

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WAMBOIN 135 HOGAN DRIVE

Set high on the hill amongst established gardens, this immaculately presented 4 bed, ensuite plus study home on a 15-acre block enjoys stunning panoramic views of the district. With 246m<sup>2</sup> (approx) of living, the house features formal lounge & dining, study & rumpus. Outdoor living can be enjoyed on the timber deck & paved area. **By negotiation**

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GOOGONG 277 FERNLEIGH DRIVE

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— Lake George Fire District —

# Weather gazing: La Niña to go bye-bye? plan ahead

with Doug Palmer

TRADITIONALLY at this time of year, I give a sort of round-up of the previous year's fire season: statistics, highlights, lowlights, that sort of thing. I just can't get my heart into it this year, since we've had a fire season that looks a lot more like winter than summer, with not much in the way of bushfires and far too many car accidents.

The general lack of bushfires over the last couple of years came home to me recently when I was talking to a member of my brigade about his further training. He pointed out that, although he's been a member for several years and attended any number of incidents, none of them have been bushfires and that he felt that he needed some experience in that area.

So, I think I'll just write off last fire season and speak of the season that is to come. The Bureau of Meteorology is predicting

the end of La Niña and a tendency towards warm conditions, come spring, in the Southern Oscillation. The Indian Ocean Dipole is also currently positive and predicted to be neutral, suggesting that we're not likely to get a whole lot of rain from the west.

We now have two season's worth of fuel built up, ready and waiting. (Yes, yes, I know. I said this last year, too, and look what happened. I'll still be right one year.) The Lake George Zone has a number of hazard reduction burns planned over the winter. Rain and snow willing, we're gradually working through them.

However, we can't do everything ourselves and landowners need to manage their properties safely and effectively. Given that there's a lot of work to be done, allow me to suggest that a little planning might be to your advantage.

Fire management and planning is a rather daunting task. Help is at hand. The Hotspots program ([hotspotsfireproject.org.au/](http://hotspotsfireproject.org.au/)) conducts workshops for communities so that they can develop plans for fire management that are based on the best practices available, informed by the latest science, both fire and ecology. They recently held workshops at Mongarlowe and Bombay; keep an eye on their website for upcoming events.

## Mosaic burning

The Hotspots program also provides a number of guides. Even if you don't have a community workshop, the guides give you a process for thinking about how to manage your own and your neighbour's properties. Your neighbours are important, since fire is no respecter of administrative boundaries and it's best to develop a cooperative plan.

The end result should be a mosaic; a patchwork of areas that have burnt and recovered at different times. Mosaic burns

produce the best ecological results, as they allow plants and animals to recover from the fire. They also provide good bushfire protection. Large bushfires feed upon themselves, pre-heating and drying the fuel before them. Inconvenient patches of low fuel mean that a bushfire can't ratchet up intensity before being interrupted.

Even if you only have a small property, such as in a rural-residential zone, and depending on the site and vegetation present, you and your neighbours can cooperate to build up a mosaic. Since you're all in it together, you can get together to help with each burn. Some on your property this year, some on their property the next year. The results will benefit everybody. (*Best get advice first from your local brigade.*)

Oh, and if you plan on doing some burning by yourself, please don't forget your neighbours. Lake George Fire Control is on 6297 1840.

# A JOLLY GOOD CIDER

by Stephanie Anderson

GUNDAROO LOCAL Ron Miller thought making alcoholic apple cider would be just a hobby to fill some of his time after retirement. What he could never have predicted was the popularity and success of his home brew Jolly Miller Cider.

After he retired in 2006 from a career as a journalist and academic at the University of Canberra, Miller was inspired by a story he'd once heard about a retiree brewing his own brand of beer and selling it to his local pub. "What a great lifestyle," he thought.

He'd been brewing his own beer for years, so decided to give it a crack, but

instead of beer, "cause everyone was doing that", he decided to brew his own special brand of alcoholic apple cider.

The early days turned out to be no cake-walk for the Jolly Miller Cider Company.

"My first brew was great, and I thought 'well, that was easy'. I tried a second time, and that came out foul. Tried again, and that was foul as well," Miller chuckled.

## Wine by another name

At a loss as to where to go from there, Miller turned to the internet for answers.

"I found out that what I needed to learn wasn't how to brew cider, but how to make wine. But at the end of the day, it took a lot of trial and error." Cider-making is basically like wine-making he discovered – crushing, juicing, and then storing the result in a 100L vat till it's done. He uses a similar process to white wine making, taking into account the lower sugar and acid levels in cider.

Today, Jolly Miller Cider has proved to be a real hit. It could be because of the smooth but gutsy flavour that's not too sweet, or it's easy-to-drink nature. Either way, people love the local brew.

The cider is currently available on tap at the Wine Bar and the Colonial Inn in Gundaroo, as well as in Canberra at Zierholz (Fyshwick and the University of Canberra) and Phoenix Bar (Civic).

Unfortunately, Jolly Miller doesn't come in take away bottles. This is because Ron still runs the entire business out of his backyard.

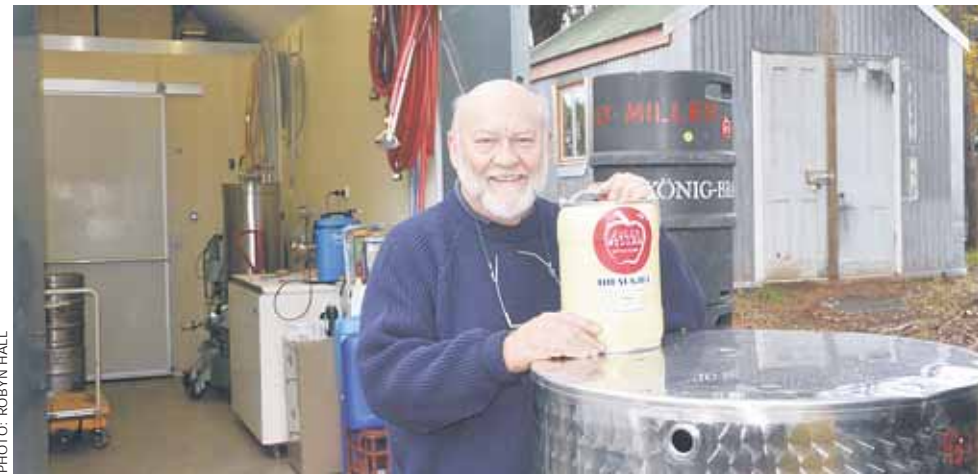


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However, the alternative is Jolly Miller 5L take-home kegs. These are available at the establishments mentioned above for around \$50 each.

Next in Miller's sights is a méthode champenoise. Méthode champenoise is the traditional way to make a sparkling wine. Of course, Miller will be using apples instead of grapes. If Jolly Miller Cider is anything to

go by, this will certainly be tasty addition.

When I asked Miller if he was surprised by the success of his brand, he simply said, "well people like cider, and [Jolly Miller] really is a different kind of cider."

So there you have it, a very humble maker of a very gutsy cider. Head out to Gundaroo and give Jolly Miller a try, you won't regret it.

## PINK LADIES AND GRANNIES

Ron Miller told the *Bulletin's* photographer-on-the-spot Robyn Hall a few extra interesting facts about his cider-making process.

He makes 1,000L each batch using dessert apples ... mostly Pink Lady and Granny Smith, but it depends on their availability through the year. The apples are crushed by a juice manufacturer near Sydney.

Proper cider apples are in short supply but this is likely to change in the medium term as more people plant cider apple varieties. Cider apples will be the key to bottled cider using the méthode champenoise method.

It takes about three months to finish a batch of Jolly Miller Cider as they don't filter and they also believe leaving the cider on its yeast lees for some time improves its flavour.

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Mike Kelly has continued to work together with local communities in our region since 2007.



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- ✓ \$41.7m to build and upgrade social housing improving housing around our region
- ✓ \$10m for regional community infrastructure with new and improved facilities
- ✓ \$5.4m for skills training in our region with funding for TAFEs & Trade Training Centres



## Helping Local Kids

As both a father and Patron of the Raising Hope Education Foundation, Mike Kelly understands that giving children the best start in life is important to everyone in our community. That is why Mike is so proud to see the new upgrades at all our schools in Palerang. Improvements include:

- ✓ Library Upgrade at Captain's Flat Public
- ✓ New Classrooms at Braidwood Central
- ✓ Library & hall refurbishment at St Bede's
- ✓ New Classrooms at Bungendore Public



Mike Kelly wants to ensure all children in our region have access to a quality education.

## A Personal Note from Mike Kelly MP

When I left the Army in 2007, I knew that to get things done for our region we would need to work together as a community. It has been an honour to be a part of the change we needed in Eden-Monaro, delivering important local projects and investment in Palerang.

Seeing the completion of projects in our local schools recently has reminded me of why I got into Parliament in the first place.

I know that this region had been forgotten by the Howard Government and that we deserve a better deal here in Eden-Monaro.

Living locally, I see how hard our communities and particularly sporting groups have worked to change things for the better.

We can see the facilities at Mick Sherd Oval, better health services in Bungendore and Braidwood and we will see the new BRAG venue soon.

As a rugby fan I look forward to the Bungendore vs. Braidwood match on the 7th of July. Events like this remind me that Government is more than just managing the economy, it is about delivering real results for people and improving the future for our kids.

I know that together we can have an exciting future by unleashing the potential of this region as a renewable energy flagship for the nation and exploiting the opportunities that the NBN rollout will present us.

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mike Kelly'.

**Mike Kelly AM MP**  
**Federal Member for Eden-Monaro**



Mike Kelly knows that it is important to listen to local residents to keep on top of our issues.





# Upgrading Infrastructure

Mike Kelly has worked hard to secure funding for upgrades to local roads in Bungendore, Braidwood and Captains Flat. There has also been millions spent in providing our community with better infrastructure. Through working with community leaders in Palerang, Mike has secured:

- ✓ \$23.3m for Kings Highway upgrades
- ✓ \$400,000 for Captains Flat Road upgrade
- ✓ \$300,000 for Kings Highway Monga upgrade
- ✓ \$4m for Braidwood sewage treatment
- ✓ \$1m for water supply upgrade in Bungendore



Mike Kelly knows that securing funding for local roads and infrastructure is important to Palerang.



Mike Kelly with Minister for Health Tanya Plibersek

# Better Health Services

Since his election, Mike Kelly has placed health at the top of the agenda for our entire region. While securing \$160.1m for a new South East Regional Hospital in Bega, Mike has worked hard to ensure Palerang has better health services including:

- ✓ \$551,650 for Rural Dr's Network - Braidwood
- ✓ \$97,767 for an After Hours GP Service in Bungendore
- ✓ \$91,989 to support additional after hours GP Services
- ✓ \$250,000 for the new dental practice in Braidwood

# Helping Local Sport

As someone who has served in the Army and played rugby all his life, Mike Kelly understands the value of fitness. Palerang has a number of local sporting teams and families are passionate about healthy living. That is why Mike has helped fund local facilities including:

- ✓ \$100,000 to the Mick Sherd Oval building
- ✓ \$50,000 to the Braidwood Pool upgrade
- ✓ \$16,150 to Burra Tennis Court resurfacing
- ✓ \$10,000 to Majors Creek Tennis Courts



Mike Kelly still enjoys playing rugby to keep fit.



# Local Benefits of a Strong Economy

## Taking Decisive Action

Mike Kelly is proud that the Federal Government is taking decisive action to tackle the big challenges facing our nation. Mike Kelly believes the right reforms will protect Australia's future including:

- ✓ Introducing a historic national health reform deal with more funding, beds & cutting waiting times
- ✓ Introducing Australia's first Paid Parental Leave scheme & increasing the childcare rebate by 20%
- ✓ Starting to roll out the National Broadband Network & giving Australia a Clean Energy Future



Mike Kelly knows that the reforms by Labor are supporting all people in our community.



Mike with E.T. working to protect our fishing industry.

## Aged Care Reform

The Government has recently announced major reforms to aged care which will ensure that Australians live longer with better conditions. We are ensuring that more people get to stay in their own homes in later life, investing \$3.7 billion to:

- ✓ Help older Australians live independantly
- ✓ Provide more funding to tackle dementia
- ✓ Better support to the aged care workforce

## Defence

Our region has many local families with service men and women currently overseas, particularly in Afghanistan. As Parliamentary Secretary for Defence, the Prime Minister has tasked Mike Kelly to assist with the transition of Australian forces out of Afghanistan. As a former Army Colonel who served in Iraq, Mike Kelly is working hard to ensure that our troops are looked after and will come home safely. Mike was in Afghanistan again recently to assess the situation on the ground and speak with our troops.



Mike Kelly speaking with our troops in Afghanistan.

**"I know that by working together we will ensure our region has an exciting future."**  
**- Mike Kelly**

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# OUR REGION AND COUNCIL

## Lake may be blue-green but it's not Queanbeyan's fault

AS ACT authorities announced that Lake Burley Griffin was suffering such a severe attack of blue-green algae that people and pets were in deadly danger if they entered these waters, Queanbeyan Council was pleased to be absolved of any involvement.

According to Queanbeyan City Council, the ACT Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment found in his investigation into watercourses and catchments for Lake Burley Griffin that the Queanbeyan Sewage Treatment Plant played a very minor role in the lake's water quality. Amazingly, the report indicated that the majority of pollution in the lake was caused by the urbanisation of Canberra.

"The Queanbeyan Sewage Treatment Plant has been used as a scapegoat by government agencies in the past for the quality of water in Lake Burley Griffin," Queanbeyan City Council General Manager, Mr Gary Chapman said.

Queanbeyan City Council is currently investigating upgrades to the Queanbeyan Sewage Treatment Plant, including an option to remove all effluent discharge from the lake during critical periods and spray-irrigate playing fields and open space with the treated water during summer. This plan needs either Commonwealth or State Government financial assistance.

"The upgrade of the Sewage Treatment Plant is a multi-million dollar project and council is renewing its attempts to organise a meeting with the local Federal Member and respective minister to explore funding options," Mr Chapman said.

## RACING AROUND



Wes Anderson's first race car – a 1964 Guilia.

It goes around the mountains in Victoria, but after doing that I thought, no way, the roads were like this wide, and I thought, no this is crazy! No, that's it, I'm scared, I'm not doing it anymore."

But one thing that Anderson will probably never stop doing is owning Alfas. His current road car is the sixth Alfa he's owned, and he still takes it to Wakefield Park for Speed off the Street days. Just don't expect him to get another Alfa as a race car.

"I think I'm over it. I do enjoy helping my friend out and watching the cars go around," he said. "I think, like a lot of sportsmen, they hit that point where they think, oh, enough's enough, I'm going out on a winner."

Which is, of course, the best way to go out.

## QUEANBEYAN LEP

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Some people would be surprised at the prized natural areas we have in Queanbeyan City. [On a recent bushland walk] we headed down through the bushland of Greenleigh and along the notional route of the proposed Ellerton Drive extension.

As we made our way to the end point of our walk – the edge of Jumping Creek Estate now earmarked for residential development – we spotted a wedge-tailed eagle overhead.

The decisions we make collectively, through our council, about the kind of development we want in Queanbeyan City really do matter.

*\* Katrina Willis, is a Greens Candidate for Queanbeyan City Council 2012*

## Jumping Creek, bushland to suburb?

QUEANBEYAN CITY Council's decision in May to provisionally rezone land for a 250 lot subdivision at the so-called Jumping Creek Estate has drawn criticism from the Green's candidates for Queanbeyan Council.

The rezone is tied to the go-ahead of the Ellerton Drive extension, thus precluding traffic for the proposed subdivision going through Greenleigh.

The Greens believe the proposed development would have major negative impacts on water quality, bushland and wildlife including ecological communities and species listed as threatened under NSW and Commonwealth law.

Spokesperson Katrina Willis points out that the site is bounded by nature reserves and Crown Land of high conservation value. She says a site study found river-bank corridors on the margins of the estate to have significant values.

"As well as these environmental concerns, new roads would be needed to service the estate, including to meet requirements for managing bushfire risk, but funds are not available for this work. The area also contains old mining sites and Indigenous artefacts.

"The scale of the proposed development is incompatible with the ecological significance of the site and adjoining reserves and bushland, as identified in the 2008 Queanbeyan local biodiversity study, and it is out of scale with nearby rural-residential housing, Jumping Creek Estate should be zoned for environmental conservation."

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Instead the Commonwealth numbers (taken from state surveys), indicated an alarming population drop of almost 50 percent for kangaroo species in just one year, between 2002 and 2003: from 43,845,532 to 28,214,521 animals nationally.

## Will populations crash like (once) millions of koalas?

The biggest shown drop was in NSW during these gathering drought years. Queensland also had a major decline. So what were the "provisions appropriate to the current drought"?

According to the 2006 figures, quotas and 'harvest' sanctioned by the Commonwealth didn't budge. Almost four million kangaroos (3,905,277) were shot in 2002. In 2003, despite the 50 percent population crash over one year, 3,474,483 were still killed nationally.

The deleted 2006 analysis noted that harvesting numbers had increased by nearly a million since 1991 and by 2006 were at their highest level ever. Quotas offered the industry have not decreased since.

To put this in context: in 2001, almost 58 million kangaroos were estimated nationally. Nine years later in 2010 the figure was a little

over 25 million, having dropped further from the 28 million counted in 2003. There has been no population recovery with better conditions since. Instead, new shooting areas continue to be opened up in NSW and Queensland (including this south-east region since 2004), keeping the quotas and harvest figures up.

## Declining populations throughout NSW

Population monitoring data and myths about kangaroos, including about population 'explosions' have been examined by consulting ecologist Ray Mjadwesch, who independently picked up on the same problems as the 2006 analysis.

Based in Bathurst, Mjadwesch started looking at the NSW picture after very publicly questioning the Bathurst city council about the shooting of the resident kangaroo population on Mt Panorama to facilitate a car race in 2009. "There were hardly any kangaroos left in the Bathurst basin," he says.

Mjadwesch spent the next two years delving into the statistics, population trends and published science of kangaroos. His findings are sobering and have led him to file state and federal threatened species nominations for the four harvested macropod species in NSW: Red and Eastern Grey Kangaroos, Wallaroos/Euros and Western Greys.

The nominations trigger a scientific review of the evidence behind current harvest

policies. Mjadwesch hopes this may stem further decline and possible collapse of populations. It has happened before in Australia from koalas to fisheries with 'commercial harvesting'.

His analysis of massive datasets from government agencies found declining population trend lines in every NSW kangaroo management zone. "It's a mess," he says flatly. "Everyone has accepted the state department data as valid and not really looked at it on a zone by zone basis."

Nor have many questioned the counting methods and population 'explosion' assumptions.

## How they count

Kangaroo numbers are sampled out of airplanes, then multiplied by a theoretical 'correction factor' (based on vegetation type). A desktop study defines 'high', 'medium' and 'low' kangaroo density areas. On this basis, estimates of kangaroos are then calculated across the whole potential range of the species.

"They often apply their density calculation to landscapes which are completely devoid of kangaroos. Often kangaroos only persist in isolated pockets in farming or grazing landscapes, a tiny fraction of their potential range," notes Mjadwesch.

"For example kangaroo researchers allocated high densities to the Bathurst basin, an area of 450 square kilometres where there are nearly no kangaroos. This has inflated figures in the Central Tablelands [a new harvest zone] by tens of thousands of animals." Across NSW this method could be inflating animal counts by the hundreds of thousands, aided by generous estimates from conservation zones.

His trend analyses show counts sometimes fluctuate wildly from year to year with 100 percent and even 300 percent increases suddenly popping up. Biologically that is impossible for a kangaroo population (even pigs with litters of 10 piglets can only attain a growth rate of 86 percent and goats, which frequently bear twins, can only increase at 50 percent per annum).

## Single births, high infant mortality

He says "the population growth rate for kangaroos during good conditions is likely to run at between 3-8 percent. Kangaroos can have a single joey per annum and 75 percent of joeys don't make it under 'normal' conditions. A study in the ACT found 50 percent joey mortality from foxes alone". Drought makes this worse and adult mortality can rise to 25 percent a year.

"Simply put, kangaroo populations cannot 'explode' or naturally increase to 'plague proportions' - this is a biological impossibility; however, they can crash, and that is what we are seeing now."

**A population growth rate of 3-8 percent cannot survive an annual harvest rate of 15, or 17, or 20 percent.**

During the last drought, when populations were already declining, shooting devastated kangaroos in western NSW.

Nevertheless, the NSW kangaroo management unit of the Parks and Wildlife Service (which Mjadwesch notes is tied to harvest tags for funding) still offers more than 1.5 million kangaroos annually to the industry, which today manages to shoot a fraction of that number after a highpoint in 2002. The 2012 quota is 1,518,628 and the 2011 take/harvest was 289,659, indicating there are less animals to be found.

## Classic pattern: they 'harvest' smaller, younger animals

Mjadwesch says what happens is "they shoot longer hours; they travel further; they shoot smaller animals; they open new harvest zones [which makes the raw figures look stable]. That's why the Northern Tablelands, Hunter, Central Tablelands and South-East kangaroo harvest zones have been brought on line."

"You can shoot a lot of kangaroos for a long time, but soon enough they are not there to shoot. You move on to the next property, and maybe come back to mop up survivors next year, however this cycle eventually creates a landscape where kangaroos are few and far between."

The detailed evidence gathered by Ray Mjadwesch, *Kangaroos at risk*, can be accessed at [www.kangaroosatrisk.net](http://www.kangaroosatrisk.net)

## MEANWHILE IN THE ACT... this is humane?

THE IMAGES are too distressing for a family newspaper. On 3 June animal rights activists discovered and photographed a mass kangaroo grave at the Kama nature reserve west of Hawker - part of the 2012 ACT Parks and Conservation Service 'humane and professional' killing of a targeted 2,000 kangaroos.

The activists have reported seeing evidence of "unethical and illegal practices" including animals with throat shots, partially severed joey heads and mature kangaroos with smashed heads.

In the week before, other activists attending the shooting at Mulligans Flat/Goorooyarroo, reported witnessing a fleeing kangaroo jump onto the Federal Highway, causing a serious traffic accident.

This is the third 'cull' in a row while the minimal welfare mandatory code of practice for kangaroos appears to remain ungazetted in the parks bureaucracy. It cost ACT taxpayers around \$200,000 this year to kill kangaroos as the Territory reports an anticipated budget deficit of \$125 million.

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# Some real help to lower risk of bowel cancer

SAY 'BOWEL' and 'poo' comes to mind ... and that's where polite conversations usually end (so to speak)! Quite rightly, since the term bowel includes both our small and large intestines – those organs involved in the last stages of food digestion. The large intestine or large bowel is also referred to as the colon.

But, we should talk about it: bowel cancer is the second largest cause of cancer deaths in Australia after lung cancer. It affects both men and women, young and old. By the age of 85, 1 in 12 Australians will be diagnosed with bowel cancer but if caught in time, 90 percent of cases can be successfully treated.

Recent Australian research suggests that by including resistant starch in our diet or by exercising more we could lower our risk of getting the disease.

**The question is not how much fibre in the diet but what type of fibre – resistant starch**

Bowel cancer is caused by changes in the DNA of the cells lining the bowel (usually the large bowel). It's not clear what causes

these changes but risk factors include age and family history. Many studies also show that a diet high in fibre has the potential to lower the risk of bowel cancer (read a review of studies in the *British*

*Medical Journal* online at [bmj.com/content/343/bmj.d6617](http://bmj.com/content/343/bmj.d6617)).

But while Australians have embraced the advice to eat more fibre, bowel cancer remains common. Dr David Topping of CSIRO's Food Futures Flagship suggests "It's not just the amount of fibre that we eat that's important, but the diversity of fibre in our diet."

In particular, he and a group of researchers have been looking at a type of fibre called resistant starch. Resistant starch (RS) is food starch that is not easily digested in the small intestine; it makes its way into the large intestine where it is broken down to produce protective compounds called short-chain fatty acids (SCFAs).

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## HEALTH What's the Big Idea?



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## — HORSE SENSE —

*To make a good horse takes considerable thought;  
To make a bad one takes no thought at all.*

— Henry Wynmalen

# New life for a retired race horse

Introducing a two-part article on retraining the racehorse, **Angela Bennett\*** says "I am frequently asked by people how long it takes to train a horse. The following is designed to illustrate the process I undertake when retraining a racehorse for a new life".

IN AUSTRALIA we have an abundance of retired racehorses and although a thoroughbred may seem quiet in the paddock that does not necessarily mean he is suited for a novice (beginner) rider.

Many thoroughbreds are bought by people who are not themselves experienced enough to give the horse the education he needs to become a good riding and/or pleasure horse. Remember, the job of a racehorse is to run fast.

The training or retaining of any horse takes time and patience, as well as skill and knowledge.

## A bit of horse psychology

The horse is a herd animal, in which there is a distinct hierarchy. It is also a flight or fight prey animal. These two fundamental characteristics of the horse are used to form our training philosophy and to tailor our handling methodology to each individual.

In a herd situation each horse knows who is higher up the ladder than he/she is and there is a clear leader. The leader is the decision maker for the herd. When we are with our horse, we need to make sure that we are the leader, the decision maker, and therefore the one higher up the ladder than our horse.

However, good leadership is a two-way street and you cannot lead by merely being a bully. Your horse must be able to trust that you will make good decisions and from that trust comes respect and confidence.

The flight/fight response is common for many prey animals. If a lion wants to eat you, you had better run! So when startled or frightened, a horse's natural reaction is to run.

If the horse cannot escape and save his life by running, he will fight.

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*Thomas, the racehorse in retraining. Angela says he has a sweet nature as well as being good-looking! He will likely be looking for a new leader, ie new home in July.*

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# LOCAL GARDEN IN INTERNATIONAL BOOK

ROOGULLI, the private Bywong garden of landscape architect Jennie Curtis (pictured), has been highlighted as a case study in the recently released book, *Designing the Sustainable Site: Integrated Design Strategies for Small Scale Sites and Residential Landscapes*.

The case study joins other public and private projects from the United States and abroad to illustrate how all sites – whether densely urban, suburban, or rural – can provide environmental and human health benefits that improve the quality of life of current and future generations.

## About Roogulli

Roogulli works with nature to bring out the best in a garden. The landscape wraps around an energy-conscious home that relies solely on water from a 90,000L water tank.

Inspiration for the garden was drawn from



the Australian landscape, permaculture, and other gardens. The slow process of building the garden has allowed plenty of time for experimenting and the collection of second-hand materials.



The design uses salvaged and recycled materials, creates opportunities to test new cultivars of Australian grassland plants, and supports a vibrant garden without artificial irrigation. It also provides plenty of food for

the family and beautiful views from every window.

## Designing the Sustainable Site

*Designing the Sustainable Site* guides readers through a design process for new and redeveloped sites that not only minimises damage to the environment but also actively helps to repair it.

Drawing upon her experience developing the Sustainable Sites Initiative (SITES) Guidelines and Performance Benchmarks, author Heather Venhaus describes how built and natural systems interconnect. Case studies illustrate sustainable design practices and examples of projects that provide long-term benefits to the site and surrounding community.

See [designingthesustainable.site.com](http://designingthesustainable.site.com) for details and an online video about Roogulli, or contact [jennie@freshlandscape.com.au](mailto:jennie@freshlandscape.com.au).

***Designing the Sustainable Site: Integrated Design Strategies for Small Scale Sites and Residential Landscapes* by Heather Venhaus is out now.**

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# Green manure – good stuff for the garden

THE RAW ingredients for green manure were advertised last month by our good partners Cleenseeds. So we decided to get a grasp on what this offers the home gardener or horticulturalist.

In agriculture, a green manure is a type of cover crop grown primarily to add nutrients and organic matter to the soil. Typically, a green manure crop is grown for a specific period of time, and then ploughed under and incorporated into the soil while green or shortly after flowering. Green manure crops are commonly associated with organic agriculture, and are considered essential for annual cropping systems that wish to be sustainable.

Green manure crops may include legumes such as cowpeas, soybeans, annual sweet clover, vetch, sesbania, and velvet beans, as well as non-leguminous crops such as sudangrass, millet, sorghum, and buckwheat. Legumes are often used as green manure crops for their nitrogen fixing abilities, while non-leguminous crops are used primarily for weed suppression and addition of biomass to the soil.

This approach is also useful for weed control, erosion prevention, and reduction of insect pests and diseases. The deep rooting properties of many green manure crops make them efficient at suppressing weeds.

Green manure crops often provide habitat for native pollinators as well as predatory beneficial insects, which allow for a reduction in the input of insecticides where cover crops are planted.

Some green manures are also successful at suppressing plant diseases, especially Verticillium wilt in potato. Incorporation of green manures into a farming system can drastically reduce, if not eliminate, the need for additional products such as supplemental fertilisers and pesticides.

Information from Green manure – Wikipedia ([en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Green\\_manure](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Green_manure)).

# TWO RECENT INDY RELEASES

reviewed by Judy Thompson

## The Curse of the Gothic Symphony

is a quirky, humorous and affectionate Australian documentary

about the efforts of a group of people to stage *The Gothic Symphony* in Brisbane.

*The Gothic Symphony* was written by obscure English composer Havergal Brian between 1919 and 1927 and is listed in the Guinness Book of Records as the biggest symphony ever composed. It is also rumoured to be cursed because past attempts to arrange performances have been problematic. Performing the symphony is described as the musical equivalent of climbing Mount Everest.

The film intersperses commentary on Havergal Brian's life and work by his daughter Olga Pringle and members of the Havergal Brian society in the United Kingdom with the dramas involved in getting the symphony to the performance stage. Many of the com-



## FILM and DVD LIST

mentators and their pets are quite eccentric. We see beautiful scenes of the English countryside and quirky stylised animations.

Trying to get enough performers for two orchestras, four brass bands, and a large choir has its own problems but finding somewhere big enough to put them all on stage is another issue. There are also problems with funding.

This is a Screen Australia, Wild Fury production in association with Screen Queensland, the Australian Broadcasting Corp and the Melbourne Film Festival Premiere Fund. It was produced by Veronica Fury and directed by Randall Wood.

The film is intended for a showing on ABC TV after limited local release. If you enjoyed *Mrs. Carey's Concert* you will love this film.



**Jiro Dreams of Sushi** This film is a documentary about Jiro Ono, an elderly sushi chef who is considered the maestro of Japanese sushi. Jiro Ono and

his eldest son Yoshi-kazu run the Sukiyabashi Jiro restaurant. This sushi restaurant has obtained three Michelin

stars, seats only ten diners, can cost more than \$300 for a meal that takes about twenty minutes to consume and requires reservations months in advance.

The film shows the discipline and passion involved in becoming a sushi chef through interviews with Jiro, his two sons and apprentice chefs. There are also interviews with Jiro Ono's suppliers at the Japanese fish markets.

Attempts to explore the man behind the artist through discussions about his family life reveal that Jiro Ono has mainly lived for his art. Jiro Ono was abandoned by his father at an early age and started his working life at nine years of age.

One scene depicts Jiro Ono and one of his sons visiting a shrine to honour their ancestors. Jiro Ono says somewhat sardonically that he is not sure why he is doing this because his ancestors never did anything for him.

Despite his background Jiro Ono comes across as a loving but not indulgent father. His sons say they did not really get to know him until they came to work in the restaurant because he was always working.

It is a fascinating insight into a family business, a Japanese culinary art form and one man's pursuit of his art.

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## THE Q PROMOTES LOCAL THEATRE — EVERYONE WINS

### *Imaginary Invalid*, a fable for our times

by Sarah Newsome

Who says you have to travel to a capital city to see high quality productions in a spectacular theatre? Queanbeyan's The Q theatre joins forces with local theatre company Centrepiece showcase local talent.

CENTREPIECE director Jordan Best says the partnership is "the best thing that ever happened to us. Instead of constantly struggling to keep our nose above water, we've been able to sell a show to Sydney."

Centrepiece was formed in 2004 by actors Jordan Best and husband, Jim Adamik, over the kitchen table with a couple of bottles of wine.

Sick of doing shows for other companies and wanting the freedom to choose what they did and how they did it, they poured a small inheritance into their first show.

"We love re-working classics for a contemporary audience. We passionately believe

that while theatre might educate, inform and instruct, it should, above all else, *entertain*."

Centrepiece went on to do seven shows in just over two years. The latest production, *The Imaginary Invalid* opens at The Q on 11 July.

"I know there are some people who wonder why I love to do Moliere. To them I say; he has a lot to say for a bloke who's been dead for a few hundred years."

*The Imaginary Invalid* is extremely funny, and appeals to everyone from schoolkids to grandparents. It's full of larger than life characters, from the quack to the hyperchron-driac to the evil stepmother. As relevant today as when it was first penned in 1673, it pokes fun at doctors and the reverence for the medical profession.

"We are constantly being bombarded with the message that we could have this illness or that allergy; if we just take this potion or that tablet we can stay young and healthy."

"The remedies may now be more complicated than a bleeding, an enema, and a purge, but society's reverence of the medical profession remains as strong as ever."

But the slapstick has a serious side. The first season of *The Imaginary Invalid* began with tragedy. Just four days before the show was due to open, close friend and colleague Helen Brajkovic, who played the female lead, was killed in a motorcycle accident.

The company decided the show must go on, and director Jordan Best learned Helen's lines and stepped into the lead role.

"It was one of the most difficult things I've ever done," she commented.

The show received rave reviews, and ever since Centrepiece has been keen to do it again as another tribute to Helen.

### THINK BIG. FILM SHORT. CANBERRA SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

"This will be our biggest festival yet", says the festival's director, Christian Doran.

The 17th Canberra Short Film Festival, a three-day showcase open to everybody, offers a share of \$6,000 in prize money, with awards given to the best director, best sound design, best script and the people's choice award.

This year's festival opens two new categories – documentary and international.

Director Christian Doran has ambitions to make the festival gain Oscar accreditation and expand to the likes of Flickerfest. This year's festival also has plans to take its films on the road, making its first-ever regional tour.

The anticipated 500 applicants will have to submit their final cut by 16 July 2012 for their films to be aired at Dendy Cinemas in September. For more details and entry forms head to [www.csff.com.au](http://www.csff.com.au).

THE OPENING of *An Officer and a Gentleman* in Sydney recently was a splendid affair. The show is exactly like the film and of course everyone waited for the showstopper *Up Where We Belong* which came at the very end of the production.

Many showbiz identities were seen mizzling around the foyer; however, one who was notable was Barry Humphries – looking splendid in a beautiful suit and white silk scarf.

Barry is, of course, coming to Canberra in his one-man show *Eat Pray Laugh* at the Canberra Theatre from 22 June as Dame Edna says "Farewell possums!" and Barry Humphries takes a final bow.

While his famous creations are not officially retiring, Australia's greatest Dame insists that this will be her final tour.

"So, Possums, please do come and say goodbye to me. It would be lovely to see your faces for the last time," Dame Edna says.

"When you hear your grandchild's voice saying, 'Grandma, did you see Dame Edna's farewell show?' don't betray their faith in you. Say 'Yes darling! Many, many times!'"

### Beautiful music, gorgeous costumes

*Nutcracker on Ice* will be in the Canberra Theatre before Mr Humphries, skating on the stage to beautiful music and gorgeous costumes. There are only five shows from 13 June and tickets are selling fast.

### Wagga to be featured

Local theatre directors and writers, Peter Cox and Mark Grentell have recently announced

their intention to make a feature film in the City of Wagga Wagga at the end of 2012.

To involve many local actors and production crew, Cox and Grentell will be holding a series of screen tests and auditions both in Wagga and Sydney. They will be looking for a range of people to play lead parts to walk-ons and extras.

The film, entitled, *Backyard Ashes*, is a very Australian comedy, which involves two of Australia's great social and sporting treasures – the backyard and cricket. When two traditional rivals, an Aussie and a Pom, attempt solve their neighbourly differences they face off in the biggest backyard test match of the century ... the *Backyard Ashes*.


Golden Logie award winner, John Wood (*Blue Heelers*) has joined a cast that will combine local talent with some of Australia's best actors. Local Wagga legend from television and film, Lex Marinos has also signed up to be part of the film while a selection of Australian cricket representatives and well-known sporting personalities have shown an interest in the project.

With a national release of the film planned for 2013, the tourism benefits for Wagga will be obvious. To present Wagga as a great place to make films can also be a huge impetus to promoting this great city.

Hoping to see you in a foyer very soon –  
Coralie Wood

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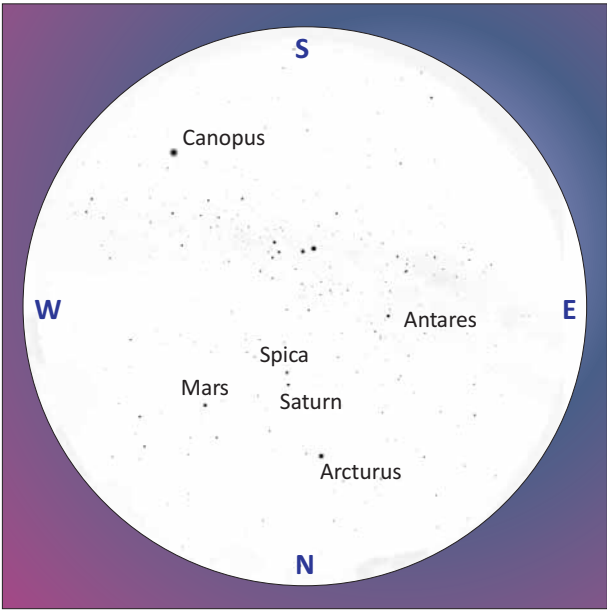


# Some exciting things to see in June

June nights are usually cold, but for those who brave the weather, there are many interesting sights to see in our winter skies.

## The stars this month

In June, the Milky Way starts to rise in the east earlier in the evening, with the bright starclouds of Scorpius and Sagittarius clearly seen from our rural dark skies.



The brightest star in Scorpius is Antares, a bright red star high in the east in June.

Antares is a Red Supergiant with a size more than 880 times larger than our Sun, 5,203,000,000,000km away. In our hypothetical car, it would take the entire lifetime of the Earth, 6 thousand million years, to get there. Also, if the Sun were replaced by Antares, all of the rocky planets, including Earth, would be completely swallowed up. As it is so big, Antares is also very bright, brighter than 10,000 Suns.

Antares is also a double star, with a bluish companion visible through large telescopes; it is amazing to reflect that such a monster star is so far away that from Earth it looks like nothing more than a reddish speck. We shall detail Scorpius and Sagittarius more next month.

## Transit of Venus

The planet Venus, which has been visible in our evening skies for the past few months and has been gradually moving closer to the Sun in our skies, passed across the face of the Sun on 6 June. Such an event is called a 'transit', and occurs very rarely, with the next transit due in December 2117. During the transit, Venus will be visible as a small black disc moving slowly across the Sun taking a few hours to move from one edge of the Sun to the other.

Historically, Venus transits were very important, allowing us to calculate the distance scale of the solar system. The first transit ever seen was in

## Star Search JUNE

with Dr David Weldrake

1639, and the 1769 transit was the main reason for Captain Cook's voyage to the Pacific and the east coast of Australia. Nowadays, Venus transits are the subject of detailed research into the Sun and Venus themselves.

Please note that specialist equipment is needed to see the Transit of Venus, and under no circumstances should you try to view the Sun directly, you'll be very quickly and permanently blinded as a result!

Other planets visible in June are Mars and Saturn, Mars being visible as a fairly bright reddish 'star' in the constellation Leo, identified in the attached star map. Mars is now fairly distant from the Earth compared to previous months, and through a telescope shows a small orangey disk with dusky surface markings and a white polar ice cap. Details are becoming harder to see as Mars moves further away from Earth.

Saturn shines as a fairly bright yellowish 'star' in the constellation Virgo, close to the bright blue star Spica, which we described last month. Can you see the colour difference between Saturn and Spica?

Through a telescope Saturn displays its ring system and band-like cloud features stretched across the yellowish planet. As Saturn is a Gas Giant, we see the very tops of its clouds. It has no solid surface, if you could stand on it, you'd sink towards the centre of the planet before being crushed by the increasing pressure.

The Moon this month is full on 4 June and new on 20 June. Look out for mountains and craters on the Moon through a small telescope or binoculars on 27 June.

## Winery astronomy night – 30 June

On Saturday, 30 June, to coincide with the first quarter Moon, Lark Hill Winery is hosting an astronomy evening including telescopic observations of the Moon, stars and planets to go along with a three-course dinner featuring Canberra black truffles.

I shall be on hand to show various objects described in these articles through a computerised telescope. If cloudy, I shall give a presentation on observational astronomy. Please see the Lark Hill Winery website [www.larkhillwine.com.au/dining](http://www.larkhillwine.com.au/dining) for more information.

I hope to meet you there!

## — COMMUNITY NOTICES —

### FUNDRAISING AND GIVING

**Bungendore Country Muster:** Award night for the 27th Country Muster was held in May. All money raise by the country music muster goes to the local community and on improving facilities at the Bungendore Showground.

Local community groups and organisations that received money were: Bungendore P&C, Bungendore Rural Fire Service, Bungendore Community Aid, Bungendore Carers Group, Bungendore Senior Citizens Club, 1st Bungendore Scout Group, Bungendore Netball Club, Bungendore & District Concert Band, Bungendore Public School Award, Zone 16 Pony Club and Queanbeyan Children's Special Needs Group.

The committee thanks all who helped make this possible.



Seen here left to right: Lynda Williams and Michelle Kolber [Bungendore Carers group] with Sharon Blore and Gavin Cullen.

### AGM FOR COUNTRY MUSTER

THE ANNUAL General Meeting of the Bungendore Country Muster will be held at the School of Arts, Gibraltar Street, Bungendore on Monday 25 June 2012 at 7.30pm. Nominations for office bearers will be accepted at the meeting. All welcome.

### QUEANBEYAN PROBUS CLUB SEEKS MEMBERS

THE QUEANBEYAN Probus Club is looking for more members. Probus is an offshoot of Rotary and is an association of active retired and semi-retired people who join together to keep their minds active, expand their interests and enjoy the fellowship of new friends. There are regular outings and monthly meetings are

held at the RSL Bowling Club on Yass Rd every third Monday from 10am–12noon. For more information contact Brian on 6297 8770.

### VEOLIA MULWAREE TRUST: NEW GRANTS AND DONATIONS

BRAIDWOOD CENTRAL School has been awarded a \$60,942 grant from the Veolia Mulwaree Trust, enabling the school to proceed with its \$170,000 Community Gymnasium Kitchen Project – a training site for hospitality students, and for catering large community events.

New grants also went to: Goulburn Regional Conservatorium for a state-of-the-art recording studio at the School of Contemporary Music and Technology, available to regional schools; Bungendore Preschool to redesign a safe children's playground; Bungendore Carriage Driving Club for their Dressage Arena Surround project and The Bungendore PA & H Society will receive \$1,000 for shade structures at the horse events.

Braidwood, St Bede's Catholic Church was successful in applying for a grant of \$13,355 to upgrade facilities, such as a wheel-chair accessible toilet, and garden sheds. The Tarago CWA Branch received a grant to purchase new tables and a display cabinet.

The trust is interested in receiving applications from not-for-profit organisations with projects that need funding that benefit the local community. To apply and seek more information, visit the Trust's website at [www.mulwareetrust.org.au](http://www.mulwareetrust.org.au).

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**Notification in accordance with Section 101 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979**  
Council approved the following development applications in May 2012.

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.2012.053	Notice Board Structure	01/05/2012	Lot 7301 DP 1160871 CEMETERY Cowper Street BRAIDWOOD
DA.2012.098	Patio	01/05/2012	Lot 16 DP 800095 4 Reardon Place BUNGENDORE
DA.2012.065	Shed	02/05/2012	Lot 33 DP 1017324 46 Settlers Road ROYALLA
DA.2012.026	Dwelling	04/05/2012	Lot 3 DP 1168135 16 Forster Street BUNGENDORE
DA.2012.067	Alterations and Additions and Shed	08/05/2012	Lot 20 DP 246156 86 Bidges Road SUTTON
DA.2012.024	New Residential second occupancy	09/05/2012	Lot 1 DP 574323 230 Spring Creek Road BUNGENDORE
DA.2012.080	Dwelling	09/05/2012	Lot 62 DP 1170008 47 Hereford Street BUNGENDORE
DA.2012.097	Shed	09/05/2012	Lot 4 DP 251188 189 Foxlow Street CAPTAINS FLAT
DA.2012.038	Residential Alterations and Additions	11/05/2012	Part Lot 11 DP 1118681 438 Sawyers Ridge Road REIDSDALE
DA.2012.101	Change of Use (Exhibition Home) Flag Poles and Sign	14/05/2012	Lot 17 DP 1168479 2 Hereford Street BUNGENDORE
DA.2012.049	Dwelling	14/05/2012	Lot 3 DP 1162965 215 Wirreanda Road WAMBOIN
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### The sooner we improve our diets the better

Dr Trevor Lockett, cancer researcher with CSIRO's Preventative Health Flagship,



SOURCE: CSIRO

says "It takes about 15 years from the time of the first bowel-cancer-initiating DNA damage to the development of full-blown bowel cancer, so the earlier we improve our diets the better".

The study is online at [jn.nutrition.org/content/142/5/832.full](http://jn.nutrition.org/content/142/5/832.full).

### Exercise

Besides eating right, start moving – your bowels will thank you!

Researchers from the University of Western Australia and the Western Australian Institute for Medical Research have found that people who did vigorous physical activity over their lifetime had a 40 percent reduced risk of cancer of the lower bowel. The scientists questioned 870 bowel cancer patients and 996 participants that did not have bowel cancer about their recreational physical activity, lifestyle, diet, medication and occupation.

The association between physical activity and bowel cancer is still very unclear, but the study supported previous suggestions that lifestyle factors are more strongly tied to cancers of the distal (lower) colon than of the proximal (earlier) colon, and physical activity after the age of 51 years may be of more benefit in reducing the risk of distal colon cancer than physical activity

done earlier in life. Read about their research at the Science Network WA website [www.sciencewa.net.au/topics/health-a-medicine/item/1134-exercise-cuts-bowel-cancer-risk](http://www.sciencewa.net.au/topics/health-a-medicine/item/1134-exercise-cuts-bowel-cancer-risk).

### More on bowel cancer

Bowel Cancer Australia's website ([www.bowelcanceraustralia.org/bca](http://www.bowelcanceraustralia.org/bca)) contains information on the disease and a 'jargon buster' page explaining bowel medical terms. The National Bowel Cancer Screening Program provides up-to-date information from the Department of Health and Ageing at [www.cancerscreening.gov.au/internet/screening/publishing.nsf/Content/bowel-about](http://www.cancerscreening.gov.au/internet/screening/publishing.nsf/Content/bowel-about).

(Disclaimer: my husband is part of the CSIRO team that developed BARLEYmax and I eat and enjoy BARLEYmax breakfast cereals!)

## NEW LIFE FOR RETIRED HORSE

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Fight responses may include rearing, striking, kicking, biting and bucking.

A horse will only fight us if we are unfair or confusing in our requests and give the horse no escape. Therefore most training methods are based on the pressure/release technique. The release is the mental 'escape' for the horse, and it is this which confirms to the horse that his response to our aid (pressure) was the correct one.

### What's our aim?

The overall goal of training for any discipline is the control of speed and direction both on the ground and under saddle in order to produce a safe, happy partnership with you as the leader. When training the horse we want to preserve his natural personality and allow him room within the partnership to express himself... but not by bucking you off!

Think of a dance partnership. The male directs the female around the floor. He is responsible for speed and direction of the steps within the partnership, while she, knowing that her partner is in control of things and guiding her safely around, gets to show off how beautifully she can execute the steps, and be a little flamboyant! That's what I want to produce in my partnership with my horse.

So, my training philosophy is based on trust, respect and good leadership with my horse as my partner. My training methodology must be systematic, consistent, logical, flexible and have no time limit. As a trainer I try to be calm, consequent, firm when needed, fair, patient and present.

### Everything you do is training

Remember that everything you do with and around your horse is training, good, bad or indifferent. To this end, a novice rider is best on a schooled horse and an experienced rider must school young or green horses. There is no quick way to becoming an expert horse handler or rider and it's best that you seek regular lessons from a professional.

Let's meet Thomas. He is a six-year-old bright bay gelding. He did race but was too slow, and many are retired from racing for this reason. Thomas is a very friendly and inquisitive horse. He is always very focussed and interested during any interactions. Being inquisitive means he learns quickly but also means that he might look for other things to do if he is not given new and engaging tasks to occupy him.

*\*Angela Bennett is an EA Level One General coach and trainer based in Tarago.*

*Next month: working with Thomas*

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#### The Captains Flat Country Markets

Community Hall, Foxlow St, Captains Flat, 10–2pm. Bric-a-brac, trash and treasure and local produce. Stalls \$12 call 0438 600 447 or email [www.captainsflat.org](http://www.captainsflat.org)

### 2nd Sunday of the month (except Jan)

#### Queanbeyan Cottage Markets

Queanbeyan River, on the corner of Morrisett and Collett Streets, 9–2pm. Craft, timber products, pottery, leatherwork, jewellery, toys, honey, jams, chutney, cakes, plants, food and refreshments. Call Kristen 6299 0219.

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#### 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. Crafts, trash and treasure and general stalls.

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### 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.

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## – Plan ahead for July –

### 11–21 July

#### The Imaginary Invalid

The Q, Crawford St, Queanbeyan. Moliere's exuberant play is full to the brim with naughtiness, flamboyance, hypocrisy! Presented by Centre-piece Theatre. For information or bookings 6285 6290 or see [www.theq.net.au](http://www.theq.net.au).

### 14 July

#### Bywong Trivia Challenge

Bywong Hall, Birriwa Road, 7.30pm. Bookings are now open for the 2012 Bywong Trivia night. Last year was a huge success and the musical round very entertaining. Due to the size of the hall we have to limit the night to seven tables to make it cosy without being squashed which means it is essential to book early or miss out. Book now by calling 6236 9841.

### Until Monday 11

#### Exhibition – *Falling* by Nicci Haynes

FORM Studio and Gallery, Aurora Ave, Queanbeyan. Phone 0430 359 776 or see [www.formstudioandgallery.com.au](http://www.formstudioandgallery.com.au).

### Until Monday 25

#### Exhibition – Director's Choice

Bungendore Wood Works Gallery. Works selected by Gallery's Artistic Director David MacLaren, featuring work from six artists that are significant to the history and future of the Gallery. Phone 6238 1682 or visit [www.bungendorewoodworks.com.au](http://www.bungendorewoodworks.com.au).

### Until Wednesday 27

#### CSIRO Discovery Science Art Workshops

CSIRO Discovery, Clunies Ross St, Acton. Join Eva Papp as she delivers a variety of free Science Art Workshops for juniors, seniors and families. Bookings are essential. Call 6246 4646 to secure your place now.

### Until Monday July 9

#### Exhibition – New work by Kate Carruthers

X Gallery, 32 Gibraltar St, Bungendore. Landscapes from the Braidwood and Bungendore region. Friday to Monday 11am to 5pm. For more information 6238 0550 or 0417 730 087.

### Friday 8 to Sunday 10

#### Royal Canberra National Poultry Show

Exhibition Park in Canberra, Friday and Saturday, 9am–5pm; Sunday, 9am–2pm. Join us to celebrate the biggest poultry show ever staged in the southern hemisphere. Pavilion entry fees: adult \$5 day, children \$2 day, children under 6, family (2 adults & 2 children) \$10 day. For more information visit [www.rncas.org.au/Poultry2/site/](http://www.rncas.org.au/Poultry2/site/).

### Friday 8 until Saturday 23

#### *Iolanthe*

The Q, Crawford St, Queanbeyan. In their seventh

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### Saturday 9 until Tuesday 12

#### Taralga Annual Art Show

Taralga Memorial Hall, 10am–4pm. An art show, exhibition and sale of works by regional artists. Artists will be demonstrating their art and craft skills. For more information 4840 6101.

### Tuesday 12

#### Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade AGM

Wamboin Fire Station, 112 Bingley Way, 7.30pm. Nominations for all Brigade positions are invited. For more information 6238 3152 or email [secretary@brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au](mailto:secretary@brigade.wamboincommunity.asn.au).

### Friday 15 to Sunday 17

#### Bungendore & District Sheepdog Association Trials

Bungendore Showground, Mathews Lane, start time 7am. Come along and see the dogs perform. Free admission. Phone 4842 7200 or see [www.nswsheepdogworkers.org.au](http://www.nswsheepdogworkers.org.au).

### Sunday 17

#### Goulburn Annual Poultry Show

Poultry Pavilion, Goulburn Showgrounds, Braidwood Rd, Goulburn. Judging juniors, waterfowl, hard and soft feather fowl plus eggs. Judging commences at 9am. Free admission. For more information 4844 7133.

### Tuesday 19

#### Wamboin Community Association General Meeting

Wamboin Community Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.

### Wednesday 20

#### Literary Lunch with David Mason

Kangaroos Rugby League Football Club, Stuart St, Queanbeyan, 12.30pm. A two-course lunch and

### Saturday 16

**Swizz**, rock and pop, 7–11pm, Hotel Queanbeyan.

**Paul Costa**, country, The Loaded Dog, Tarago.

### Friday 22

**Rhymes with Orange**, classic rock, 8pm–12am, Queanbeyan Kangaroos Club.

**The Silver Spurs**, folk, 8pm–12am, Queanbeyan Tigers Club.

**Jenny Biddle**, folk, Lake George Hotel, Bungendore.

### Saturday 23

**MLC**, 7–11pm, Hotel Queanbeyan.

### Sunday 24

**Jenny Biddle & Coolfin Mac**, 2pm, The Artist's Shed, Forster St, Queanbeyan.

### Friday 29

**Charity Comedy Concert**, 7.30pm, The Artists Shed, Forster St, Queanbeyan.

**Wayne Ryder Trio**, 8pm–12am, Queanbeyan Kangaroos Club.

**Karaoke**, 8pm–12am, Queanbeyan Tigers Club.

**Swizz**, rock and pop, Lake George Hotel, Bungendore.

### Saturday 30

**Gary Sturgess**, various, 7–11pm, Hotel Queanbeyan.

discussion with the author of *Marching with the Devil* an account of David's five years in the Foreign Legion. Cost: \$25pp. For more information or bookings phone 0438 718 910 or email [catriona@nibblez.com.au](mailto:catriona@nibblez.com.au).

### West Palerang's Water Future – Public Forum

Bungendore Council Chambers, 6.30–9pm. Land owners and residents are invited to attend and participate in the forum. For more information contact David Anthony at Palerang Council 1300 735 025 (see *also p5*).

### Thursday 21 until July 31

#### Canberra Truffle Festival

Various venues and times. Learn from celebrity chefs and other truffle experts. Join a truffle hunt or simply indulge in the special flavours and intoxicating aromas of the truffle dishes at local restaurants, cafes and wineries. For more information see [www.trufflefestival.com.au](http://www.trufflefestival.com.au).

### Saturday 23 and Sunday 24

#### Cheese Making with Barry Lillywhite

Old Cheese Factory, Braidwood. Three cheeses made per day. Course notes, ingredients and equipment provided. The course is fully catered with morning tea and lunch. Only 12 places available each day. For more information 4846 1999 or email [cheese@braidwoodmade.com.au](mailto:cheese@braidwoodmade.com.au).

### Gunning Patchwork Weekend

Five workshops designed to cater for beginners, experienced and enthusiastic piecers. For more information 4845 1617.

### Saturday 30

#### Official Opening of Crawford St Lifestyle Precinct

Queanbeyan, Crawford St, 12noon–3pm. Come and help Queanbeyan Council and local merchants celebrate the official opening of the Crawford St Lifestyle Precinct. Markets, food, entertainment and more (see *p3*).

### Hoskinstown Family Bush Dance

Hoskinstown War Memorial Hall, 7.30pm. Featuring *Alive 'n' Pickin*. Single \$8, family \$20. Bring a plate. All proceeds go to maintaining the Hoskinstown Community Hall.

### Astronomy Night

Lark Hill Winery, 6pm. Join Dr David Weldrake for an evening of astronomy, fine wines and indulgence. On hand will be a computerised telescope with which to observe the best and brightest objects, both near and far, in the June night sky. If cloudy, a presentation on observational astronomy will follow dinner. Warm clothing is recommended for aspiring astronomers. Enjoy three courses with fresh black truffles – \$90/head, bookings essential. Tickets through [www.larkhillwine.com.au/dining](http://www.larkhillwine.com.au/dining).

### Saturday 30 and Sunday July 1

#### Bush Baroque at Bywong

Soprano Emma Griffiths and counter-tenor David Yardley present their next Hartley LifeCare Benefit concert. 12pm and includes a light lunch. Bookings are essential. Phone 6236 9212 or email [violsaustralia@gmail.com](mailto:violsaustralia@gmail.com). All proceeds go to assist handicapped people through Hartley LifeCare Inc.



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