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MARATHON COUNCIL RUN

PALERANG COUNCIL'S third meeting delivered a bit of shock therapy to Councillors, staff and gallery alike. An agenda longer than your arm went on from noon to just after 10 pm, when, acknowledging low blood sugar and rising agro, Councillors called it quits, having considered less than half the items in 10 hours. (It's a one-off say staff. The election caused three cancelled meetings).

Some members of the gallery and the auditor waited almost as long to deliver their submissions.

The good news is that as the day wore on (and on), what first appeared as predictable voting patterns broke down and Councillors visibly relaxed towards cooperative decision-making.

They also deferred to the community and agreed on a 5pm start from now on – but that was at the beginning of their 10-hour marathon. They also agreed to record future meetings. (The Councillors will reconvene on Monday 17th at 5pm to continue with Thursday's agenda).

But first the drama

Early in the day, a packed gallery sat through a recision motion debate on Council's Climate Change Policy.

This mystifying diversion ended in a draw with the existing policy allowed to stand. For recision, Marjason, Raynolds, Graham and Crozier. For keeping the policy, Moore, Turley, Cockram and Bransdon, with Councillor Miller away but considered likely to have been in agreement with the latter.

What does it mean? An observer in the gallery thought it was a semantic thing: not wanting to accept a fixed concept called 'climate change' while being ready to discuss environmental risk management by other names including energy conservation.

Next the Councillors turned to a slew of Bungendore development proposals and, for a while, the drama increased. Six proposals for unit developments in old Bungendore raised a number of policy issues and quite a few opinions.

71 and 73 Ellendon Street proved particularly contentious and defined the arguments.

The main question was: are these proposals compatible with the character of the existing neighbourhood. Ellendon Street features large lots (average 2,000 square metres) with single family homes, some of them 'historic'.



Cycling 500 kms per week? It's all in a day's work for young Bungendore athlete Mitchell Lovelock-Fay. See p6.

Photo: Marcele Martins

Proposed for these long narrow lots, are several 500 –900 square metre lots, supporting parallel townhouses or so-called 'carriage' development with access road issues, according to the staff reports.

73 Ellendon Street developer Annegret Shumaker is a former Palerang town planner so Council had to call for outside assessors. Two consultant planners came back with conflicting advice (go ahead with conditions vs amend plans). In view of common issues with number 71 next door, the same process was applied and the answers were more or less the same.

The planner who suggested revised plans were appropriate, cited a 2004 Land and Environment Court decision which supports Council's ability to constrain small-block development or demand careful design on behalf of neighbouring amenity.

Town water supply was another consistent theme given current rationing and maximal use of the aquifer. Council's Water Management Plan is also based on a 1,000 square metre average block.

"A lot of people want to talk about this"

Councillors Cockram, Moore Turley, Bransdon and Marjason supported a motion to leave the applications 'undetermined' and open for amendment.

Said Councillor Turley: "We have a deeply divided community on this. A lot of people plan to do this (subdivide) and a lot of people want to talk about this and about water...If we let these few go ahead, where will it end?"

All of this enraged not only the developer of number 71, Mark Arena, but also Councillor Raynolds. He was seconded by Councillor Crozier who feared we were headed for anarchy and chaos, getting into very deep water and down a dangerous path.

By now Councillor Moore was in the chair as Deputy Mayor (as Mayor Ian Marjason left for the day). She and planner Louise Menday received a furious lecture from Councillor Raynolds on what was proper for a Council to consider.

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NATIVE FORESTS: SUPER GREENHOUSE GAS STORAGE

Current policies get it wrong

NATIVE FOREST PROTECTION in Australia became an issue in the mid 1860s as drought deepened across the land. A century later, biodiversity protection was recognised as an important role for native forests, even as they continued to be 'harvested' for export woodchips, an ongoing controversy on the south coast of NSW. Now, **new research is showing native forests can help heal the earth's atmosphere to an unexpected extent, reports ANU economist Judith Ajani.**

Dr Ajani, who has extensively researched and published on the potential for Australia's plantation forestry to satisfy our timber and pulp demands, thereby taking pressure off native forests, tells the Bulletin that the research is quantifying how halting native forest logging offers a massive opportunity for carbon uptake and permanent storage that has yet to be recognised in national strategies to combat climate change.

18 percent of Australian greenhouse emissions are due to native vegetation clearing and logging

Emissions from Australia's entire transport sector are less than the estimated 18 percent of annual greenhouse gases released by clearing native forests and woodlands or logging them – 11 percent from clearing and 7 percent from logging.

Now, a new ANU study led by Brendan Mackey (*'Green Carbon, the role of natural forests in carbon storage'* available to download from ANU e-press <http://epress.anu.edu.au>), tallies the carbon storage capacity of Australia's south-eastern eucalypt native forests if freed from logging and returned to their natural carbon carrying capacity together with already protected areas.

These forests have an estimated natural carbon carrying capacity of 34,000 million tonnes of CO₂-e (CO₂ equivalent) – the context is Australia's annual emissions of around 600 million tonnes of CO₂-e per annum.

Plantations can supply our wood needs Since Australia's plantation estate can meet virtually all domestic and export wood needs (and already generates most of the industry jobs), native forests are available for immediate climate change mitigation. By letting previously logged native forests regrow to their natural carbon carrying capacity, the ANU scientists estimate that they would soak up 7,500 million tonnes of CO₂-e over the coming 100–200 years.



A danger in the wings are bio-energy proposals for electricity and liquid fuels that maintain native forest degradation and compromise severely Australia's contribution to climate change mitigation. State governments in Queensland and WA have shown the way forward, promoting their plantation resources for commerce whilst protecting native forests.

Are national policies the wrong way round?

The Commonwealth however, is on a policy path to include plantations in its emissions trading scheme along with tax incentives to

ANOTHER 'PALERANG' (home of the black cockatoos)



'Palerang' between Bungendore and Braidwood, features in the November Open Gardens (see 'Whats On', p12) and is the home of Sue and Ulli Tuisk. It was first settled in the 1840s and was originally called 'Hazeldell', serving as an inn on the coach road from Mulloon to Boro. The handsome residential quarters were also where the poet David Campbell wrote most of his work in the mid 1960s and Mick Jagger and the crew to stayed there during the filming of "Ned Kelly".

Palerang is a working cattle property on Mulloon Creek. "When we moved here 10 years ago the house was uninhabitable (except for wombats and possums) and the garden neglected and very overgrown. We have had enormous pleasure designing, digging and planting all the garden beds you can see linking sensitively, we hope, the pre-existing trees and shrubs," says Ulli.

"Drought has been with us for the past 7 years and we have lost a number of trees including old Monterey Pines, desert ashes and silver birches. This has provided us with a large source of mulch which is now used to help keep trees and plants alive.

Last year, along the east boundary of the garden, we planted 64 *Malus floribunda* and *Spectabilis* underplanted with 1,000 daffodils. We also reoriented the vegetable garden."

'Business Profile', p5, features Sue Tuisk who operates *Queanbeyan Physio* as well as being a partner on the farm.

plant more trees, while ignoring native forests in climate change mitigation policy – ie by reducing emissions by halting native forest logging and securing sequestration as they regrow to their natural carbon carrying capacity. (*Even a low carbon price may exaggerate this anomaly, leaving native forests for fuel and fibre exploitation, while hardwood plantations sit unharvested – Ed.*)

See related story: **Emissions Trading and Forests, p10**

This land-use policy frame is fundamentally flawed. Native forests, the less efficient resource for forestry industry competitiveness, are tagged for wood production with lost opportunities for the job they do best: carbon storage. Plantations, the less efficient and less reliable resource for carbon storage, are tagged for carbon storage with lost opportunities for the job they do best: wood supply.

– Judith Ajani is the author of *The Forest Wars* (Melbourne University Press, 2007)

NSW FINES LANDHOLDER RECORD AMOUNT FOR ILLEGAL CLEARING

A BOMBALA LANDHOLDER has been fined a landmark \$40,000 (and has to pay almost as much in legal costs) after the Land and Environment Court prosecuted him for illegal land clearing. Charges were brought by the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) under the State's native vegetation laws.

The landholder who was named in press releases cleared two sections for a plantation. He was ordered to rehabilitate some of the land.

DECC Director-General, Lisa Corbyn, said this should send a clear message that the De-

partment is serious about compliance with native vegetation laws. "Particularly in the light of the positive role that vegetation can play in helping to reduce global warming and as habitat for our unique plants and animals, (the Department) it will not tolerate people conducting illegal land clearing."

She said DECC compliance officers are currently undertaking a series of inspections across parts of the State where there may have been breaches of the State's native vegetation laws.

HURRY ONLY ONE WEEK to deadline: FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL SPORTING PROJECTS

LOCAL COUNCILS and not-for-profit sporting and recreational organisations can apply for up to \$30,000 in grants currently available from the NSW Government.

"The Capital Assistance Program (CAP) assists local government and not-for-profit organisations to develop community-orientated sporting and recreational facilities, and applications for 2008–09 are now open," said Steve Whan, Member for Eden-Monaro.

He said some of the local and nearby recipients in previous years include the Bungendore riding club, the Wamboin Pony Club, the Gundillion Recreation Reserve, Centennial Park in Bredbo, the Bombala Swimming Pool, and Twin Pines at Michelago.

The CAP grants fund up to half the cost of the construction of new facilities or the enhancement of existing facilities. The NSW Government has provided \$18.8 million for 1,674 projects through the program over the last five years.

Application forms are available from the NSW Sport and Recreation website at www.dsr.nsw.gov.au or by calling 13 13 02. **Applications close 14 November 2008.**

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CLIMATE CHANGE : WILL WE GET IT AND ACT, NOW?

Opportunities for win-win jobs and investments beckoning by Maria Taylor

AS WE START digging out from the financial tsunami inflicted on a world of Mum and Dad shareholders by debt-fuelled, free market ideology, there are timely reminders that the biggest tsunami facing us at every level is still climate change and related environmental melt-downs, and that if we don't respond smartly 'we ain't seen nothing yet'.

Forget unhelpful bleatings by Opposition leader Malcolm Turnbull (seemingly designed to distract us on behalf of some status quo businesses) that we cannot afford to set a meaningful emission reduction target and get the emission trading system up and running by (gulp) 2010.

That's only the half of it anyway. The financial meltdown offers a silver lining if it focuses minds on opportunities and job-creation. A sign of the times: a new report released jointly by the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) and the Australian Conservation Foundation exploring the promise of 'green jobs' in energy conservation and alternatives.

Harking back to a saner period (about 20 years ago) when greens, unions and business sat around the negotiating table together with the understanding that the environment and energy policy affects all of us, the report is a blueprint for new paths to growth. As a spokesperson from the CFMEU told the ABC – "It is not true that we grow new industries at the expense of others". This has been the rhetorical fallacy repeated endlessly in the public debate.

Fast-tracking a major alternative energy program is also what Barack Obama has been promising in the US, ostensibly for energy independence rather than climate change reasons, but the outcome will still be jobs and lower emissions.

Seeking public private partnership for renewable energy program

Last month the Federal Government released details on a \$435 million program to fast-track

the development and commercialisation of renewable energy technologies.

According to *CO₂ News* of October 29 (a good e-summary of greenhouse-related news) The Renewable Energy Demonstration Program will provide funding towards the commercialisation of renewable energy technologies, processes and services including: solar; geothermal; wind; biomass; hydro systems; ocean energy; and any other renewable energy source approved by the Minister for Resources and Energy.

Funding will go for large-scale demonstration renewable energy projects located in Australia and reaching completion by 2014–2015. The current economic climate will challenge the Federal Government's hope that the program stimulates some \$1 billion worth of investment in renewable energy technology, with the private sector contributing at least \$2 for every \$1 in program funds. For more information go to www.ret.gov.au/energy/energy.

Garnaut report and heady assumptions not backed by the science

It's good to see that scientists are getting vocal and active again to combat comfortable fallacies dominating public and policy discussion in recent months. In the process, a new statement from 40 leading environmental scientists backs any and all immediate large large-scale investment in sustainable energy technologies for solar, tidal, wind and geothermal energy generation as well as forestry planting and conservation and soil carbon storage.

The Garnaut Report and the Federal Liberals notwithstanding, the science position is that by 2020 carbon emissions need to be cut by 25–30 percent on both local and global scales and by 60–80 percent or more by 2050 in an effort to stabilise the atmosphere at less than 450 parts per million CO₂.

The statement was prepared by the former leader of the CSIRO's Climate Impact Group, Dr Barrie Pittock (an outspoken expert during the past 20 years), and Earth and paleoclimate



research scientist, Dr Andrew Glikson now a Visiting Fellow at the ANU and can be viewed at <http://www.aussmc.org/ScienceBlog.php>

What the science is telling us

The recent report to government by economist Ross Garnaut was critiqued elsewhere by Dr Glikson (and others – also available on the site above). He notes: "There is little evidence in the Final Report as to what a world of 550 parts per million (ppm) CO₂ with temperatures of 2 to 3°C higher than pre-industrial levels would be like to live in". (*The Garnaut report decided arbitrarily that 550 ppm would be a more comfortable target to aim for*).

"The report appears to assume that, once 550 ppm CO₂ concentration is reached, by manipulating some magic levers global temperature dials can be reversed down to 450 ppm or any other level. This is not the case. Unless CO₂ draw-down technology is developed, as required by Hansen *et al.* (2008), it would take time scales in the order of centuries to millennia for natural CO₂ sequestration to reduce the greenhouse effect to acceptable levels."

The 40 scientists' statement goes on to say:

"New studies reported by leading climate scientists indicate the Greenland and west Antarctica ice caps would, if atmospheric CO₂-equivalent concentrations reached 450 ppm, very likely melt rapidly, raising sea-level on the scale of metres per century. Recent developments in the state of the Earth's climate include increasing extent of

spring melt of Arctic Sea ice, mid-winter breakup of the Wilkins ice shelf in West Antarctica, and large methane leaks offshore of eastern Siberia, compel us to call for urgent measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. With the demise of Arctic Sea summer ice likely within the next decade, the global climate system is rapidly changing. CO₂ emissions, currently rising at more than two percent per year, should be decreasing at a similar rate if further adverse effects are to be avoided.

In a letter on the 27 March 2008, to Kevin Rudd, Australia's Prime Minister, Professor James Hansen, NASA's chief climate scientist, states: "Global climate is near critical tipping points that could lead to loss of all summer sea ice in the Arctic with detrimental effects on wildlife, initiation of ice sheet disintegration in West Antarctica and Greenland with progressive, unstoppable global sea level rise, shifting of climatic zones with extermination of many animal and plant species, reduction of freshwater supplies for hundreds of millions of people, and a more intense hydrologic cycle with stronger droughts and forest fires, but also heavier rains and floods, and stronger storms driven by latent heat, including tropical storms, tornados and thunderstorms".

Australia is one of the countries which stand to suffer most in this regard. Mid-latitude agricultural zones of Australia are vulnerable to climate change in terms of severe droughts, subtropical Australia is susceptible to increasingly frequent El-Niño effects and cyclones, and the concentration of Australia's population in coastal zones and cities places the nation at risk from sea level rises. Already the pole-ward migration of climate zones is affecting Australia through the southward retreat of the moist westerlies and consequent decreased winter half-year rainfall over southern parts of Australia, including the wheat belts of southwestern Western Australia, Victoria and the southern half of the Murray-Darling Basin. By contrast, precipitation is increasing in northwestern Australia."

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PALERANG COUNCIL

PUBLIC NOTICE

BUNGENDORE OVAL CLOSURE

Notice is given that the Bungendore Oval will be undergoing maintenance on the underground watering system including the installation of new infrastructure to water the surrounds of the oval.

The maintenance will start on Monday 3 November until 28 November 2008.

Residents and community groups are requested to refrain from using the oval during this time.

Peter Bascomb

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PALERANG COUNCIL

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Council is currently planning activities including the presentation of community awards to celebrate Australia Day (Monday 26 January) 2009 at events in the three towns of Braidwood, Captains Flat and Bungendore.

The categories for the awards in each area are:

1. Citizen of the Year
2. Young Citizen of the Year (under 25 years)
3. Community Event of the Year

Nominations for awards in the above categories in each area are now invited and may be submitted by organisations, community groups or individuals. The awards relate to achievements during 2008 and are open to persons living within the catchment areas of each town. The nominations will be assessed by the Palerang Cultural Development s.355 Committee.

Nomination forms are available from Council's offices in Bungendore (10 Majara Street) and Braidwood (144 Wallace Street) or by telephoning 1300 735 025 or (02) 6238 8111. They may also be downloaded from Council's website at www.palerang.nsw.gov.au under Your Council/Community Services.

Completed nominations should be returned to Council in an envelope marked: "Confidential – Australia Day Nomination" at the address below by 5.00pm on Wednesday, 31 December 2008.

For further information, please contact Council's Manager of Executive Services, Debby Ferguson, on (02) 6238 8111 during business hours.

Peter Bascomb

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Never mind the market, find the sandbags...

From *Crikey.com* Canberra correspondent Bernard Keane:

THE MOST DISTURBING aspect of the (recent) Treasury ETS (emission trading scheme) modelling – assuming you can handle the threat of a \$5–7 a week rise in your energy costs – is the 'reference scenario', the 'business as usual' case of what happens if we do nothing about climate change.

The Treasury modelling and the Garnaut Review's no-mitigation scenario suggested the atmosphere would reach 750ppm of greenhouse gases in 2050 and 1600ppm by 2100. This would lead to a temperature rise above 1990 levels by 2100 of 5.1°, or a worst-case scenario of 6.6°.

Garnaut discusses the likely impacts and costs of a "no-mitigation" scenario extensively. They are not confined to minor things like losing the Great Barrier Reef or Kakadu. They involve massive temperature-related deaths, coastal inundation, the destruction of much of the country's agriculture, plus little problems like our major cities experiencing extreme threats to their water supply.

...At least people then wouldn't be worried about where to put their investments.

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I had been running a physio practice from home in Bungendore three days a week, traveling to Braidwood the other two days to fill the roster as physio to that area from the hospital and also taking aerobic classes in St. Mary's Church Hall Bungendore – so there was a big work gap for me to fill. In July 1985 I bought the very small existing private physio practice in Queanbeyan. That is now 23 years ago!

Question: what was your philosophy or intent in establishing this business?

There were already a number of physio Practices in Canberra and I was keen to keep my

affinity with the rural community I had enjoyed so much – both professionally and socially. Queanbeyan offered me this opportunity.

Question: do you employ local people? How many?

Over the years, to complement and extend our services I have employed a number of people from different professions including psychology, occupational therapy and remedial massage therapy. At present it is great to have four physios on staff including a sports physiotherapist, and a recent Masters graduate, who is a Queanbeyan girl! Our three receptionists, because they all live locally, are able to personally relate to our patients' families, schools and work environments.

Question: who is your target market?

Simply put – our main market is our local

resident who has had an injury either at home, work or on the sports field.

Question: what do you see as the major challenges still facing your business vision?

In our practice success is measured by the



retention of our established, satisfied patients, and secondly seeing a steady stream of new patients coming through our doors. Our vision is to continue this way.

Question: what are you learning of interest to other budding entrepreneurs about doing business based in Palerang?

I think that one of the most fascinating things about the Palerang Shire is that it encompasses such a diversity of peoples, from vastly different socioeconomic, cultural, city and rural backgrounds. This throws up particular challenges to a small business to be able to meet the differing needs of their customers.

Question: what is the take-home message you would like people to remember about your business?

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STATE MONIES START FLOWING AS FEDS PROMISE TO RE-BUILD COUNTRY

STATE FUNDING available from January 2009 should please Palerang and Queanbeyan Councils and groups with potential for upgrading local infrastructure, libraries, community halls, extend broadband and support smaller chambers of commerce.

Country Labor Chair and Monaro MP, Steve Whan said the \$85 million package is the first instalment in meeting the recom-

mendations of the *Rural and Regional Taskforce*, of which Mr Whan was a member.

He said the funds would be delivered to small projects and initiatives that promote business activity, job growth and stronger communities in our country areas.

The criteria and application process for each of the programs would be available within a week and are administered by the Department of State and Regional Development and the Office of Rural Affairs. For more information, go to www.business.nsw.gov.au/regionalcommunities.

Building the Country programs LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND – \$52 million will help enable capital works such as roads, bridges and pipelines essential for business expansion.

Community Broadband Development Program – \$11.6 million

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Country Libraries Fund – \$9 million

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Country Halls Renewal Package – \$2.5 million

A fund to assist rural towns in refurbishing and

upgrading the public community hall.

Water Adjustment Innovation Fund – \$9 million

This fund is aimed at businesses that are manufacturing and developing new technology, products and services to broaden the economic base of their community and use water more effectively. To be eligible for the fund, businesses must be located within an area designated as impacted by water reform in country NSW.

BUILDING BETTER SCIENTISTS

BRAIDWOOD CENTRAL SCHOOL is one of four in Eden-Monaro that have benefited from a splurge by the State government on school science labs.

Braidwood will get two new science labs and a prep room. Queanbeyan students at Karabar High will benefit from six new labs and a prep room.

Member for Monaro, Steve Whan, said this is all part of the biggest education and training capital works program in the State's history. The Building Better Schools program is supposed to deliver \$2 billion worth of infrastructure improvements over four years.

"Almost half of all Year 12 students now undertake a science course" said Mr Whan, an encouraging sign in a country where science education and employment had been waning of late.

"In 2007, the most popular science course was Biology with almost 14,500 students followed by Chemistry (10,287) and Physics (9,126)," he said.

Zauner Constructions won the tender for the improvements and will now consult with schools about final design work and commencement dates.

Parents might be delighted to hear that NSW students consistently rate among the world's best when it comes to scientific literacy according to the latest Program for International Assessment study conducted by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development. The study assessed the ability of almost 400,000 15-year-old students from 57 countries.

According to Mr Whan's office, the 3,000 NSW students who took part were eight points above the Australian average for 'scientific literacy' and 35 points above the OECD average.

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But, if you had purchased \$1,000 worth of beer one year ago, drank all the beer, then turned in the aluminum cans for recycling refund, you will have received \$214.00.

Based on the above, the best current investment plan is to drink heavily & recycle. It is called the 401-Keg. A recent study found that the average American walks about 900 miles a year.

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Grandpa's wife

FOR DECADES NOW the above would be the likely answer if a primary schoolchild were asked to describe grammar. As a result of the very desirable project to formulate a National school curriculum, the committee responsible for the English bit has recommended the inclusion of both spelling and grammar.

I'm sure that in the 65 or so years since last I was exposed to it there have been many improvements in teaching methods, so that the bit I hated, parsing and analysis, can hold more attraction for the pupils. I do believe that the overall use of correct grammar to express myself has been retained to an extent, so the classroom hours were not wasted entirely.

A very common extracurricular activity, particularly for girls, way back then was attending elocution classes. The measure of success for this subject was seen annually in competition at Eisteddfods that were not only for singing but where set pieces were recited for the judges.

Times have indeed changed and I have few regrets about that but I do wish that everybody – boys, girls, radio and television persons – patriotic people all, would extend their patriotism to pronounce the 'l' in their country's name.

Founder's Corner
from Maurice Barnes

Now it's WOR!

NAPOLEON BONAPARTE once remarked that every good soldier carries a marshal's baton in his knapsack. Recent events have brought out the decisive leadership qualities in our bespectacled, formerly mild-mannered, new Prime Minister. Mr Rudd has used military metaphors to address his crusade against the current threat of market insecurity.

He didn't quite call his campaign the War On Recession and I'm grateful for that, as we have several wars continuing from way back. They include Wars On Poverty (WOP) or Want (WOW), Drugs (WOD) and Terrorism (WOT).

Our leader has taken out his marshal's baton, called his trusted generals, Gillard, Swan and Tanner to his tent and prepared a strategy (his word) for not only our plucky little country of 21 million but also the rest of the world.

The less trusted generals outside the tent now fear that their battalions deployed on skirmishes like conservation of water, taxation of greenhouse gas and development of pollution-free energy techniques are being neglected.

“If there is to be any hope for this overstressed planet of ours the war worth fighting would be against unrestrained growth...”

My own view is that if there is to be any hope for this overstressed planet of ours the war worth fighting would be against unrestrained growth. Pity about the acronym: WOG.

HE'S ALREADY A CONTENDER

Young cyclist sprints out of Bungendore

by Marcele Martins

IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, his routine has consisted of training 20 hours per week, divided into four hard days riding over 100km and two 'easy' days riding around 30km. An

impressive total of 500km per week. Feeling tired already? Wait to hear that in his day-off he squeezes in some triathlon training!

These numbers belong to Mitchell Lovelock-Fay, a 16-year-old cyclist from Bungendore.

Mitchell started to ride two years ago, when his brother invited him to compete in a triathlon. In between running and swimming sessions, cycling started to hold his attention because he was initially so bad at it.

Now it's hard to take him off the bike, says his father Michael.

His efforts are already paying off: he is on his first individual scholarship in the South East Regional Academy of Sport (SERAS) Country Energy Program for 2008, is sponsored by TLC Cycles in Canberra, and was selected to join the ACTAS (ACT Academy of Sports) road camp.

This is Mitchell's first season in cycling and he competed extremely well, focusing on endurance events. Among other achievements in March he competed in the NSW Junior Pursuit Championships, coming ninth in the U17 Men's A Grade division and seventh in the 3,000m Team Pursuit of the Australian Junior Track Championships.

MARATHON COUNCIL RUN

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“Water is absolutely irrelevant” he thundered. “If you refuse this you have to refuse all development. It's not up to Council to amend anything a developer chooses to erect. In a well-run Council this wouldn't even be considered by Councillors.”

That's ridiculous,” countered Cr Cockram. “That's why we have a planning department.”

Ms Menday was further berated by the developer who stormed out the door yelling about “sabotage”.

Things calmed down after this cathartic debate that saw Cr Reynolds, Crozier and Graham agree on behalf of the applicants.

In several following votes, all but Cr Reynolds and Crozier rejected proposals outright as non-complying based on staff recommendations. Ten carriage-style units proposed for 108 Molonglo St and a similar 8 unit development at the industrial end of Ellendon St (124A) were rejected as offering poor amenity for both neighbours and occupants. “That's their problem”, offered Cr Reynolds.

The Ellendon St developer's representative did not endear himself by threatening court with his opening words. Perhaps a new era for Palerang when Councillors take offence rather than automatically give in?

Further decisions and the financial auditor's report (we're generally healthy but in need of more reserves) appear in the minutes found on the Council website for 6 November.

– Maria Taylor

He came in second in the August NSW State Junior Road Championships individual time trial and sixth at the same event in the Victorian Junior Road Championships; and most recently he represented the ACT at the Australian Junior Road Championships at Mount Stromlo, finishing sixth overall in the U17 Men's individual time trial.

With all these achievements, the boy is dreaming high: in the short term his goal is to make the ACTAS cycling team, later the National team, and, in the future, compete overseas representing Australia. Riding as hard as he does, he may get there sooner than expected.



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ADVERTISING FEATURE

The cost of concentration in times of crisis

By Melany Batley

Another day of record losses. Retirees watch in horror as their life savings go down the gurgler. Brokers stooped over park benches hopeless and exhausted (they are still making money of course, just not as much as before). There are always casualties of market volatility. During crisis, the biggest losers are those who concentrate their portfolio. Unfortunately, these are often owners or employees of listed companies, at the mercy of mum and dad investors or large financial institutions with the capability to sell a lifetime of savings with the simple click of a mouse button.

In 2006/07, at the height of the biggest resources boom, and after their own shares jumped 530% from 70c to \$4.40, Perilya mining rolled out an employee share ownership plan (ESOP), which involved the company matching, dollar for dollar, shares purchased by the employee in lieu of salary. With 60% of staff taking up the offer to purchase shares at over \$5 each, the response was 'unprecedented' and a 'clear signal of employee faith in Perilya's future'. A scheme so good that it won ESOP of the year in 2007 and 2008. Apparently, no one can get rich just working for a salary anymore. ESOPs are advertised as a win-win for employees, who can now not only positively impact the business in their work, they can also bask in the riches of company success as owners. A terrible lesson in the pitfalls of investment concentration, following massive profit downgrades in June 2008, many Perilya employees are now redundant. Not only have they lost their job, but their share portfolio is practically worthless, with PEM falling 95% to 0.24c over the downturn.

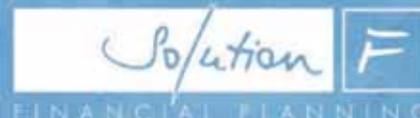
Employees are unfortunate casualties of coercion into company ownership and a concentrated share portfolio. More dumbfounding are company management – those highly intelligent individuals who are capable of building a successful empire, and subsequently lose their personal fortunes within months by neglecting the most common investment principle, not keeping your eggs in one basket. Notably, Indian rail tycoon Lakshmi Mittal, has achieved paper losses of over £30billion (AUD \$77.1 billion) with shares in two companies, his own

AccelorMittal and RAB, together loosing 70% in 12 months. Sadly for Mittal, only £15billion remains. Closer to home, Andrew Forrest, briefly Australia's richest man, is now a far cry from the short list. Along with the share price of Fortescue metals, his personal fortune has plummeted by over 75% in four months straight.

We can't control media hype, or frenzied investors logging on to online accounts to realise self-fulfilling losses. However there are things we can control. A time tested method to reduce loss is to remove portfolio concentration. With the ASX all ordinaries shedding 27% in twelve months to the end of September, a properly diversified portfolio should be down only 4 or 10% for an appropriately invested Conservative or Balanced investor. Possibly the most important control technique during bear markets is to stay invested. Losses are only held on paper until you sell. Gains can be achieved as quickly as they are lost and we have all seen the market rise and fall by as much as 10% per day in the past weeks. Losses cannot be recovered unless one is invested to achieve it.

If you're looking for commonsense strategies to help minimise loss in bear markets, contact Solution F on 6238 0330.

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by Matt Gardiner

First the background: discussion papers feed LEP

THE WOEFUL DELAYS in settling a new Local Environment Plan (LEP) for Palarang will be worsened by delays from a fourth attempt at strategic planning. Nobody knows how long it will take to get this right.

The LEP is Palarang's cornerstone planning document, containing the land use rules (zoning) and main environmental controls. There are currently five LEPs in operation – all to some extent outdated and obsolete. They are: Yarrowlumla 2002; Cooma-Monaro (Rural) 1999; Gunning 1997; Mulwaree 1995 and Tallaganda 1991.

The State Government requires LEPs to be reviewed and updated every five years. In 2004 the State provided \$170,000 towards Palarang's LEP Review, including the creation of one plan to cover the whole shire. Additionally Council has committed two staff resources to the Review. Sadly the Review has failed to reach fruition.

What's in the current Bungendore plan?

One of the 'gems' to be found in the existing LEP for Bungendore is a minimum lot size of 450m² in the village. Welcome to Gungahlin! Clearly not a desirable prospect for most of us.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not blindly anti-development, but the existing plans no longer serve us well, and they do not meet general community expectations.

The problem we all have is that development applications (DAs) will be considered against the rules that stand when

the DA is lodged. (There is an avalanche of applications for villa and small block development in Bungendore inundating Council as we speak; monthly, these can be seen from the Council notices published p11 – Ed.)

“ the LEP's environmental and social considerations are from an older and different period. ”

We know our current LEPs are out-of-date because they give planning outcomes which encounter widespread community opposition. Look no further than the 2005 Trucking Yard Lane fiasco (and ongoing sequels in 2006, 2007 and 2008). Also, rumours abound of a mooted development in Turallo Creek, west of the railway bridge and adjacent to Duralla Street.

Additionally, the LEP's environmental and social considerations are from an older and different period.

When Councillors put their collective hands on their hearts and lament “we must uphold the LEP: we must uphold the law” it ignores the already missed opportunities to modernise old laws by amendment.

Delay the game, but community wishes informed old Bungendore discussion paper

The previous Council (of which I was a member) had a majority that did not want to reconsider rural subdivision rules. In effect, this held up the LEP process for the rest of the community.

On a positive front however, there were significant efforts at public consultation, aimed at moving the debate forward.

In late 2005, Councillor Cath Moore in a private capacity, arranged a series of visioning workshops. These were held in a variety of locations and sought community views on development in Palarang. How it should occur? What were the various considerations?

Parallel to this, and with a degree of duplication, Council ran a program of community engagement. It had largely the same aims.

In June 2005 Council conducted a telephone survey and released a discussion paper *Bungendore: In your future*. Unfortunately very few written submissions were received.

A further discussion paper *Bungendore Discussion Paper 2006* was released in July 2006 and public comments were sought. In the order of seventeen submissions were received, but the LEP was still not finalised.

With the passage of time development pressures have increased and the submissions have become dated.

Some private interests want different discussion
In April 2008 a proposal was put to Council for a group of private citizens to fund a further discussion paper. I opposed this.

It was explicitly stated that contributions to this process “would not guarantee a rezoning”. However, one can only speculate why a potential developer would contribute financially to a process such as this, without some expectation of a favourable outcome.

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GARDENING

Story and images by Jo Walker

TRY A LITTLE MINT FOR GARDEN COLOUR

FOR THOSE who appreciate a splash of blue, mauve or white in their gardens at this time of year, mint-bushes would have to be one of the better choices. These eye-catching plants are in the same family (Lamiaceae) as the aromatic mints we use to flavour our food. We do have some native mints – *Mentha diemenica* grows locally in patches along creeks and in damp areas – but most of those used in cooking come from overseas. All of the mint-bushes (*Prostanthera spp.*), however, are endemic Australian plants.

In size, they are mostly shrubs of medium height, but there are semi-prostrate mint-bushes – and, at the other end of the scale, *Prostanthera lasianthos*, the Victorian Christmas Bush, can develop into a small tree under suitable conditions. The leaves of some mint-bushes are not strongly aromatic, but others definitely live up to their name.

Prostanthera incisa (Cut-leaved Mint-bush) is one of these. On a warm day, its minty odour can waft for some distance. This is one of the most attractive species in this group with masses of mauve-blue flowers obscuring the foliage in a good year. Although its natural home is the edge of rainforest, it seems quite hardy in drier areas.



Prostanthera incisa in dramatic display. On a warm day, its minty odour can waft for some distance.

The Round-leaved Mint-bush (*P. rotundifolia*) is probably the species most commonly grown in gardens – for good reasons. It is a neat, fairly dense shrub with dark green leaves and a spectacular display of violet-blue flowers. There is also a pink flowering form of this one.

Both of the above flower in mid-spring, but there are later flowering mint-bushes.

P. phyllicifolia is one of these. It grows on rocky outcrops and in shallow hillside soils (it is quite common in the Tinderrys area) and has dark crowded, linear leaves and white or occasionally pale blue flowers both with darker throats.



Westringia hybrid: profusion of flowers.

Ground-hugging as well

A much smaller, later flowering mint-bush is *P. saxicola* var. *montana*. Some forms of this species are spreading, ground-hugging plants found in heathland and dry woodland areas. Flowers are white with a purplish throat and can completely cover the plant.

The latest flowering mint-bush is probably *P. lasianthos*, the Victorian Christmas Bush, which can flower from November to March depending on the conditions under which it is growing (it is a widespread species ranging from Queensland through New South Wales and Victoria to Tasmania). The tallest of the mint-bushes, it can grow to the dimensions of a small tree. This one grows along the Mulloon Fire Trail and in Tallaganda Forest. It flowers heavily, bearing white flowers with purple and yellow throat blotches.

Close relatives, the Westringias

The closely-related Westringias are hardy, fast-growing plants with attractive white flowers. The flowers are similar to those of the mint-bushes, but have five sepals surrounding the flowers (the mint-bush flowers have only two sepals). Many of the Westringias in nurseries are robust hybrids with white or bluish flowers. *Westringia eremicola*, which grows along the Murrumbidgee, is a small, daintier shrub with good displays of white flowers which turn pink as they age.

Mint-bushes need well-drained acidic soil to do well and prefer semi-shaded positions. They are intolerant of waterlogging or sudden changes in the amount of water in the soil. The ones I have planted rely on natural rainfall once they are established, and that seems to be sufficient.

Both mint-bushes and Westringias are hardy, fast-growing plants. They react well to pruning and could be used as hedge plants or as contrast plants amongst the many yellow, orange and red spring-flowering plants.

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BURNING OFF: A 'GOOD IDEA' WITH HORNS

Now get ready for fire season *by Doug Palmer*

A LITTLE LOCKING of stable doors after the horse has bolted. I always mean to mention this in September but I never do. So I'll mention it now in the hope that someone other than me will remember.

During September, there's always a little thought that appears and says, "I know that the conditions aren't very good and it's more than a bit windy but the fire season's coming up and if I burn off now, I won't need to do all that tedious paperwork."

This thought might as well come on a red card sporting horns and a tail and with a little plastic pitchfork attached to the back. It's a thought that comes to everybody – I can see the little guilty looks when I mention it. But be strong. Say, "Vade retro satana!"

Fire season upon us: round up pets and relatives

Now on to the traditional subject of November: getting ready for the fire season.

The first thing to do is have a plan. When are you going to stay and defend your property and when are you going to decide to leave? If you do decide to leave, you need to make this decision early enough to leave in good order with everything packed, all pets found, favourite soft toys in the car and stray relatives rounded up.

You also need to leave early enough not to get snarled up with other people evacuating or emergency vehicles heading in the opposite direction. And you really, really need to leave early enough to not have to race the fire.

"Don't rely on mobile phones, since the network rapidly gets overwhelmed when everybody is using them at once"

If you do evacuate, make sure that you have a plan for the where and when of how to meet up again. Don't rely on mobile phones, since the network rapidly gets overwhelmed when everybody is using them at once. Those of you who have tried to use a mobile phone after a major sporting event will know what I mean.

Be prepared is name of the game

But the main event is making sure that your property is as bushfire proof as you can make it. There are various wonders of the technological age, such as roof sprinklers, that can help protect your house. However, you can go a long way by taking some basic precautions. Here are some of the things you should consider.

Remove excess fuel:

- clear gutters of leaf litter
- mow long and/or dry grass
- prune low tree branches 2m from the ground
- tidy the woodpile, leaves, bark and branches
- sweep/rake up all plant material
- recycle paper, cardboard and unused chemicals
- clean the area under house.

Apply safety measures:

- firmly fix roofing so hot embers cannot enter the roof
- install screens or shutters to windows, and enclose underfloor areas
- direct the relief valve on an LPG tank away from the house
- position a portable pump near a large water source
- install a gate valve to your water tanks. (Fitting a 38mm Storz coupling will make your property easier to protect, since fire trucks can then draw directly from your tank.)
- prepare firebreaks around your home.

The RFS web site has a number of useful pages on its web site at <http://rfs.nsw.gov.au/>. In particular, there are FireWise plans that you can use for deciding whether to go or stay and for preparing your property.

WILDCARE – 'Tis the season for basking on the road or encountering that pesky dog

WILDCARE NOTES MORE people are getting involved and handing on injured reptiles and other wildlife – which means more caring but that's what it's about – along with prevention!

"Most backyard lizard injuries are caused by dog bites," says Wildcare's Lesley Machin who is based in Wamboin. "Often it is difficult to keep lizards out of dog runs, but if your dog is simply left to wander, then there is a bigger problem. Dogs will have a go at anything that moves. Many injured lizards end up with puncture wounds that can be treated with saline solution and antibiotics.

"In the worse cases the lizard's back is broken and the animal has to be euthanised. With old wounds there are often maggots to remove. If you want a backyard and property that attracts and keeps wildlife, then it is necessary to control dogs." First aid for injured lizards is to put them in a box in a quiet cool area, such as the bathroom – then contact Wildcare.

Lizard transport

Motorists can help move sun-baking lizards along, rather than flattening them. Stop the car, make sure you are clear of any other traffic and pick up the lizard to transfer it off the road in the direction it was going. The best way to pick up a lizard is with a finger either side of its head and support the body with the other hand. If you are a bit squeamish about this, use a towel or cloth to cover the lizard and then pick it up.



Bertie is an Eastern Bearded Dragon that was saved by a member of the public. For wildlife help and advice, telephone Wildcare's helpline 6299 1966. In the Braidwood and Majors Creek area contact the Native Animal Rescue Group on 4846 1900.

MEMO FROM WILDCARE

It's OK to drive slowly – you will save fuel, as well as wildlife. Sometimes 60 km/h is too fast, but there is nothing wrong with going at a speed much less than the speed limit.

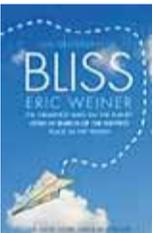
For those good Samaritans – keep up the good work. It is refreshing to see the number of people who want to do the right thing.



THE ARMCHAIR TRAVELLER

In this current financial climate, the majority of us impoverished beings are not able to visit all the exotic destinations we crave or be transported in the manner to which we would like to be accustomed. I have found that the best way to satisfy this craving for all things foreign is live vicariously and experience some 'Virtual Travel'. I came across a few interesting books this month, part of a wide genre available to armchair travellers.

HAPPINESS INGREDIENTS: WILL YOU FIND THEM ABROAD?



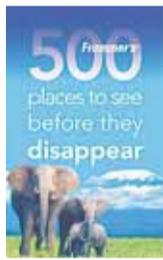
The Geography of Bliss: One Grump's Search for the Happiest Places in the World
by Eric Wiener
Random House RRP \$24.95
ISBN: 9780552775083

This is a fascinating book written by Eric Wiener; he spent the majority of his career as a foreign correspondent for National Public Radio travelling to a number of the world's grottiest places, which understandably had a seriously depressing effect on him. He writes: "What if, I wondered, I spent a year travelling the globe, seeking out not the world's well-trodden trouble spots but, rather, its unheralded happy places? Places that possess, in spades, one or more of the ingredients that we consider essential to the hearty stew of happiness: money, pleasure, spirituality, family, and chocolate among others."

He proceeded to seek out a variety of places, both heavenly and hellish: looking at the obscene riches and lack of real culture in Qatar, sampling the hashish in Holland, admiring the contrast between the depressing drunkenness in Iceland and the islanders' amazing creativity, trying to find something upbeat about Moldavia "the world's least happy country".

He traveled with the Eeyorish attitude, "I'm already unhappy. I have nothing to lose," which may sound depressing, but actually translates in the book to a dark quixotic sense of humour. It takes a couple of chapters to decide whether you actually like the man, but in the final analysis, I felt quite sympathetic towards his trials and tribulation, feeling that

he would make a very entertaining travelling companion!



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I realize that these genre of 'everything you should eat, read, experience books' have now been 'done to death', but this one details a really wonderful and thoughtful collection of rare, historic and beautifully-unspoiled places which are potentially on the brink of perishing for a variety of reasons, from fragile ecosystems retreating through climate change, to areas of outstanding natural beauty where wildlife is seriously endangered.



This also details for the ardent traveler and the 'environmentally aware', a number of urban landscapes that are in the process of disappearing, and deserve serious consideration. Each destination is set out with a clear entry which states why it deserves inclusion, its history, an explanation of the danger or threat it faces and what an 'eco-sensitive' tourist may be able to do to possibly help to prevent further deterioration.

From the prehistoric paintings in the caves at Lascaux in France to the hurricane-ravaged New Orleans the virtual traveller is taken around the globe to some fascinating destinations, well worth a read.

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GOT HIS DOJO WORKING

DOUGH JOE? You're probably intrigued by the business name of Braidwood baker Matthew Hulse. It's DOJO Bread, and if you didn't know that Matthew also taught the martial art of Aikido, where a 'dojo' has come to mean the training place for practitioners of one of the 'do' martial arts (judo, kendo, aikido etc) you're allowed to wonder at the title.

(Dojo is a Japanese term which literally means 'place of the Way' which gives it a link to philosophical concepts of the Tao). And it all fits nicely into what Matthew is doing in this tiny bakery in a back lane off Wallace Street, Braidwood's main street.

The last time I visited this heritage cottage was when Scott Watkins-Sully was trying to interest passers-by in his terrific Braidwood Ales. Then it smelt of hops and yeasts, but the renovated building now has a different smell, that of sourdough and the warmth of bread baking.

You need to know that Matthew's bread is *very* good. Then you need to ask why the long hours required for running a bakery don't show in his smooth youthful face. Matthew studied agriculture at university in Sydney, and as a student he worked first in a butchers and then in a bakery, where he ended up managing their hot bread business.

When he started actually baking for them, he describes it as making his grandmother "both happy and sad" (his grandfather was a baker).

Now, 10 years later, he's running his own business which is as fine an example of how balanced someone's work and life can be, when there's a real caring for what they do, and a concern for the customer.

Matthew is just at the point of employing a second baker with the prospect of perhaps opening for longer hours, or on more days of the week. That will make the regular Braidwood customers very happy, and draw in more of the passing Kings Highway traffic who drop in to stock up. It will also mean that the local supermarket where the unsold bread goes, once he closes each day, will have a regular delivery.

Dojo Bread

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QUESTIONS ON MOVE TO DE-CORPORATISE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION of NSW reports that legislation is being rushed through the NSW parliament that could have significant impacts for councils and their communities.

The Local Government Amendment (Legal Status) Bill 2008 seeks to remove the corporate status of councils and county councils. "We've just seen the Bill and on first glance it looks as if it may affect our ability to apply for Federal Government funding and could risk the provision of services and facilities for NSW communities," the President of the Local Government Association of NSW Cr Genia McCaffery said late last month.

The Shire's Association President Cr Bruce Miller guesses that it may be related to industrial relations and WorkChoices. However, "While we support clarification of the industrial jurisdiction covering councils in NSW, preliminary legal advice is that the proposed legislation does not remove uncertainty and may have a significant impact on councils outside industrial relations.

"Local Government employees benefit from generous and flexible employment conditions which under current arrangements will continue until 2010.

"The Associations are seeking urgent legal advice."

Across the radar screen... *Life on the farm...*

A man owned a small farm in Australia. The Tax Office claimed he was not paying proper wages to his staff and sent a representative out to interview him.

'I need a list of your employees and how much you pay them,' demanded the rep.

'Well,' replied the farmer, 'there's my farm hand who's been with me for 3 years. I pay him \$200 a week plus free room and board.'

'The cook has been here for 18 months, and I pay her \$150 per week plus free room and board.'

'Then there's the half-wit. He works about 18 hours every day and does about 90% of all the work around here. He makes about \$10 per week, pays his own room and board, and I buy him a bottle of whiskey every Saturday night. He also sleeps with my wife occasionally.'

'That's the guy I want to talk to... the half-wit,' says the agent.

'That would be me,' replied the farmer.

BUNGENDORE DISCUSSION PAPER

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"one can only speculate why a potential developer would contribute financially to a process such as this, without some expectation of a favourable outcome."

The contributions funding this revised Bungendore paper, by name and amount, are a matter of public record. They are listed at page 55 of the Council Business Paper of 24 July 2008. http://www.palerang.nsw.gov.au/files/4208/File/ord2008_07_24.pdf

Interestingly the project, to be run by consultants, had milestones which sadly appear to have since slipped.

What are the consequences?

The prospect for carefully planned development reflecting contemporary community desires is still a long way off for Bungendore.

Councillors should note that the whole community - ratepayers and potential developers - are suffering the poor outcomes from ongoing delay in finalising the new LEP.

The prospect of a new LEP being produced by March 2009, as currently scheduled, is all too remote.

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COLD BREAD AND BUTTER PUDDING

This is very simple but delicious. Matthew describes it as like 'a cold bread and butter pudding'.

- Start with a loaf of (Dojo) brioche (*made with fresh eggs and real butter*).
- Make a junket. Around 500ml of milk is plenty, warm it to blood heat (*baby bottle temperature*) and add 1/8 teaspoon or half a gram of junket rennet. (*Matthew uses the non-animal based Simply Junket - look at www.simplyjunket.com.au*).
- Add a generous splash of brandy and a spoonful of castor sugar if you want it sweeter. Leave to set for 15 minutes.
- Make French toast. Slice the brioche not too thickly, dip both sides into a beaten egg and milk mixture thick enough to stick.
- Fry in a non-stick pan in a little butter and serve with the junket spread on top. Sprinkle with cinnamon.

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Personal care with petrochemicals: Can we kick the habit?

YOU MAY BE SURPRISED to learn that fossil fuel mining is not only powering our electricity and fuelling our cars, but also providing basic ingredients for thousands of personal care products.

There is little regulation of skin and hair care products and minimal warnings from official bodies about their side effects. Many ingredients are potentially dangerous on their own so it is not hard to imagine that the toxic build-up from the accumulation of skin care products, cosmetics and household products over the years might be bad for us!

And it's not only ourselves that we should be worrying about. Once we're finished with

them, toxic chemicals filter into our waterways to do further damage to the ecosystem. Testing on animals is also prevalent within the beauty industry – not only unnecessary but unethical!

Many hair and skin products claim to be 'natural' and 'organic'. The commercial definition of 'natural' when it comes to skin care and cosmetics is any ingredient "derived from" a natural substance. Practically every ingredient has been derived from something that was originally natural, but what is of concern are the chemical processes it may have gone through in order to become what it is.

HORSE DISCOURSE

IS YOUR PONY FOUNDERING?

Look for metabolic disorder *by veterinarian Perin Vale*



fat, with a 'cresty' appearance caused by large fat deposits in the region under the mane.

(Ask your veterinarian about the distinction between EMS and Cushings disease, characterised by long wavy coats which are not shed normally, fat pads above the eyes and possibly sweating at inappropriate times as well as chronic issues with founder. Treatments are available.)

While there is no definitive test for EMS, blood tests that check glucose, insulin and cortisol levels can be of assistance in diagnosis and monitoring. EMS horses will often receive treatment for their founder – generally restricted access to feed, a soft environment for sore feet, a "FounderGuard" feed additive and sometimes pain relief medication. Most of the work in treating this disease however will be required of the owner.

HAVE YOU EVER wondered why some horses are more prone to founder than others? There is an explanation and it's not just that they enjoy a good feed more than the horse in the next paddock.

Equine Metabolic Syndrome (EMS) is an endocrine and metabolic disorder that we most commonly see in obese horses and ponies... these horses are much more likely to founder. Horses with EMS have high blood levels of insulin and glucose, a similar situation to people with Type 2 diabetes. Founder is extremely debilitating for the horse and every year we see a few horses whose pain levels can no longer be controlled and they need to be euthanased.

As you might guess, EMS is more common in ponies, but it can occur in any breed. Affected horses are generally middle aged (10–20 years) and many are identified by their owners as "easy keepers" – they tend to maintain weight even in the presence of minimal additional feed. Horses can have generalised obesity, or local regions of

Starvation NOT the answer; 'Jenny Craig' paddock and intensive care required

Managing the obesity is the key principle, with horses encouraged to exercise and be on a simple diet of hay plus a vitamin and mineral supplement. *

– a slightly shortened version of an article that appears in the Bungendore Veterinary Surgery newsletter of Autumn 2008

* (Magnesium and other mineral deficiencies in the soil and pasture are often cited by preventive practitioners as contributing to metabolic and weight disorders and this supplement route may be well worth exploring further – Ed.)

EMISSIONS TRADING AND FORESTS

Current policies may increase greenhouse gas emissions

The Australian Financial Review's John Breusch in 'Plantation research gets to the root of the problem (Wednesday 3 September 2008, p5) reported research showing that a carbon price as low as \$14 a tonne of CO₂ would be enough for hardwood plantation owners to leave their trees in the ground instead of harvesting them for wood.

The authors, ANU mathematician Peter Wood and economist Judith Ajani, warned that such an outcome would see thousands of hectares of hardwood plantations unlogged and continued native forest chip exporting. They argue that Australia's efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions would be undermined.

Logging native forests rather than plantations will result in higher greenhouse gas emissions because native forests are more carbon dense than plantations and the proportion of usable wood is lower. The authors also argue that switching plantations from wood production to carbon sinks will hurt processing, exports and lead to forestry industry job losses.

The research was submitted to the Commonwealth Government in response to calls for submissions on its Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Green Paper. (<http://www.climatechange.gov.au/greenpaper/consultation/submissions.html>)

CLIMATE CHANGE *Cont'd from p4*

Meanwhile – our taxes at work

CO₂ News also reports on the Australia Institute's argument to the Henry Tax Review, that the current tax system is encouraging pollution and stifling investment in renewable energy.

The submission calls for the introduction of accelerated depreciation provisions for investment in clean energy. It argues that because the price of this equipment is likely to fall sharply

in the coming years, firms who invest today will experience "first mover disadvantage".

"If the government is serious about tackling climate change, and about encouraging jobs and investment in the Australian economy, then providing tax concessions that match the economics of renewable energy would be a good place to start," says the statement. See "The tax treatment of capital investments in renewable energy" submission visit the Australia Institute at www.tai.org.au and look for WP118.pdf

Following is some basic information on toxic chemicals to look out for in everyday skin and hair products as well as cosmetics and clothing.

Sodium lauryl sulphate – a detergent with a degreasing action which dries the skin during the degreasing process, interfering with the skin's natural barrier and making it easier for other chemicals to permeate beneath the surface. It can cause skin rashes, hair loss and eye damage.

Formaldehyde – comes under a number of names including imidazolidinyl urea, diazolidinyl urea, 2-bromo-2-nitropropane-1, 3-diol, DMDM hydantoin, and quarternium 15.

- has been banned completely for cosmetic use in Europe but is still used in America and Australia.
- is a known human carcinogen and skin irritant.

Petrochemical products (yes the products that fuel your car!) 20 times cheaper than the natural alternative but at the expense of our health and that of the planet. These are often found in baby products too! Look out for names beginning with the prefix propyl-, methyl-, or ethe-. These are mineral oils which:

- form a coat over the skin's surface, blocking the skin's natural function and preventing it from eliminating toxins.
- are skin irritants.
- are implicated in testicular and breast cancer, oestrogen imbalances and allergic dermatitis.

DEA, TEA and MEA (chemical compounds) that can cause:



- allergic reactions and irritate eyes and skin.
- are linked with stomach and bladder cancer.

Artificial colours especially D&C Blue 6, D&C Green 1, D&C Reds 1&3 all of which are banned in many parts of the world and:

- contain potential carcinogens, including benzene, naphtholene and creosote (www.safecosmetics.org).

Aluminium used to block pores (not really healthy or natural) in deodorants and some pressing powders.

- potential link with Alzheimers and breast cancer according to www.safecosmetics.org.

Talc comes from the same mineral group as potentially carcinogenic asbestos. Often used in baby powder and pressed powders.

- increased risk of ovarian and testicular cancer when used on genital area.

PALERANG COUNCIL

PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

Palerang Council hereby gives notice that the Audited Financial reports together with the Auditor's Reports for the year ended 30 June 2008, presented to the public at the Ordinary Meeting of Council were held on Thursday 6 November 2008 at Bungendore commencing at 12:00pm. The Financial Reports formed part of the business of the meeting and Council's Auditor presented his report. A summary of the Financial Reports presented at the Meeting is reproduced below in accordance with Section 418(3)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Financial Reports for the Year Ended 30 June 2008

	2007-08 \$'000	2006-07 \$'000
Income Statement		
Total income from continuing operations	28,298	25,506
Total expenses from continuing operations	20,733	21,560
Operating result from continuing operations	7,565	3,946
Net result for the year	7,565	3,946
Net operating result before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	2,737	251
Balance Sheet		
Total current assets	21,413	18,378
Total current liabilities	(4,343)	(3,847)
Total non-current assets	136,257	122,362
Total non-current liabilities	(8,660)	(8,973)
Total equity	144,667	127,920
Other Financial Information		
Current Ratio	4.93:1	4.77:1
Unrestricted Current Ratio	2.15:1	1.89:1
Debt Service Ratio	2.6%	3.6%
Rate Coverage Ratio	34.9%	33.3%
Rates and Annual Charges Outstanding Percentage	10.4%	13.5%

Any person wishing to inspect a copy of Council's Audited Financial reports, together with the Auditor's Reports, may obtain a copy upon request from the Council Office, 10 Majara Street Bungendore or at 144 Wallace Street Braidwood during normal office hours. Enquiries on the Financial Reports can be directed to the Manager Finance on 1300 735 025 or records@palerang.nsw.gov.au.

Submissions on Financial Reports and Auditor's Reports

Any person may make a submission to Council with respect to the Audited Financial Reports or with respect to the Auditor's Reports. Submissions must be in writing and lodged with Council on or before **Thursday 13 November 2008**.

All submissions received by Council will be referred to Council's Auditor in accordance with Section 420(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

10 Majara Street
Bungendore

Peter Bascomb
General Manager

PALERANG COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

The following applications have been received by Council from
29 September – 3 October 2008

Application No	Description	Received*	Address
DEV.2008.0367	Alterations & Additions to Club House	30/09/2008	20 Turallo Terrace BUNGENDORE
DEV.2008.0368	22 Lot Subdivision	30/09/2008	33 Trucking Yard Lane BUNGENDORE
DEV.2008.0369	Continual Use of Tennis Court	30/09/2008	111 Goolabri Drive SUTTON
DEV.2008.0370	Pool & Spa	1/10/2008	18 McInnes Lane SUTTON
DEV.2008.0371	Garage	1/10/2008	134 Bingley Way WAMBOIN
DEV.2008.0372	Shed & Addition to Existing Shed	2/10/2008	145 Cartwright Avenue SUTTON
DEV.2008.0373	Dwelling with Shop	3/10/2008	7 Gibraltar Street BUNGENDORE
DEV.2008.0374	Dwelling	3/10/2008	17 Hideaway Place BYWONG
DEV.2008.0375	Dwelling & Shed	3/10/2008	Lot 3 DP I092167 Sandholes Road BRAIDWOOD
DEV.2008.0376	Shed with Retaining Wall	3/10/2008	286 Badgery Road BURRA

The following applications have been received by Council from
6 October – 10 October 2008

Application No	Description	Received*	Address
DEV.2008.0377	Internal Alterations to Dwelling	8/10/2008	96 London Bridge Rd BURRA
DEV.2008.0378	Protective Awning to Existing House	10/10/2008	197 Bowen Street CARWOOLA
DEV.2008.0379	Horse Arena	10/10/2008	21 Weeroona Drive WAMBOIN

The following applications have been received by Council from
13 October – 17 October 2008

Application No	Description	Received*	Address
DEV.2008.0380	Storage Shed	13/10/2008	Lot 1 DP 1111545 Krawaree Road WYANBENE
DEV.2008.0382	Dwelling	14/10/2008	295 Mathews Lane BUNGENDORE
DEV.2008.0383	2 Lot Subdivision	14/10/2008	1 Monkitee Street BRAIDWOOD
DEV.2008.0384	Tree Removal	15/10/2008	441 Weeroona Drive WAMBOIN
DEV.2008.0385	Garage & Replacement of Roller Door to Glass Sliding Door	16/10/2008	2/45A Monkitee Street BRAIDWOOD
DEV.2008.0386	Extensions & Additions	16/10/2008	1152 Norton Road WAMBOIN
DEV.2008.0387	Pool	16/10/2008	515 Denley Drive WAMBOIN
DEV.2008.0388	Pool	16/10/2008	85 Sherwood Place ROYALLA
DEV.2008.0389	POPE Application Majors Creek Recreation Hall	17/10/2008	Lots 3 & 4 Sec 4 DP758636 Recreation Reserve Trust Hill Street MAJORS CREEK

The following applications have been received by Council from
20 October – 24 October 2008

Application No	Description	Received*	Address
DEV.2008.0390	Tourist Accommodation	20/10/2008	1081 Wallace Gap Rd BALLALABA
DEV.2008.0391	Dwelling, Shed & Studio	21/10/2008	19 Station Street BRAIDWOOD
DEV.2008.0392	Shed	21/10/2008	535 Northanger Rd BUDA WANG
DEV.2008.0393	Extension of Existing Residence	23/10/2008	115 Hogan Drive WAMBOIN
DEV.2008.0394	Inground Swimming Pool	24/10/2008	11191 Nerriga Road BRAIDWOOD
DEV.2008.0395	Dwelling, Shed & Temporary Occupancy of Shed	24/10/2008	Bombay Road BRAIDWOOD

The following applications have been received by Council from
27 October – 31 October 2008

Application No	Description	Received*	Address
DEV.2008.0396	Remove 4 Eucalypt Trees	27/10/2008	15 Forster Street BUNGENDORE
DEV.2008.0397	4 Lot Strata Subdivision & 4 Villas	28/10/2008	27 Mecca Lane BUNGENDORE
DEV.2008.0398	5 Lot Strata Subdivision & 4 Villas	29/10/2008	53 Duralla Street BUNGENDORE
DEV.2008.0399	Garage, Fence, Paving & Ensuite & Other Internals	30/10/2008	86 Gibraltar Street BUNGENDORE
DEV.2008.0401	Construct Two Sheds	30/10/2008	Lot 5 DP 864052 Off Lower Boro Road MAYFIELD
DEV.2008.0402	Alterations & Additions to Existing Dwelling & Conversion of Garage to Rumpus Room	31/10/2008	34 Booth Road ROYALLA
DEV.2008.0403	Tree Removal	31/10/2008	34 Booth Road ROYALLA
DEV.2008.0404	Garage	31/10/2008	55 Merino Vale Drive WAMBOIN

2 Lot Subdivision

Advertised Local Development

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

The following information is provided for public interest and consultation:

Application Number: DEV.2008.0346
Applicant name: Land Planning Solutions
Proposal: 2 Lot Subdivision
Land Description: Lot 1, DP779596, Parish of Molonglo
Property Address: 224 Plains Road, Hoskinstown
Consent Authority: Palerang Council
Consultation Period: From 15 October 2008 to 14 November 2008

Application information:

The application and supporting documentation may be inspected at Council's Bungendore office during normal business hours.

Lodging a Submission:

Any person, during the period specified above, may make a written submission in relation to the Development Application to the General Manager, Palerang Council, PO Box 348, Bungendore NSW 2621.

Further Information:

Please contact Belinda McManus on 1300 735 025 or 6238 8111.

Peter Bascomb, GENERAL MANAGER

22 Lot Subdivision

Advertised Local Development

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

The following information is provided for public interest and consultation:

Application Number: DEV.2008.0368
Applicant name: Parsons Brinckerhoff Australia Pty Limited
Proposal: 22 Lot Subdivision
Land Description: Lot 23, DP615854 & Lot 8, Section 11, DP9766089
Property Address: 33 Trucking Yard Lane, Bungendore
Consent Authority: Palerang Council
Consultation Period: From 29 October 2008 to 28 November 2008

Application information:

The application and supporting documentation may be inspected at Council's Bungendore office during normal business hours.

Lodging a Submission:

Any person, during the period specified above, may make a written submission in relation to the development application to the General Manager, Palerang Council, PO Box 348, Bungendore NSW 2621.

Further Information:

Please contact Michael Glenn on 1300 735 025 or 6238 8111.

Peter Bascomb, GENERAL MANAGER

Development Determinations

Notification in accordance with Section 101 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*
 Council determined the following development applications in

October 2008

Application No	Description	Stage/Decision	Determined	Address
DEV.2006.0389	Machinery Storage Shed	Refused	2/10/2008	114 Molonglo Street BUNGENDORE
DEV.2007.0029	7 Lot Subdivision	Approved	9/10/2008	8 Budawang Road MONGARLOWE
DEV.2007.0224	Operate an Art Gallery/Shop & B&B	Approved	8/10/2008	10 Gibraltar Street BUNGENDORE
DEV.2007.0382	2 Lot Subdivision	Approved	9/10/2008	162 Bidges Road SUTTON
DEV.2007.0393	3 Lot Subdivision	Approved	16/10/2008	162 Koombahlah Rd PRIMROSE VALLEY
DEV.2007.0472	Patio/Outdoor BBQ Area	Approved	22/10/2008	84 Cooper Road WAMBOIN
DEV.2007.0480	Dwelling	Approved	7/10/2008	6 Rutledge Street BUNGENDORE
DEV.2007.0484	Change of Use – Residential to Business/Residential	Approved	2/10/2008	38 Malbon Street BUNGENDORE
DEV.2008.0067	Relocatable Dwelling & Dual Occupancy	Approved	7/10/2008	35 Monkitee Street BRAIDWOOD
DEV.2008.0146	Dwelling	Approved	7/10/2008	Lot 3 DP1102142 Dempseys Road KRAWARREE
DEV.2008.0154	Dwelling & Shed	Approved	15/10/2008	35 Ashby Drive BUNGENDORE
DEV.2008.0243	Dwelling	Approved	7/10/2008	77 Burkes Hills Road BRAIDWOOD
DEV.2008.0258	Dwelling – Dual Occupancy	Approved	9/10/2008	86 Robertson Road WAMBOIN
DEV.2008.0267	Transportable Home	Approved	9/10/2008	142 Macdiarmid Road BURRA
DEV.2008.0280	3 Lot Subdivision	Refused	30/10/2008	199 Wallace Street BRAIDWOOD
DEV.2008.0284	Farm Shed	Approved	7/10/2008	30 Rocky Glen Road BUNGENDORE
DEV.2008.0289	Temporary Dwelling	Approved	9/10/2008	1100 Lower Boro Road MAYFIELD
DEV.2008.0293	Dwelling	Approved	9/10/2008	670 Monga Lane REIDSDALE
DEV.2008.0295	Alterations & Additions to Dwelling & Pool	Approved	7/10/2008	110 Malbon Street BUNGENDORE
DEV.2008.0296	Alterations & Additions	Approved	7/10/2008	62 Saddle Place ROYALLA
DEV.2008.0309	Dwelling	Approved	2/10/2008	14 Simms Drive BUNGENDORE
DEV.2008.0310	Majors Creek Music Festival	Approved	31/10/2008	Lots 3 & 4 Sec 4 DP758636 Recreation Reserve Trust Hill Street MAJORS CREEK
DEV.2008.0312	Workshop & Garage	Approved	15/10/2008	Lot 12 DP1071898 Willow Forest Road NERRIGA
DEV.2008.0313	House Extension	Approved	10/10/2008	116 Ellendon Street BUNGENDORE
DEV.2008.0333	Alterations & Additions to Dwelling	Approved	23/10/2008	1454 Captains Flat Road CARWOOLA
DEV.2008.0348	Farm Shed	Approved	15/10/2008	6086 Araluen Road ARALUEN
DEV.2008.0353	Alterations & Additions to Dwelling	Approved	15/10/2008	28 Hyland Drive BUNGENDORE

Development consents are available for public inspection, free of charge, during ordinary office hours (8.30am–5.00pm) at Palerang Council offices at 10 Majara Street, Bungendore and 144 Wallace Street, Braidwood.

PO BOX 348 BUNGENDORE NSW 2621

WHAT'S ON: November

Thursday 13 – Saturday 15

It Was That Way When I Got Here

The 'Q', Queanbeyan Performing Arts Centre, Crawford St. A hilarious light-hearted Australian musical set in St Flavians College for gentlemen – the worst run school in Christendom! For 3 days only. Bookings 6298 0290 www.theq.net.au

Thursday 13 – Saturday 29

Walkabout – Landscapes In Black & White

The Wood Den Art Space, 41 Denley Drive, Bywong. Opening night begins at 6pm. On display is a collection of black and white photos, all of local landscapes. Regular opening hours are on Friday and Saturday from 10am–4pm. Entry is by gold coin donation for the ACT Gift of Life Foundation.

Friday 14 – Sunday 16

The pARTnership – The Bungendore Art Trail

School of Arts, Gibraltar St Bungendore. Official opening Friday 7pm. Exhibition will be open 10am–4pm on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16. The work of at least 16 local artists will be represented including painting, photography, jewellery, textile art, sculpture, millinery and ceramics. All are invited to attend.

Friday 14 – Tuesday 18

Tending the Grassroots

Queanbeyan Conference Centre, Crawford St. The National Resource Management Networking Conference will be held on Friday and Saturday; the annual NSW Landcare Muster will run on the Sunday; and the Resilient Landscapes and Resilient Communities Forum Monday and Tuesday. For further program details and registration see www.murrumbidgeelandcare.asn.au or contact Jo Perkins on 0415 907 959 or joperkins@grapevine.com.au for any queries.

Saturday 15

Bungendore Music and Poetry

Heritage on the Square, 2.30–4pm. The stage will be open to a variety of performers and anyone who wants to have a go. Food and drinks will also be available. Contact Lorraine on 6238 1903 or 0404 188 524.

Artists Market

At The 'Q' theatre, Crawford St Queanbeyan, 11am–4pm. A variety of talented artists and crafts people will display their wares – perfect for Christmas gifts!

Wamboin Market

Wamboin Community Centre, Bingley Way, 9am–12pm. Locally grown produce including fresh vegetables, eggs, seeds and selected plants.

Saturday 15 – Sunday 16

Australia's Open Garden Scheme

'Piccolo' 36 Turallo Terrace, Bungendore and 'Palerang' Hazeldell Rd off the King's Hwy via Braidwood, 10am–4.30pm each day. Each year the scheme opens the finest and most exciting private gardens across Australia to the garden-loving public. This year there are two amazing gardens located in the Palerang district. Signs will be posted on the day to guide drivers. \$5 per person and children under 18 are free. For more information contact Alison Stewart on 6230 3143 or act@opengarden.org.au

Sunday 16

Music In The Park

Queanbeyan Park, Lowe St, 5–7pm. Enjoy Sunday afternoons in the beautiful Queanbeyan park with Blues, Jazz and Rock'n'Roll music.

Bungendore Primary Spring Fair

Bungendore Primary School, Gibraltar St, 10am–2pm. Featuring a huge range of activities and stalls to suit the whole family. See the famous RAAF Hot air balloon, dodgem cars, Wildcare display, monster raffle, trash and treasure and much more!

Bungendore Market

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

Tuesday 18

Lake George Day View Club Meeting

Logan's Café, Gibraltar St Bungendore. Arrive at 11.30am for a 12pm start. This will be the first meeting after last month's LGDVC annual elections. Lunch \$20. For bookings or more info contact Lorraine on 6238 1953 by Friday 14 November.

Tuesday 18 – Saturday 29

2 Potters, 2 Painters – Fire, Water, Earth

The 'Q' Exhibition Centre, Crawford St, Queanbeyan. Opening night Tuesday 18th begins at 6pm and Queanbeyan mayor Tim Overall will be in attendance. The exhibition features works by local potter Rick Beviss, and potter Malcolm Cook, as well as visual artists Jenny Sheppard and Avril Kimberlee. Regular opening hours for the exhibition are Monday–Friday from 10am–4pm, Saturday 10am–3pm.

Thursday 20 – Saturday 6

Ghosts of Christmas Past – Shortis and Simpson

Teatro Vivaldi, ANU Campus, 7pm start. The fifth Christmas show for Shortis, Simpson, Campbell and Casey. This year the team bring back some of

the best of Christmas shows past, along with plenty of brand new witty material. Dinner and show \$55/\$65/\$75. The show runs until 6 December. Bookings call 6257 2718 or email enquiries @vivaldirestaurant.com.au

Saturday 22 – Sunday 30

Pride and Prejudice

Queanbeyan Performing Arts Centre, Crawford St. Enjoy this Jane Austen classic at The 'Q' in Queanbeyan. Bookings on 6298 0290.

Braidwood Market

Ryrie Park, Braidwood, 8am start. Local plants, natural products, crafts and cooking.

Sunday 23

Grassland Extravaganza Day

237 Jerangle Road (on left 2.3km off Monaro Hwy), Bredbo, 9am start. See the amazing flora and fauna living in the native grasslands and Kangaroo Grass patch. Tour the seed and propagation area with a talk by owner Sue Connelly. BBQ sausages, sandwiches, cakes and drinks for purchase. Gold coin donation for entry. For more info contact Lauren on 6454 4388 or facilitator@k2c.org.au

Music In The Park

Queanbeyan Park, Lowe St, 5pm–7pm. Enjoy Sunday afternoons in the beautiful Queanbeyan park with Blues, Jazz and Rock'n'Roll music.

The Nimmitabel Junior Judging Workshop

For young show judges as well as small acreage farmers new to agriculture, covering details for junior judging competition and saleyard stock appraisal. Experienced agents and primary producers will guide participants through the tricks and traps of livestock assessment and trading. \$10 adults, including lunch and refreshments. Participants aged 25 years and under are free. For more details and bookings contact Ted Graham on 6454 6080.

PLAN AHEAD: December

Monday 1

Bungendore Community Aid Inc – Annual General Meeting

The Bungendore Community Centre, Majara St, 7.30pm start. Anyone interested from Bungendore and district is invited to attend. Phone Michelle on 6238 1375.

Friday 5

Bungendore School of Ballet Concert

The 'Q' Queanbeyan Performing Arts Centre, Crawford St, starting at 7pm. The annual concert will feature talented local dancers from the Bungendore and Braidwood districts. Performances will



vary from jazz and funk through to classical ballet. Bookings on 6298 0290.

Wednesday 10

The Premier's Christmas Gala Concert

Sydney Entertainment Centre, 10.30am and 2.30pm. This year's theme is *Are we there yet* and performers include Helen Dallimore, David Harris, Mel-

inda Schneider plus many more. More than 30,000 seniors are expected to attend the two concerts. Tickets are free for anyone over 60 in NSW (limited to 4 per person) and are available from www.ticketmaster.com.au, Ticketmaster outlets or by phone 1300 855 501.

From our Braidwood correspondent:

NOVEMBER – FABULOUS FESTIVAL MONTH IN BRAIDWOOD

Wednesday 12

Amy Williamson

National Theatre, Wallace St Braidwood, 7pm start. Amy Williamson will be supporting fundraising efforts for the Tallaganda Region Emergency Services Association (TRESA) such as State Emergency Services and Rural Fire Services. Amy will be supported by local performers Richard Steele and Norman Meader as well as others. Family tickets \$20, adults \$8 and students under sixteen, children and concession card holders admitted free. To confirm details and up-to-date information call 4842 1277.

their fourteenth Annual Airing of the Quilts. The outdoor exhibition quilts will only be on display on Saturday as textile works should not be subjected to ultra-violet rays for any length of time. During the weekend, visitors can view a variety of exhibitions in eight venues around Braidwood, as well as two beautiful spring country gardens. If you would like to attend, the official opening will be held at the National Theatre Friday 21 November at 6pm. For more information visit www.braidwoodquiltvent.org.au or contact 4842 2626.

...AND EARLY DECEMBER

Saturday 6

A Film Festival

Arrive at 7.30pm for screening at 8pm. A great evening for residents and visitors with an outdoor screening in the main street of Braidwood of *The Year My Voice Broke*. The screening, which will close the King's Highway from 5pm, will celebrate the 21 anniversary of the film made on location in Braidwood. Bring a chair and enjoy this special occasion. For more information email tracey@gaz.com.au As an added bonus, on Saturday, the National Theatre will present three more films that have been made in Braidwood – *Robbery Under Arms* (silent), *Ned Kelly* and *On Our Selection*. For further information about the National Theatre films email pontrobison@gmail.com

...NOW TO THE NOVEMBER FESTIVALS

Friday 14 – Sunday 16

Music at the Creek

As with the previous 16 years the Majors Creek Music Festival is organised by the Braidwood Folk Music Club. In addition to the long list of performers, there will be a variety of food, ranging from BBQ to Thai, and drinks will be available. Camping is free, although camp fires and pets are not allowed. Weekend tickets at the gate – adults \$70 and youth tickets \$45. For more information visit www.musicatthecreek.com or email asmith@braidwood.net.au.

Saturday 22 – Sunday 23

The Braidwood Quilt Event and The Airing of the Quilts

Wallace St, Braidwood. On Saturday, Braidwood Quilters Inc will be holding

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