



# Bulletin

COUNTRY LIVING in Queanbeyan, Bungendore and Palerang



## Bywong mystery rocks channel Stonehenge

RESIDENTS OF BYWONG may have grown accustomed to the odd landmark that sits at the end of Macs Reef Road as it joins the Federal Highway across the way from Sutton. But they were still curious how a bunch of rocks one day emerged on a small hill to assume a remarkable likeness to old Stonehenge in England. At the beginning of November, they were able to satisfy their curiosity when landholders Robbie and Tracey Wallace generously invited the whole of Macs Reef Road to a sausage sizzle to benefit the fire brigade and to have a good look at the rocks. One hundred and fifty neighbours showed up, which testifies to the power of mystery to draw a crowd. And they stayed to meet each other.

Stonehenge, The Henge in Bywong consists of dozens of ancient, tall, stone pillars arranged in large, sweeping circles. Quite a sight on a quiet Sunday drive! Or in the evening, lit up by individual solar-powered lights. Last May Robbie, who owns an earthmoving business, was called out to a farm near Hall to clear some troublesome rocks from the paddocks. After starting the job, he was intrigued by the size and shape of many of the rocks. This spawned the outrageous idea. Originally meant for nothing more than a bit of fun, Robbie and Tracey spent six weeks erecting the evocative stone circles. Building The Henge took not only a lot of time and planning, but also some heavy machinery and a hefty amount of concrete.

The rocks are arranged with a large circle (20 metres in diameter) surrounding a smaller (10 metre diameter) circle. Building the enormous structure was a labour of love for the Wallaces that grew into a community outreach exercise possibly extending to the occasional wedding venue. Robbie and Tracey have plans to open it up for events, starting with a coffee van for visitors to the site. The next neighbourhood event and possible fundraiser will be at the summer solstice when the appropriate pagan atmosphere will be created with a bonfire inside the rocks. For more information and photos on The Henge, head to [www.thehenge.com.au](http://www.thehenge.com.au). — Stephanie L Anderson and Bulletin staff report

## CSIRO accused of bullying staff

THE COUNTRY'S premier science organisation, the CSIRO, was before the Senate Estimates Committee on 17 October, again accused of bullying outspoken staff and hounding some senior scientists to leave the organisation. It was another chapter in a long-running story and it is unlikely to be the last. While the testimony before the Senate focused on technical issues such as the timing of notifications to staff, it again highlighted the ongoing claims by current and former CSIRO staff of workplace bullying and intimidation. These have been countered or denied in recent months by the Chief Executive Megan Clark and other senior executives. A group of former CSIRO staff who feel they are victims of bullying has gone public with a website detailing cases and complaints and asking for others to come forward at [victimsofcsiro.com](http://victimsofcsiro.com). The group has provided running commentary on the testimony of CSIRO executives before the Senate. The victims' group notes that 13 staff members have written to the CSIRO CEO over the past four years complaining of workplace bullying. They claim this is the tip of an iceberg indicating the extent of the problem, suggesting that many more victims would not have gone so far as to write directly to the CEO. Three cases were reviewed in the Senate Estimates hearings of staff whose complaints were investigated. In all three cases, each staff member was made redundant before the completion of the investigations which were then never finalised. The website also provides details of high-performing scientists whose employment at CSIRO was terminated despite their impressive scientific achievements.

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# Versatile designs that are right – day and night

by Karen Lovatt

EVER SINCE she was a little girl, Sue Stickney has wanted to be a fashion designer.

Now her dreams are taking another big step forward with the opening of her very own store in Bungendore's Village Square.

Shoppers will be able to view Sue's garments on the rack, try them on, and experiment with different styles.

"It's almost as though they like to play," Sue said of her customers. "They want to play with their wardrobe, and online shopping offers a fantastic experience, but sometimes people just want to come here and play with their wardrobe and have fun with it, and I think that has helped my business thrive."

Canberra Barbie Robinson has been a client of Sue's for over a year, and says that the versatility of the clothes is what drew her to them.

"I really like that they are stylish, but comfortable," Barbie explained. "You can dress them up or dress them down; they'll take you from early in the morning to going out at night with different combinations of different items."

Sue started out over a decade ago, giving advice to clients and making alterations.



Her business has seen many changes through that time.

"I'm still providing the individual service for alterations and advice and that kind of thing," Sue explained. "But now with the Sue Stickney Clothes range I'm also providing practical ways that people can express their individuality, but they also have an emphasis on versatility in the wardrobe, making it very functional."

Sue believes that the current economic climate means that women need greater functionality in their wardrobes.

"I think women still want to look great, but they also are demanding that their wardrobe can offer more than perhaps it used to in the past," Sue said. "You could begin with some of the basics that I do, then add creative pieces. Often the creative pieces are reversible, so they can wear

**Sue Stickney designs: practical and versatile clothing offering the option to play and be creative**

them in more than one way. That gives them a really versatile wardrobe which I think is one of the reasons why my business has survived these tricky times."

Sue's new shop is in what she considers to be a very central location.

"I was fortunate enough to be offered a shop here on Village Square, which is a fantastic place for showcasing my range," Sue explained. "We get a lot of weekend visitors from all over, so I've got clients that come in from Canberra and the coast, but I've also got clients who have been visiting Canberra, and come out to Bungendore for the day."

And of course, the new store is an attractive prospect for her local clients. Barbie has already seen the shop, and loves it. ■

## Queanbeyan wedding dress capital of the region

by Nichole Smith\*

"I would totally recommend looking at Nouveau Riche in the main street of Queanbeyan for your dress ... they have such a huge range of really lovely dresses ... as good as any I've seen in Sydney."

— posted by Bethie on Weddings Central Forum, 2006

THE TWO-FOOT high art deco signage, perched on the edge of the awning above the bold turquoise shopfront, makes clear to passersby the raison d'être of Queanbeyan's Nouveau Riche: Bridal.

Women from throughout the region and beyond have been outfitted in 'bridal gowns, formal dresses and evening wear' since the Monaro Street icon's inception almost 20 years ago.



Leone Radnedge at her daughter Sophie's wedding. Also pictured is Sophie's sister Sybilla and Marley. All dressed by Nouveau Riche.

Its founding mothers were local women Jenni Norwood and Edie Clancy, who from small beginnings as a pre-loved bridal boutique nurtured and developed their passion to the point it is now the number one business of its kind in the entire Canberra region – no small feat given the level of competition in this area.

According to Jenni, also a well-known local artist, some of the reason for the success of the business is simply attention to detail.

"We have stunning designs and are very selective in our choices, but we also work really hard to offer great service and given how long we've been here, I think we have a fairly high level of expertise in our field."

Nouveau Riche has the added advantage of working exclusively with much-sought after designers, both international and closer to home.

"Max Chaoul of Paris and New York-based Demetrios are two of our exclusive

lines, and we also specialise in Australian designers such as Essence, Ella and Martina Liana," said Jenni.

Jenni also notes it can be difficult for regional designers given the often high costs associated with the creation of wedding gowns.

"Given what's involved, costs are naturally enough often high and so for local designers, it is generally easier for them to market and sell their creations directly to avoid the problem of adding further to the final price tag."

"While we don't create anything in-house, we do have two of the top seamstresses in Queanbeyan. All of this adds to the unique local service we offer where we not only help select the most suitable look for our clients, but also do all we can to ensure the special day is everything it is imagined it will be."

\* The writer must declare a conflict of interest, as she purchased her beautiful fitted raw silk with gold brocade wedding dress from this very boutique 16 years ago.

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## Carwoola buddhist retreat launches new canon

A COMPLETE Tibetan Buddhist canon was unveiled last month at Virupa Retreat Centre of the Tibetan Buddhist Society of Canberra, located at Carwoola.

Lama Choedak Rinpoche, Spiritual Director of the Tibetan Buddhist Society of Canberra, said the special library edition of 238 volumes is a complete collection of the Buddha's teachings, and is the only one of its kind to be housed in Australia. It is a valuable treasure for the Tibetan Buddhist community to have this edition in Australia.

The canon is written in Tibetan, the only language that has fully protected and preserved the original Buddhist teachings from over 2,500 years ago. To date, less than 10 percent of these works have been translated into English.

The canon's subjects include medicine, linguistics, botany, psychology, metaphysics and Buddhist philosophy. Modern science is only now catching up on some of the things the Buddha taught thousands of years ago, said Rinpoche.

Language students from the Tibetan Buddhist Society of Canberra are currently translating some of the works and Rinpoche teaches directly from the canon during his weekly meditation and philosophy classes at the Society's Canberra centre in Evatt.

For more details go to the Tibetan Buddhist Society of Canberra's website [www.sakya.com.au](http://www.sakya.com.au).



## Trailbike riders fined near Braidwood

FIFTEEN trail bike riders illegally riding in the Nadgigomar Nature Reserve near Braidwood were caught recently thanks to a joint campaign by the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) and NSW Police.

NPWS Area Manager Tony Baxter said all fifteen riders were cautioned for a variety of offences and ten infringements were issued for having a trail bike on the reserve.

"Nadgigomar Nature Reserve has delicate ecosystems and riders ranging from 14 to 50 years old all chose to disregard the law and bring trail bikes into the area," Mr Baxter said.

"Parks and the police issued on the spot fines of \$300 for riding in an unauthorised area and \$468 for operating an unregistered vehicle.

"The riders were all from Queanbeyan or the Canberra area and several of their trail bikes were not registered."

Mr Baxter said the operation was part of an ongoing strategy targeting illegal trail bike activity within NSW national parks and nature reserves.

*If you have information about illegal trail bike riding in national parks or reserves, please call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or NPWS on 1300 361 967.*

PHOTO: STEPHEN CARMODY, NSW NATIONAL PARKS

## SPEED LIMIT DROP ON THE KINGS HIGHWAY AT BRAIDWOOD

MEMBER for Monaro John Barilaro has advised that as a result of a review by Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) of the Kings Highway around Braidwood in response to local community safety concerns, the speed limit at both approaches to Braidwood would be lowered from 60 km/h to 50 km/h.

"The review assessed a number of factors including road environment, traffic characteristics and crash data," Mr Barilaro said. Signs advising the new speeds were scheduled to be posted mid October.

The existing 100 km/h speed limit on the Kings Highway on the outskirts of Braidwood will be reviewed as part of the Kings Highway road safety review.

Members of the community can sign up at the Safer Roads NSW website to receive updates about changes to permanent speed limits in their nominated area and have their say on speed limits. For more information visit [www.rms.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au).

## Bungendore Standing ovation for youth orchestra



*Bungendore Youth Orchestra delighted the audience at St Philip's: Annabel Laing, Georgina Chan, Evie Wilkins, Liesa Kruska, Hugh Beith, Isobel Iffland-Mihaich, Hannah Coffee, Laura Dowling, Annabel Beith, Nicola Bryden*

THE BUNGENDORE Youth Orchestra performed publicly for the first time at St Philip's Church on Sunday 28 October and was met with a standing ovation by the full-house audience.

In a fitting finale to Children's Week, the group of young Bungendorians displayed their hard work and skill, delighting the crowd with a varied program of contemporary

Australian music as well as classics from the orchestral and chamber music repertoire.

Without doubt, the highlight was the superb performance of the first movement of JS Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No 5 with local Annabel Beith playing the fiendishly difficult harpsichord part, and Annabel Laing (on flute) and Canberran Georgina Chan (on violin) floating above the solid support of the well-drilled orchestra.

Many in the audience were surprised to hear the quality of the sound that this young group is producing. "The acoustics here in St Philip's really bring out the beauty of this music wonderfully, and it has been a real privilege to play here with these three fabulous soloists," said Nicola Bryden, musical director.

"On a day when many people from Bungendore were involved in the rodeo, it was really pleasing to see so many people of all ages here and obviously enjoying themselves," she said, after the performance.

The orchestra, which meets about once a month and focuses on fun, friends and fine music, invites other young musicians in the area to consider joining, and this will enable a wider range of music to be played. **Any interested musicians can contact Nicola on 0414 711 632.**



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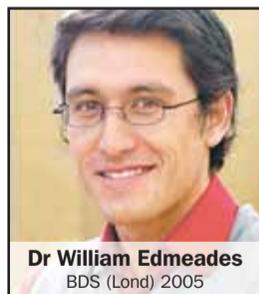
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The categories for the awards in each town and surrounding areas are:

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

Nominations, closing 5.00pm on **Friday, 4 January 2013**, may be submitted by organisations, community groups or individuals.

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](http://www.palerang.nsw.gov.au) under Community Services.

Completed nominations should be returned to Council in an envelope marked "Confidential - Australia Day 2013 Nomination", Palerang Council, PO Box 348, Bungendore NSW 2621.

For further information, please contact Council's Community Services Officer, Emma Gray, on (02) 6238 8111 during business hours.

## Queanbeyan Council tries networking with phone apps



HAVING found that facebook invites resident interaction, at least resident concerns, Queanbeyan Council is now trying phone applications to hear the electorate.

Residents can now report issues to council using their smartphones and a free app. With 'Snap Send Solve' people can photograph and report issues for council's attention. A council press release suggested these might include: excessive littering, road or footpath problems, graffiti, abandoned vehicles, street cleaning, sewer or water problems, general requests or feedback.

Both iPhones and Android phones are catered for. This modern way of requesting council action allows residents to take a photo of a problem, pin-point its location using the phone's GPS and email it to council. Residents can still raise issues the old-fashioned way in person or by phone as before.

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For further details and to download the app to your mobile device go to [www.qcc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.qcc.nsw.gov.au).

## Gen Z still loving it: spending that is

A RECENT survey of 500 young people nationwide has found that Generation Z (people born in the 1990s on) are still spending more than they save, in spite of having the most technological resources available to them.

The survey, conducted on behalf of Visa by UMR Research, found that nearly a third of Generation Z spend most of their weekly income, while more than 70 percent have less than \$1,000 in their bank account.

Generation Z members have more ways to manage their money than any previous generation. A third of survey participants rely solely on mobile phone apps to control their money, including official bank apps, as well as aftermarket budgeting apps.

Some things don't change however. A majority of Gen Z plan to move out of home by 25 and be homeowners by age 30. Marriage and children appear linked to these plans.

But homeownership doesn't top the 'must have' list. That spot belongs to buying a car, followed by paying for their education, which can often be as much as a house deposit. Buying a house came in third on the list, followed by overseas travel. ■

## Internet shopping piles up at the PO

Palerang residents may find in the leadup to Christmas that they are asked to pick up larger parcels in Queanbeyan.

The *Bulletin* has been told that this may vary week to week, as Bungendore and other regional post offices find their storage capacity strained to the limit by an upsurge in large parcel internet shopping.

According to a Bungendore source, shoppers are also using post offices as storage in the lead up to Christmas, ie not picking up bulky parcels until they need them.

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# \$1.27 billion organic industry in top five nationally for growth

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SUPERMARKETS are fast embracing organics, with growth propelled by the average Australian. More than 1 in 20 are regular shoppers of organics and almost 2 in 3 have bought organic in the past year, a new report reveals.

The biennial independent *Australian Organic Market Report*, commissioned by leading organic body Biological Farmers of Australia (BFA) and co-funded by Horticulture Australia Ltd, incorporates research from Swinburne University, ABS statistics and world outlook information for the first time, as well as exclusive survey work by a specialist market research group.

The report finds 3 in 4 organic products are now bought at supermarkets, representing an ongoing market trend as consumers look for organics.

Latest research confirms organics is worth \$1.27 billion to Australia and is predicted to grow by up to 15 percent each year, putting it within the top five growth industries in Australia.

NSW has the highest number of certified organic primary producers. The report shows the state is home to 52 percent of the nation's organic lamb, valued at \$14.58 million. It also has the second highest (13 percent) number of meat cattle, valued at \$9.86 million. The farm-gate value of organics in NSW is second highest in the country at \$103 million.

Farm-gate sales of organic products have risen by 34 percent since 2010. Organic meat sales of beef are up by 111 percent to \$72.7

million, lamb is up by 64 percent to \$18.6 million and poultry has increased by 15 percent to \$17.8 million.

Australia has the largest area of certified organic land in the world.

Dr Andrew Monk BFA director and report co-author says: "Shoppers are voting with their wallet and supporting foods and fibre that are not only quality products that are good for us but are also good for the environment.

"Trust in organic certification and consumer awareness of standards and certification have increased considerably. Notably there has been a significant increase in recognition of Australia's main certification logo, Australian Certified Organic, up a further 25 percent in recognition from the 2010 report."

### Women main buyers but environmental reasons declined

"Women remain the main buyers of organics

for health reasons; however, the environment as a motivator has fallen significantly, which may be reflective of a lack of engagement on climate change issues.

"From cleaning products to pet food and cosmetics, organics is moving from mostly food for the fringes to being mainstream, and including non-food areas as it is increasingly seen as a lifestyle choice.

"Fruit and vegetables remain the most commonly purchased item, while non-alcoholic drinks rank as the highest frequency purchase, highlighting the 'lifestyle' products now available on the market," Dr Monk says.

— Press release

**Ed note:** A recent visit to Berlin in Germany was a reminder that overseas countries, including the USA, have embraced dedicated 'bio' or organic grocery stores that also feature local and regional food supplies. The German variant, Bio Company, offers small-scale attractive grocery stores focusing on fresh produce, bread and other bakery products and basic organic staples like milk, cheeses, delicatessen goods, meat and fish, coffee and tea. In total some 8000 certified products including cosmetics to support daily life.

Bungendore luckily has Food Lovers but opportunity awaits the region and country.

### Report highlights: good investment and chemical free, and Africa, Asia at the top for producers

- Average growth projection for the coming years is 10-15 percent, reflecting the growth from the past two years – more than the 2-11 percent growth trends internationally and well above growth rates for conventional food and beverages.
- Retailer-owned private labels are increasingly entering the market, eg Coles, Woolworths and ALDI in the past few years launched their own organic UHT and/or extended shelf-life fresh milks.
- Four of the five top perceived benefits continue to revolve around what organic food 'does not contain'. These are: chemical-free (79 percent), additive-free (77 percent), hormone/antibiotic-free meat (64 percent) and non-GMO (62 percent).
- Of the 1.6 million organic producers 34 percent are located in Africa, 29 percent in Asia and 18 percent in Europe. The countries with the greatest number of organic producers include India (400,551), Uganda (188,625) and Mexico (128,862).

## PROPERTY MATTERS with John Sneddon

### 595 Captains Flat Road Carwoola — Lifestyle and development opportunity



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RECENTLY I circulated a newsletter in the Bywong, Carwoola and Wamboin areas summarising the sales activity for the first nine months of the

year. Unfortunately, there was an error in the summary section where I misprinted Carwoola for Bywong.

The correct information and summary is listed here.

*Rural Residential House sales for the period January 1 to September 30 in 2011 and 2012.*  
Data sourced from allhomes.

	2012	2011
<b>Bywong</b>		
Number of sales	9	10
Highest sale price	\$1,130,000	\$1,210,000
Lowest sale price	\$820,000	\$605,000
Median sale price	\$980,000	\$855,000
Average days on market	158	152
<b>Carwoola</b>		
Number of sales	9	15
Highest sale price	\$1,000,000	\$1,270,000
Lowest sale price	\$730,000	\$580,000
Median sale price	\$930,000	\$900,000
Average days on market	167	119
<b>Wamboin</b>		
Number of sales	9	10
Highest sale price	\$1,005,000	\$1,185,000
Lowest sale price	\$650,000	\$659,000
Median sale price	\$760,000	\$879,500
Average days on market	87	89

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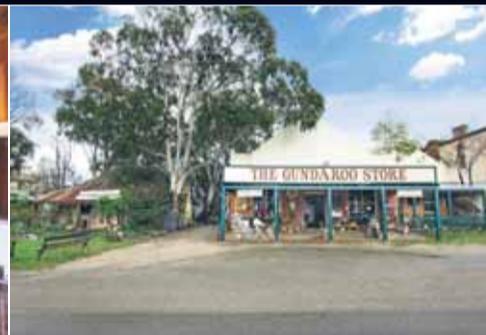
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# NSW government cuts to education challenge Gonski increases

IN THE LAST few weeks some people might have seen me outside schools in the local area collecting signatures on a petition opposing state government plans to cut \$1.7 billion from education funding.

\$1.7 billion in education cuts translates to around 1,800 jobs going with 800 teaching positions cut in TAFE alone. Every school is having its budget cut and even cleaners' hours have been reduced.

Universally the response I've got from people as I've stood at Bungendore, Queanbeyan Public and Jerrabomberra schools is that education is something we should be investing more in – not cutting.

I've noticed on facebook a lot of people are liking a page entitled 'I give a Gonski', a

fairly light-hearted way to say that we support the improvements suggested by the federal government's Gonski report which are aimed at putting Australian education in the world's top five.

Why is that important? It's important because Australia has to compete with the world if we want to remain a place with high standards of living and quality of life, and most of us who think about it would want to base our competitive advantage on higher skills and a highly educated work-force, not on a competition for the lowest wage costs.

## NSW Capital Watch



with Steve Whan

It's also important because it is very well known that for individuals (ie today's kids), better educational outcomes mean a higher standard of living, less likelihood of going to gaol and even much better health outcomes (so lower health costs).

So, while the federal government is pushing to increase education funding we have a state government cutting.

Contrary to the promises from the Premier, the cuts don't "stop at the school gate", they in fact impact on school support staff, support for kids with disabilities, curriculum development and the development of online teaching resources. Locally, our district education office is being slashed and that's the first port of call for example for someone with an autistic child needing placement in an appropriate class.

In the long term there is no doubt we will see larger class sizes as a result of this.

The government of course blames everyone else; they say they have to cut funds to get the budget back into surplus and retain the AAA credit rating. To be fair, every government budget at the moment is tough, revenue is tight and sometime soon people in Australia are going to have to recognise that if we want services we might have to

agree that things like education are more important than having among the lowest tax rates in the western world.

But in NSW the current government inherited a budget which was in surplus, and which is still going to see growth in GST revenue – though not as high as originally forecast. Yes, budgeting is a challenge, but where a government cuts is a clear indication of its priorities and its long-term vision.

These cuts affect government and non-government schools and our TAFE system. So if you see me standing outside a school with a clipboard, no, I am not hankering for another election day (at least not just yet) just trying to let people know that we need to defend our education system!

## Keep an eye out for this issue

Briefly on another, completely different issue, I will probably have more to say about the proposal to merge Livestock Health and Pest Authorities, Catchment Management Authorities and DPI extension services in the future. One thing I know many people on rural residential blocks surrounding Canberra have been concerned about in the past is the point at which LHPA rates cut in. Currently it's 10 hectares; under the new proposal there is no minimum size. Property owners might want to keep an eye out for the changes! ■

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## Queanbeyan Public School LESSONS FROM THE DUNNY SPUR GENEROUS DEEDS



A YEAR 6 scripture class from Queanbeyan Public School led by Rev James Wood has been exploring social justice issues as part of their instruction during Term 3. Focusing on sanitation, accessibility to safe drinking water, and fair trade chocolate we have been learning how many people around the world are much less fortunate than we are.

Rev James asked one day, "What is the most important room in your house?" Most of us were surprised to discover it was our toilet – a privilege 2.6 billion people do not have adequate access to.

One student remarked, "We played this toilet roll game where a couple of people had toilet rolls and went around the room greeting different students, who then greeted others – each time handing out pieces of toilet paper. We discovered that disease – represented by the pieces of toilet paper – spreads really quickly when there is not adequate sanitation." Another student who ended up with a severe case of diarrhoea (in the game that is) commented, "I was told that if I didn't get medical attention, I would probably not survive the week."

One of Rev James' favourite lines in scripture is: the words of the Bible are impor-

tant, but if we don't put them into action they really remain a 'nice' idea. "So we thought it would be a good idea if our class put words into action and could donate enough money to buy a toilet for a village in Cambodia," another member of the class remarked. "It kind of makes it more fun, but at the same time we're still learning something."

Through the voluntary contributions over the last four weeks of term, the class has been able to purchase two toilets through TEAR Australia's Useful Gift Shop.

Michelle Hill and Lyndal Burrows, who accompany the class commented, "The children have been very generous in their donations, and we are proud that this class has decided to make a significant difference in the life of a small village where they need toilets the most."

Rev James is delighted with the outcome. "What a great bunch of young people – who saw the need, decided to act, and have really put their money where their mouth is. If the future of our world is in the hands of these young people – then I think we have a bright future indeed!"

— Contributed by Rev James Wood

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# POLICE STILL SEEK TWO MEN

**AFTER FIGHT STARTED OVER A PIZZA** by Maria Taylor

NSW police are still keen to receive any information on two men they believe were involved in a serious fight that started in a Bungendore licensed hotel on the night of 27 October. The police are calling it an assault that sent two other men to hospital, one with reported serious injuries.

According to the Queanbeyan police, the injured were a 41-year-old Wamboin man, a 39-year-old Bywong man and a 34-year-old Bungendore resident.

Reports say that trouble broke out after a pizza was ordered by one or several of the injured men, left on the bar counter unattended briefly and the other two men, who had come into the bar, started to eat it. The fight spilled into Gibraltar Street and left one man lying in the street with serious facial injuries and fractures.

Lake George Hotel licensee Paul Garcia told the *Bulletin* he thinks the two men being sought by police may have entered the premises not long before the incident.

“It’s terrible when this happens and

portrays hotels badly, so we’re keen to find who did this,” he said. “Some people are just hell bent on making trouble.”

The Lake George was recently refurbished by owners Richard and Isabel Harry and has become a very popular food and beverage destination for locals from Bungendore and environs.

Garcia was at pains to stress that the hotel has gone to

great lengths with security and trained staff to maintain a quiet and pleasant pub experience and that this sort of thing is certainly “not a regular occurrence.” He said he stopped the previous, sometimes rowdy, drinking on the footpath in front of the hotel in response to community comment.

“Together we can solve this thing,” he said, seconding police calls for anyone with information to come forward.

*Anyone who knows the two men or has any other information about the incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or email [www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au](http://www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au).*



**Police are keen to contact or receive any information on these men to help with their enquiries.**



Snow in October!

PHOTO: CHRISSEY TAYLOR

# South Tralee rezoning approved and welcomed by Queanbeyan City Council

QUEANBEYAN Mayor, Tim Overall has welcomed NSW Planning Minister Brad Hazzard’s decision to approve the Queanbeyan Local Environmental Plan (South Tralee).

Minister Hazzard announced today that in approving the rezoning plan with conditions, residential development could proceed in the new release area of South Tralee as identified in the previously approved Queanbeyan Residential and Economic Strategy 2031.

In welcoming Minister Hazzard’s decision Cr Overall said “the South Tralee project has been subject to the most thorough

planning and community consultation program for a project of its size. Following a lengthy period of due diligence review, the Minister’s green light means that Queanbeyan’s long term Residential and Economic Growth Strategy can proceed in an orderly manner with housing affordability and choice being assured.

“South Tralee has been subject to 10 years of planning to provide a second Queanbeyan residential land release area of approximately 1,100 dwellings and a site for a secondary school – all outside Canberra Airport’s “ultimate capacity” ANEF 25 aircraft noise corridor. The Minister’s

decision is a conservative approach meaning the development more than complies with the nationally recognised and already strict planning requirements for urban planning in the vicinity of airports.

“This is a sound and responsible win-win decision which allows for the growth and expansion of Queanbeyan and also the expansion of the Canberra Airport to meet its own ultimate capacity projections without detriment.

“Argument often put forward and based around non-ANEF standards such as “under flight paths or high noise corridors” are somewhat emotive and have no standing with

regard to current legislation or government policy. No houses will be built under designated flight paths.

Queanbeyan City Council General Manager, Mr Gary Chapman said he was pleased to finally hear a decision on the matter.

“Queanbeyan City Council has invested a significant amount of resources to South Tralee,” Mr Chapman said. “I must commend our staff for the effort they have put into the development of this Local Environmental Plan and they will continue to work on aspects of the development such as the Development Control Plan and associated plans over the coming years.”

— News release



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# WHEN IS A 'BYPASS' NOT A 'BYPASS'? QUEANBEYAN NEW ROAD PLAN: THE PROS AND CONS

The Ellerton Drive Extension (EDE) in Queanbeyan has been scheduled for almost 40 years. It was planned to be a heavy vehicle bypass for the town. Today the purpose and particularly the route are in dispute.

Queanbeyan has grown to more than twice the size it was when the route was first plotted, with residential development much closer to the planned road. With new developments planned, the EDE route is attractive as a commuter road to the ACT from south Queanbeyan (eg, for Googong township), while the goal of getting the heavy vehicles off Monaro Street is not often mentioned. The EDE is part of the ongoing traffic management issue and discussions for the city and the region. **Stephanie L Anderson** reports.

THE CURRENT EDE plan consists of a two lane highway starting at the end of the existing Ellerton Drive, and finishing at the Cooma Road/Edwin Land Parkway intersection at Jerrabomberra. (See map below.)

Queanbeyan Council would like to see the EDE completed by 2019 or sooner, funding permitting. But not everyone agrees that the proposed extension of Ellerton Drive is the right move for the people of Queanbeyan, Greenleigh and Jerrabomberra. I've spent the

last few months attempting to find out what the issues are.

## The official position was laid down in 1974

According to a Queanbeyan Council spokesperson, the Ellerton Drive Extension was originally plotted in 1974. Since then, all Queanbeyan City maps have included the 'paper road'.

Since 1991, the Queanbeyan Council has been acquiring the land along the proposed

EDE route. The road is now scheduled to be completed at the latest by 2019.

In 1993 the council began a series of traffic studies to determine traffic patterns and the related issues. Throughout this process the council accepted written submissions from residents and recently held two transport forums.

After the date was set for the EDE's completion, several lobby groups and resident's associations sprang up in protest, saying they were always led to believe the EDE would never go ahead.

## Mayor says it is accepted community vision

Queanbeyan mayor Tim Overall is a supporter of the EDE and notes it is part of the community vision document that guides council. He believes that the EDE will help Queanbeyan to grow and thrive into the future.

Councillor Overall is also confident that with the completion of the EDE, the heavy vehicle traffic driving through the centre of Queanbeyan will no longer be an issue.

In his current term, Overall intends to not only complete plans for the construction of the EDE, but also plans for the Dunn's Creek Road and Old Cooma Road Upgrades.

He believes that any concerns raised about the EDE relate only to a very small percent of the Queanbeyan community. However, he assures those residents that all efforts will be made to minimise the adverse effects of the new extension.

"The EDE was a central element of my policy platform for the September election," he said. Mayor Overall and his ticket won a resounding majority of the council seats in that election, which might be seen as mandate for current policies.

However there remains opposition on council and from existing community groups on a number of grounds.

## Concerns about the plan

Newly-elected Councillor Brian Brown, along with his Labor Party ticket, were opposed to the EDE, as were several other mayoral candidates who were in favour of reviewing the traffic studies again. He is hoping for a compromise.

"The council needs to really look hard at what is actually being proposed, listen to the residents and understand the full impact that this road will have," he said.

He says council is waiting for the latest environmental study results and the costing report. "This will reveal not only the taxpayer contributions but the environmental ramifications."

According to Brown, the 'environmental compensation': new protected land that will be required in lieu of destroyed bushland, may mean the road just isn't financially viable.

Brown and other critics have noted that there appears to be no visible state or federal funding for the multimillion dollar cost of the road or its further planning. Costings on all fronts are yet to be determined. However the figure \$40 million has been suggested.

Former councillor Ann Rocca who ran for mayor, was strongly opposed to the EDE, saying the current route will likely increase traffic in central Queanbeyan due to new suburbs.

Re-elected Councillor Sue Whelan says that more consultations with interested parties and an open and honest forum is needed. "I always thought of [the EDE] as a heavy vehicle bypass to Monaro St and to alleviate the flood issues. Now it's suggested as a commuter road and that's what the traffic study looks at," she told the *Bulletin* pre-election.

"The community has a stake in what's happening and we need to discuss proposals as a dialogue."

## Greenleigh residents: don't call it a bypass

The Greenleigh Resident's Association, organised after the latest plans for the EDE were announced, claims to represent a large proportion of Greenleigh residents. The proposed road skirts the edge of the suburb and goes through neighbouring bushland. I spoke to several residents.

Sylvia Tulloch has been living in Greenleigh for more than 18 months. "We believe that the Ellerton Drive Extension may have originally been a bypass [to residential areas], but it's certainly not a bypass anymore. Anyone who thinks that a twenty year old plan is still a good plan is in a time warp." There are other options according to Tulloch, who says there needs to be more community engagement.

The Greenleigh Resident's Association is lobbying for a move away from the EDE and a commuter solution through other proposed roads such as the Dunn's Creek Road in the south.

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## Palerang Council News

## PALERANG COUNCIL

### Renewable Energy Day

Brought to you by the South East Region of Renewable Energy Excellence (SERREE), Renewable Energy Day 2012 will be held on Wednesday 21 November 2012. REDay2012 will be an opportunity for industry, government and community to showcase the benefits, challenges and opportunities of the renewable energy industry in the ACT-NSW cross-border region.

Located strategically near the Currandooley Wind Farm and the Woodlawn Bioreactor, Bungendore will be one of the three regional centres of activity on REDay2012. With displays and activities on and around the Council Chambers in Majara Street and the Mick Sherd Oval complex, Bungendore will be the departure point for bus tours to the wind farm and bioreactor.

For more information and tour bookings, visit [www.bit.ly/REDay2012](http://www.bit.ly/REDay2012) or phone 0409 409 990.

Palerang Council will also have on display its new 38kW roof-mounted solar array. A feasibility study conducted in 2011 revealed that an 18kW system would generate around 15 percent of the electricity consumed in the Bungendore office, with a pay back period of 7 years. By the time council called for Expressions of Interest earlier this year, the cost of photovoltaic systems had dropped substantially. The 38kW system will cost about two-thirds that of the original estimate for an 18kW system, and satisfy around 30 percent of the office's power demands. The solar array is being funded by a loan that will be repaid through savings in electricity costs.

### Weeds Information Sessions

Following up on last month's item on weed identification and control, Palerang Council, in conjunction with Landcare groups within the shire, will be holding a series of Weeds Information Sessions in coming weeks, in Burra, Wamboin and Carwoola. The individual sessions will focus on those weeds that are of most concern in specific areas, how to identify them, and how to control or eradicate them.

Saturday 10 November, 1.00pm-3.00pm, **Burra**: London Bridge Woolshed, at the end of London Bridge Road, Burra

Saturday 17 November, 9.00am-12.00pm, **Wamboin**: Wamboin Community Centre, 112 Bingley Way, Wamboin

Saturday 1 December, 6.00pm-7.30pm, **Carwoola**: Carwoola Community Hall, Gathering Place, off Douglas Close, Carwoola.

(Sausage sizzle, provided by Palerang Council, from 5.30pm.)

Brochures to help residents identify and control noxious weeds are available from council offices in Braidwood and Bungendore. There are also many other resources available via the web/internet, particularly the Department of Primary Industries website at [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/pests-weeds](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/pests-weeds).

### Swimming Pools—Buyer Beware

As we enter the summer months, and the idea of relaxing beside the pool becomes particularly attractive, it's worth considering some of the responsibilities associated with pool ownership. Buying that cheap swimming pool could well cost much more than you think.

Think about the following if you are considering a pool purchase:

- portable swimming pools that can hold more than 2,000L require approval before installation
- any pool that can be filled to a depth of 300mm or more requires safety fencing in accordance with the *Swimming Pools Act 1992*, which can cost more than \$1,000
- if you don't have proper fencing you can be fined \$550 and face legal action to rectify the problem
- an Armidale man was recently charged with manslaughter after a toddler wandered onto his property and accidentally drowned in his pool, which was not properly fenced.

For more information visit [www.dlg.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.dlg.nsw.gov.au/) or contact council's Health and Building Inspectors on 6238 8111.

### Council Office Holiday Closures

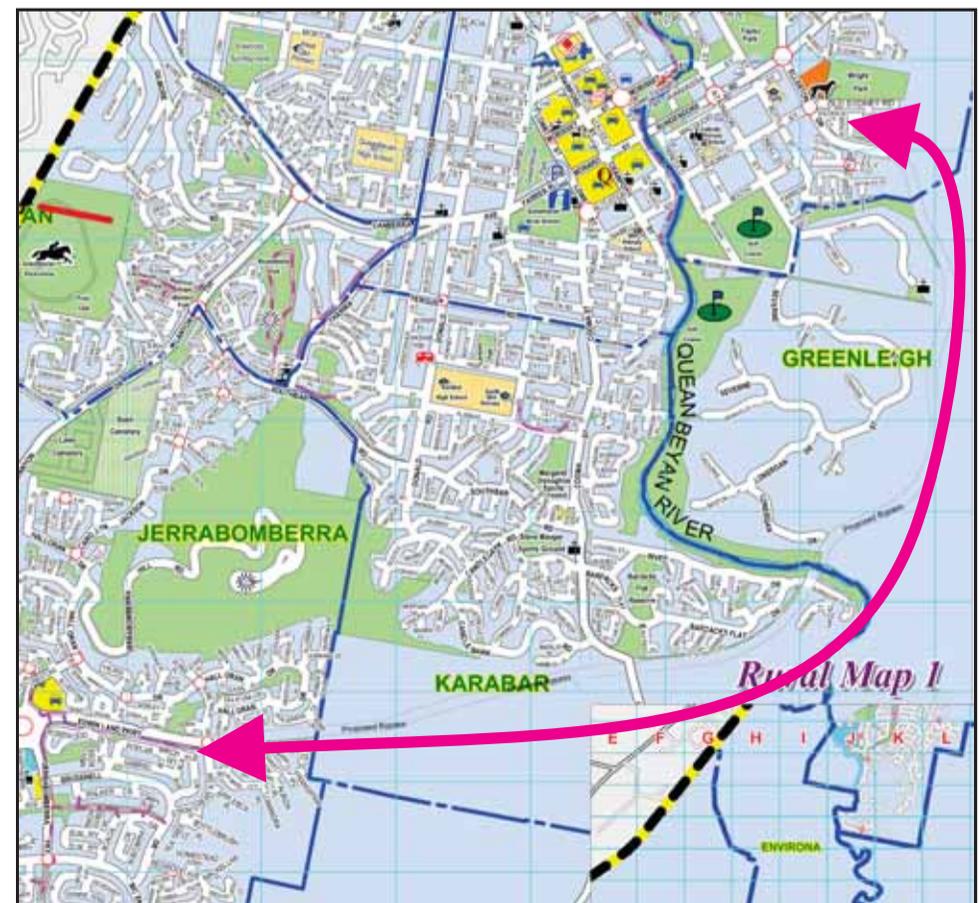
Council's administration offices in Braidwood and Bungendore will be closed from 3.00pm Monday, 24 December 2012, and will re-open at 8.30am Wednesday, 2 January 2013. The switchboard will be unattended during this time.

The Braidwood Library will be closed from 3.00pm Monday, 24 December 2012, and will re-open at 10.00am Wednesday, 2 January 2013.

The Bungendore Library will close as normal at 12.30pm Friday, 22 December 2012, and will re-open at 1.30pm Wednesday, 2 January 2013.

All of council's landfill sites and waste transfer stations will remain open at the usual times, except for Christmas Day, Tuesday 25 December.

For emergency calls relating to council's works and services during this time, please call 1300 735 025.



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**RENEWABLE ENERGY DAY 2012**



# Woodlawn wind farm Open day 21 November

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**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**  
**PROFESSOR ANDREW BLAKERS**

Director, ANU Centre for Sustainable Energy Systems and expert on renewable energies and energy economics



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**9am, 11am, 1pm and 3.15pm:**  
Tours to Infigen Woodlawn Wind Farm

**10:30am and 1pm:**  
Tours to Woodlawn Bioreactor

**12pm to 1:30pm:**  
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**From 9am to 3pm:**

Visit a range of information stalls and displays on renewable energy and energy efficiency including: Real Power Systems gasifier, solar energy displays, Geo Thermo Dynamics ground source heat pump, energy efficiency programs and advice.

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**2:15pm to 3:15pm:**  
UNSW's Sunswift - world's fastest solar car

**From 9am to 4pm:**

Visit a range of information stalls and displays on renewable energy and energy efficiency including: Real Power Systems gasifier, solar energy display, energy efficiency programs and advice, and meet Origin Energy's "Energy Bob".

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**9.30am:** Official opening

**9am and 10:30am:**  
UNSW's Sunswift - world's fastest solar car

**11:00am to 12:30pm:**  
Bus tour of ACT ANU's big dish and NICTA research laboratories

**12pm to 1pm**  
Solar BBQ sausage sizzle lunch - supported by the Australian Solar Council

**1pm to 4:30pm**  
Bus tour of Veolia Bioreactor and Infigen Wind Farm at Woodlawn, NSW

**From 9am to 1pm:**

Visit an interesting mix of renewable energy displays and information booths - with representation from industry, government and community groups, providing information about renewable energy technologies, local infrastructure, education opportunities and cutting-edge research.

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# WINDPOWER

## What the rest of the world is doing in comparison to Australia

IN JUST FIVE years, China leapfrogged the rest of the world in wind energy production, going from 2,599 MW of capacity in 2006 to 62,733 MW at the end of 2011. However, the rapid growth outpaced China's infrastructure and new construction slowed significantly in 2012.

China has identified wind power as a key growth component of the country's economy. Researchers from Harvard and Tsinghua University have found that China could meet all its electricity demand from wind power by 2030.

By the end of 2008, at least 15 Chinese companies were commercially producing wind turbines and several dozen more were producing components along with most major foreign wind turbine manufacturers being represented. China also increased production of small-scale wind turbines to about 80,000 turbines (80 MW) in 2008.

According to the Global Wind Energy Council, the development of wind energy in China, in terms of scale and rhythm, is

### Large operational wind farms in Australia: November 2010

Wind farm	Capacity(MW)	Developer	State
Hallett Group	298	AGL Energy	South Australia
Lake Bonney Group	278	Infigen Energy	South Australia
Waubra Wind Farm	192	Acciona Energy & ANZ Infrastructure Services	Victoria
Capital Wind Farm	140		New South Wales
Woolnorth Wind Farm	140	Roaring 40s & Hydro Tasmania	Tasmania
Portland Group	132		Victoria
Waterloo Wind Farm	111	Roaring 40s	South Australia
Snowtown Wind Farm	99	TrustPower	South Australia
Wattle Point Wind Farm	91	AGL Hydro	South Australia
Walkaway Wind Farm	90	Alinta	Western Australia
Emu Downs Wind Farm	80	Stanwell Corporation	Western Australia
Mount Millar Wind Farm	70	Transfield Services	South Australia

Australia's installed capacity may be 1,500 MW.

absolutely unparalleled in the world. The Chinese government passed a law that requires Chinese energy companies to purchase all the electricity produced by the renewable energy sector.

As of June 2012, the European Union has a total installed wind capacity of

93,957 MW. Germany had the third largest capacity in the world (after China and the United States) with an installed capacity of 29,060 MW at the end of 2011, and Spain had 21,674 MW.

Against expectation, US wind power installed capacity now exceeds 46,919 MW and supplies three percent of the nation's electricity. New installations place the US on a trajectory to generate 20 percent of the nation's electricity by 2030 from wind energy. Growth in 2008 channeled some \$17 billion into the economy, positioning wind power as one of the leading sources of new power generation in the country, along with natural gas.

— Extracts from source articles: Wikipedia wind farm

## CSIRO BULLYING

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Observers say that changing research priorities driven by constant re-organisation and the advent of a managerial culture focused on commercial outcomes means innovative scientists, some who made major breakthroughs, can be made redundant. These are documented in the cases on the website.

It has also been claimed that executive managers are seldom if ever penalised after bullying complaints against them. Instead there are cases where whistle blowers are terminated and those accused of wrong doing are still employed.

CSIRO is often in the news for the right reasons - discoveries of benefit to Australia and the world. It has had the role of trusted advisor on matters of regional and national importance, but there are people who now worry that the trust has been worn a bit thin.

— Maria Taylor

## NSW WISHES TO TRIPLE WIND ENERGY

An 8 September article in the *Sydney Morning Herald* by Ben Cubby reported:

THE NSW government has promised to triple the amount of energy generated by wind turbines and solar panels in NSW over the next eight years at no extra cost to the public.

Its draft 'renewable energy action' plan confirms its commitment to a 20 percent renewable energy target by 2020, up from about 8 percent today, but claims this can be done mainly with money from private investors.

**Read more:** [www.smh.com.au/environment/energy-smart/renewable-energy-to-rise-without-cost-to-public-20120907-25jnu.html#ixzz2BLwMC68C](http://www.smh.com.au/environment/energy-smart/renewable-energy-to-rise-without-cost-to-public-20120907-25jnu.html#ixzz2BLwMC68C)



**RUN with THE WIND**

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on **Sunday**  
11 November 2012

**Location**  
Woodlawn wind farm near Tarago, NSW

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# Festive Carnival glass

CARNIVAL glass easily catches the eye because of its beautiful bright colours and lustre finish.

Created using a mould, carnival glass has a coating of liquid metallic salts applied after it has been taken from the mould to give the surface an iridescent lustre.

The Carnival Glass Collectors Association of Australia Inc ([www.carnivalglass.org.au](http://www.carnivalglass.org.au)) provides a wealth of information about carnival glass, its origins and its history.

The American company, Fenton Art Glass Co, was founded in 1905 by Frank and John Fenton, and is credited with being the first producer of press-moulded iridised glassware, now called carnival glass. Thus the home of carnival glass was the USA, but it was also produced in England, Europe, Central and South America, India, China and Australia.

The Australian Crystal Glass Company Limited was established following the amalgamation in 1926 of the Balmain Glass Works, the Crown Glass Works, the Crystal Glass Works and the Zetland Glass Works.



Crystal Glass Company Limited produced most of its carnival glass in the mid to late 1920s. Of their most famous carnival glass patterns, the 'Kingfisher' was registered in 1923, while the 'Kangaroo', 'Swan', 'Emu', 'Kookaburra', 'Magpie', and 'Waratah' were registered in 1924.

Production of most of these patterns had ceased by 1929. A 'Koala' pattern and

a 'Lyrebird' pattern were also registered in 1924, but appear to have never made it into production. The 'Kiwi' pattern was registered in 1926.

Like most other carnival glass manufacturers, Crystal Glass Company Limited made carnival glass in a variety of shapes, including small and large bowls,

compotes, cake salvers, pitchers, tumblers, sugar bowls, creamers, butter dishes, vases, float bowls, and flower frogs.

Carnival glass by Crystal Glass Company Limited was made primarily in two colours – 'marigold' and 'dark'. 'Marigold' is an orange iridescence on clear glass, while the base glass of 'dark' can vary from light purple through to black, with a silvery iridescence. A few aqua-based marigold pieces exist, and these have a light aqua colour to the glass around the base only.

## Poor man's Tiffany and how it got named carnival glass

During the 'prime' carnival glass era, the glass was referred to by various names including iridescent glass, poor man's Tiffany, Imperial Jewels, Imperial Art Glass, taffeta, lustre glass, Aurora and even rhodium ware. It was sold as a cheaper

alternative to Tiffany glass through stores such as Woolworths in the USA, with prices usually less than \$1.

By 1930 the



initial popularity of the glassware had started to fade, and so businesses started to offer it as a bonus for purchasing other items, eg one sugar bowl with every 24 pound bag of flour, and so forth. It also appeared as prizes in carnival side shows, and thus the name 'carnival glass' emerged, and stuck.

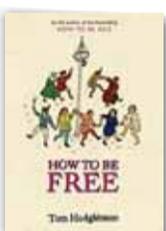
Of all the companies that originally made carnival glass, worldwide, only the Fenton Art Glass Co continues today, although the prices are somewhat higher than their original products.

Current values of carnival glass vary dramatically depending on the maker, the pattern, the colour, when it was produced, the condition it is in, and which market it is being sold in.

*We'll be showcasing our carnival glass at our regular pre-Christmas 'Browse and Bubbles' on Friday 7 December from 4.30 to 8.00pm. If you'd like to join us please give me a call (6238 3284 or 0408 103 209) and let me know for catering purposes.*

— 'Til next time, Annie

## Modern life is absurd. How can we be free?



**HOW TO BE FREE**  
by Tom Hodgkinson  
Publisher: Penguin  
RRP: \$22.95

reviewed by  
Sarah Newsome

IN THE DAYS just before the GFC finally blew its stack, a friend sent me an excerpt from *How to be Free*. I doubt he knew how explosive it could be.

Within a year, one friend read it and promptly quit a public service job to pursue a PhD. Another dumped her pompous boyfriend, moved to the country, got a dog, and started a veggie garden. And still another quit her job as a nurse in the Intensive Care Unit and took up yoga.

Books like this should come with a warning: 'Contains medium-level sedition. Work slaves and the house-proud may find this material offensive.' If, on the other hand,

you find consumer culture and shopping malls appalling, this just may be the book for you.

In this follow up to *How to be Idle*, Hodgkinson advocates a simpler life, where we throw off the shackles of anxiety, boredom, debt, housework, technology, Prozac, Puritanism, moaning and self importance.

A distinctly bohemian tract like this could easily become a self-righteous rant. But the absurdities of modern life are mocked in a way that will have you laughing out loud.

He calls for a return to self sufficiency and creativity: for us to think, read, write, talk, drink, garden, make art. To make conscious choices.

In Hodgkinson's utopia, people like losing track of time. They believe in celebrating difference and being neighbourly. In casting off guilt and resentment. In com-

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peting only for fun. In experimenting. In counting your blessings, and embracing hardships. In good manners and hospitality. In things being useful and beautiful. And integrating all aspects of your life into a cohesive whole.

Hodgkinson hails from the UK and says he gets a serve from people who assume he must be independently wealthy. But his philosophy came about after he lost a seriously high paying job in the city.

The family decides to let the London house, and move to the country, and years later he's still there. He talks about his money-making jobs (mostly writing) which get balanced with some things that he likes to do (gardening, playing the ukulele) and stuff he needs to do.

Sound good? Well, don't say I didn't warn you. ■

## Dog lover's kindness leads to amazing business success

**Amazing Gracie: A Dog's Tale**  
by Dan Dye and Mark Beckloff  
Publisher: Workman Publishing, New York  
RRP: various on Amazon.com

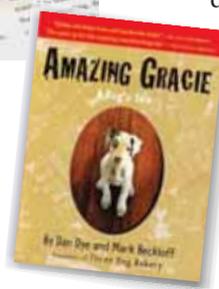
THIS MAY LOOK like another 'dog book'. And there are lots of dogs in this book. But it is much more. It is a delightful, whimsical account of how two rather nice and not very unusual young men accidentally stumbled into a hugely successful enterprise – and all because of one very special dog.

The primary author is Dan Dye, a young man who has become grief stricken after losing a much loved dog. He is unhappy about many aspects of his life and can't be cheered by his family. He lives with another dog lover, Mark Beckloff, and Mark's two dogs, a Labrador cross and Dalmatian, in a rundown house. But he still feels bereft. Eventually a female friend takes Dan in hand and takes him to meet a needy Great Dane puppy.



<http://homeiswheretheboats.wordpress.com/tag/dan-dye-and-mark-beckloff/>

When Dan arrives at a rather disreputable breeder he finds a tiny, deaf albino pup in very poor condition and destined to be euthanased next day. Dan falls in love with the puppy and takes her home. When he later takes the puppy to the vet he discovers she has been through a great deal in her short life.



Christened Gracie, the pup is a bit of a handful. Within a day she has brought the local police and there are hilarious encounters with the two other canines who are jealous of this boisterous intruder. Her deafness is a real challenge as Dan works through ways to get Gracie to respond to his commands. She is, ominously for a large and rapidly growing dog, a very picky eater.

None of the packaged brand foods, including the expensive ones, seem to work and the vet suggests some home cooking. In desperation, Dan borrows some cookbooks from the local library and tries baking biscuits. Gracie graciously eats the first dismal, unappetizing lot. Dan experiments, bakes more and she keeps eating. He adapts the recipe, makes them nicer and also starts giving them as gifts.

The biscuits become a hit. People approach him for more. They want to buy them. Eventually he and Mark find themselves making and selling gourmet dog

biscuits. Two young men who could barely cook, by necessity, somehow become bakers.

They move into a shop and it is roaring success. Eventually it becomes a franchise and they find themselves and their dogs at the center of public attention, even appearing on national TV. There is a very funny story about this but I won't spoil it by telling. Read the book.

As with many dog stories there is some sadness, but the story ends on an upbeat note.

This is a slightly nutty and gently funny book. It's a light, easy read. There are also lots of cute drawings. Dan and Mark's love for their dogs shines through the pages as does the kindness and likeability of both young men – and Dan's engaging dry humour.

Not surprisingly the book has had rave reviews and attracted many fans. There is even a popular 'Amazing Gracie' Facebook site.

If you want to know more about the successful business, read about it on [www.threedogfranchise.com/WhoIsThreeDogBakery](http://www.threedogfranchise.com/WhoIsThreeDogBakery). ■

**BACKYARD Ashes**, a new Australian film directed by award-winning theatre directors Peter Cox and Mark Grentall, is now in production in Wagga and promises to be as successful as the hilarious film *The Castle*. It's all about cricket matches played in the backyard (and we all know what squabbles they bring to the neighbourhood!), and has been cast with John Wood, Lex Marinis and Felix Williamson.

Local personalities are also in the film, including Maddison Smith-Catlin from Canberra, who recently was seen on the professional stage in the musical *Annie* and Free Rain's successful season of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Maddie has been seen hitting a cricket ball against a back wall getting the swing of things for her part in *Backyard Ashes*, and may just take up professional cricket one day!

By the time this little column is printed Free Rain Theatre Company will have finished their most successful season of *To Kill A Mockingbird* and announced their 2013 season, which includes *Westside Story*

at The Q Theatre from 8 February. Bookings are now open.

**Jon English will be rocking Canberra in early Dec**

**Jon English and his Rock Revolution** will be appearing at the Canberra Theatre for one concert only on 7 December.

If you didn't catch *The Rock Show* when it toured – or you did see it and you loved it – you won't want to miss *Rock Revolution*, featuring more classic hits from the '60s and '70s, and a nine-piece cast of young multi-talented musicians and singers.

"There are a few new faces in this show," says English, "After three years, some of the original cast decided it was time to move on to other things, which is of course great for them, but it's also great for me to



Jon English and his Rocking Revolution coming to Canberra.

be able to give other young artists the chance to shine and experience performing in a live touring show. We've got some really fantastic new talent to show off and a whole new swag of songs!"

The song line-up includes more hits from The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, The Who,

Led Zepplin, Queen, Bob Dylan, Deep Purple, Pink Floyd, David Bowie, Meatloaf and Janis Joplin, plus Billy Joel, The Easybeats, The Jackson 5, Joni Mitchell,

Alice Cooper, T Rex, Black Sabbath, Tina Turner, Suzi Quatro, The Doors... the list goes on! And of course, not forgetting Jon English.

**Largely different fashions**

There is a wonderful new ladies' fashion shop in Queanbeyan, especially for ladies who are a little larger than the size 12-14 group. They cater for women of all sizes and choose unique pieces that are different from regular chain stores. Owned and run by **Debbie Maree Carvolth**, it is a breath of fresh air.

Mrs Carvolth travelled to Sydney to source suppliers and said her point of difference was stocking some items that had been sewn in Australia, a section of the industry that is almost extinct.

It is named after the owner Debbie Maree and located at 60 Monaro St, Queanbeyan. Go and visit and mention you saw it here!

— Hoping to see you in a foyer very soon, Coralie Wood

**Life's tough for all small business**

In last month's Bulletin, Peter Strong discussed the plight of small business. In the cinema this month, it all seems to be about how tough the crime business can be.

**Killing Them Softly** is written and directed by Australian Andrew Dominik.

The film is set in New Orleans during the Obama-McCain presidential election race in which the 2008 Wall Street crisis became a focus for the candidates.

Frankie and his Australian friend Russell are the hopeless young criminals involved in holding up a mob's poker game. A weary-looking business accountant called Driver, played by Richard Jenkins, tries to sort out the aftermath for his employers, the mob. He hires Jackie Cogan, played by Brad Pitt to deal with the suspected culprits and restore business confidence.

The scenes between Driver and Jackie Cogan are a chilling but often funny debate about how justice should be done and how it should be seen to be done. Driver also complains about dealing with the mob committee, saying it is a classic case of corporate inertia.

Jackie doesn't like executions to get emotional and prefers to "kill softly" from a distance. Part of Jackie's job is outsourced to an old friend Mikey, played by James Gandolfini of *The Sopranos* fame.

Economic times are tough for criminals too. Jackie complains about the low rates of pay and Mikey complains about having to fly economy.

Throughout the film the speeches of the political candidates about the crisis of confidence in the economy mirror the issues of those grappling with the crisis in confidence in the mob's poker games. Confidence in business needs to be restored. It is not a subtle message.

Margaret and David of *At The Movies* gave the film four-star ratings. I thoroughly enjoyed it even though it was pretty violent.

**FILM REVIEWS**

with Judy Thompson

**Savages** is about a boutique marijuana-growing business in California that becomes involved in a hostile takeover by a Mexican drug cartel.

The business owners are Ben and Chon. Ben is the brains of the operation and has developed a particularly potent form of marijuana and an efficient low-drama

business model. Ben is also a caring sort of bloke who makes donations and builds clean water systems in under-developed countries.

Chon is the brawn, an ex

US SEAL who has survived several operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. Chon sorts out the one percent business problems with muscle. Both Ben and Chon are lovers of Ophelia who is referred to as 'O'.

O provides the pretty face and aims to keep the trio sexually satisfied. She considers that Ben and Chon when combined make the perfect man, the sensitive new-age guy and the warrior.

Ben and Chon employ lots of clever people to manage their IT system security, launder their money and develop and grow better strains of their product which seems to be in high demand despite (or perhaps because of) the economic crisis.

One day while Ben is off saving the noble savages in the underdeveloped world, Chon gets a nasty email. They are invited to share their business with a Mexican drug cartel headed by Elena, played by Salma Hayek and her offsider played by Benicio Del Toro.

The Mexicans have a more unpleasant business model of chopping up people who do not do what they say and employing

poor Mexicans in very bad conditions. They have more traditional family relationships but not happy ones.

There is also a crooked cop played by John Travolta who takes regular payments from Ben and Chon and just about everyone else. John Travolta's cop is a sort of criminal Henry Kissinger trying to keep the peace. The cop gives Ben and Chon some great business advice telling them "Don't mess with Wal Mart".

Sadly, they do not listen. Things get very nasty when O is kidnapped. How Ben and Chon resolve this is what happens next. John Travolta clearly enjoys his part

in the final sequence.

So how come the title? *The New York Times* review of the movie by AO Scott published in July 2012 says that who is savage and who is civilised depends on your perspective. The Californians are disgusted by the savagery of the Mexicans while the Californians' self indulgence and the ménage à trois disgust the Mexicans. Finally, O ponders whether she could live among the noble savages in Indonesia on a full-time basis should the need arise.

Reviews have not all been kind. However, Margaret and David from *At The Movies* both rated it as a four-star movie. ■



**OH WHAT A NIGHT!**

**GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT**

**A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO FRANKIE VALLI & THE FOUR SEASONS**

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TICKETS: Full price \$56.00, concession & groups \$51.00, all matinees: \$46.00

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— Open Gardens Australia —



**Wanna Wanna Homestead**

Come and visit a homestead garden dating back to the 1830s and see all the favourites of yesteryear, including old-fashioned roses and other plants that survive and thrive locally.

**Garden address:** 149 Wanna Wanna Rd, Carwoola.  
**Opening:** Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 November 2012, 10am to 4.30pm.  
**Admission:** \$7 as part of Open Gardens Australia. Proceeds to charity.

**Kirkwood Cottage**



Well-presented town garden featuring a range of vibrant healthy plants, many of them self-sown in profuse but harmonious colour combinations. Roses underplanted with perennials and annuals including salvias, poppies and sweet peas. Box hedges, clematis, ferns, weeping cherries and ashes. Natives, vegetables, small orchard.

**Garden address:** 38 Warrataw St, Gunning.  
**Opening:** Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 November 2012, 10am to 4.30pm.  
**Admission:** \$7.

Two lessons in gardening to the conditions!

**Green Farm \*NEW\***

On retiring from a stressful job in Sydney, Robyn Sim bought what she affectionately calls the paddock at **674 Reidsdale Road, Reidsdale**, with dreams of living a slower and more sustainable lifestyle.

Magnificent ribbon gum trees and stunning granite outcrops featured on the grassy block and Robyn says the sheer beauty and tranquility of the place made it the perfect choice for her new life.



“What wasn’t so obvious at that time were the challenges I would face in making a garden! Savage north-westerly winds, a large resident wombat and rabbit population, and a very cold climate”, says Robyn.

But she persevered, as all keen gardeners do, and her vibrant young garden is now thriving.

“My garden has evolved rather than being carefully planned, so its quite informal and contains a large variety of different plants. It just seems to keep growing as I collect more and more plants!” she says.

Grassed pathways link beds overflowing with flowering natives and exotics, including spectacular waratahs, poppies, roses, irises and aquilegias.

Other features include a vegetable garden, berries, chooks and a wonderful orchard. Plants will be for sale.

**Garden address:** 674 Reidsdale Road, Reidsdale.  
**Opening:** 24 & 25 November 2012, 10am to 4.30pm.  
**Admission:** \$12 joint fee with Tudor Valley (under 18 free).



**Tudor Valley \*NEW\***

What was a bare farm in 1997, with just a line of pines along the road, at **539 Tudor Valley Road, Reidsdale**, is now an exuberant garden full of a wonderful selection of plants suited to the twin challenges of climate and hungry rabbits!

Once the site for the house was chosen, garden owner Kate Chinnick’s thoughts turned straight to the garden. “My first job was to build a rabbit and wombat-proof vegetable patch. And the next was to plant trees to try to shelter the block from the blustering north winds and heavy frosts”, says Kate.

“In 1999 we moved into the house, which we had built from timber cut from the bush on the property, and then the real gardening started!”

As the trees grew, Kate began planting beneath and between them. Now softly grassed paths weave through deep beds that boast year-round colour and texture from shrubs, perennials, 300 varieties of gorgeous roses and colourful annuals.

Other features include an orchard, a duck pond, geese and chooks. Plants will be for sale.

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**Opening:** 24 & 25 November 2012, 10am to 4.30pm.  
**Admission:** \$12 joint fee with Green Farm (under 18 free).

Stylish award-winning garden a leader in sustainable design

**Roogulli**

Fresh from winning the prestigious Edna Walling National Award for Residential Designed Landscapes earlier this year, the stylish garden and small farm at **45 Glendale Lane, Bywong**, will open to the public for the first time on 24 and 25 November.

Roogulli is an exploration of sustainable gardening and regenerative farming and shows just how much can be achieved with a small budget, passionate persistence, creativity and barrow-loads of patience!

Owners Jennie and Chris Curtis have turned what was a bare patch of land with large areas of salt scald into a bold, contemporary garden that is at the cutting edge of residential landscape design in Australia.



The extraordinary and bountiful kitchen garden was developed on a patch of paddock that proved to be more rock than soil. After four years of composting, fertilising and mulching, the soil is rich and the garden extremely productive.

Heritage apples are espaliered along the side and cherries and quince are grown in bush form, along with blueberries, currants, gooseberries and raspberries. An asparagus bed is maturing, strawberries form an edge to the path and heirloom vegetables self-seed everywhere.

This year a permaculture-style food forest was begun next to the kitchen garden, and is surrounded by a hedge of banksias and grevilleas to attract small birds to help with pest control.

The terraces on the western side of the house, constructed using excess topsoil from

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**YOUR OWN VEGIES AND FLOWERS**

Community gardening comes of age in Queanbeyan

by Karen Lovatt

THE QUEANBEYAN Railway Park Organic Community Garden celebrated the completion of some major construction work with an Open Day in September.

The project provided a pergola and two large water tanks to collect the runoff from its roof and was funded by a grant from the Sustaining Our Towns project.

Queanbeyan Sustainability Group Convener Katrina Willis says that while the project was funded by Sustaining Our Towns, it was the efforts of the volunteers that brought it all together.

“George [Whish] found donations and materials for us, and got the things we needed,” she said.

Among the donations was a pair of 4,000 litre water tanks from SupaTank Canberra, which freed up more of the grant money for other parts of the project. With the water tanks in place, Katrina hopes to use less water from the council.

“We’ve got about 8,000 litres of storage in two tanks, with runoff from the pergola,”



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George Whish of Ariston Building Services, who oversaw the shelter project, his wife Judith Whish, who baked the celebration cake, and daughter, cake decorator and volunteer Kiriilly Whish.



Willis explained. “So hopefully that will help decrease the costs of running the garden...That left us with more money from the grant, so we’re going to replace some equipment. Some of it hasn’t been replaced in a decade.”

The garden space has grown a great deal from a concept started 12 years ago; the idea

being that people without home gardens can instead garden communally.

“We’ve got a whole lot of new gardens... things are starting to flourish,” said Willis. “People grow mostly vegies, some people grow flowers...lots of people come here because they’ve got no gardens of their own, and we have the gardens, and large

shady trees, and lots of natives.”

The Queanbeyan Sustainability Group is now hoping to run a regular schedule of activities, including how-to workshops and gardening tips and advice seminars.

“Each month we can have something up at the garden, at the same time each month. So someone could go to the garden, and go to workshops and demonstrations, and get ideas for their own garden,” said Willis.

The new water tanks also mean that the membership costs of joining the garden can stay low, by reducing the water bill for the garden each year.

“One of the goals is to provide a place for low or fixed income people to be able to grow some of their own food, and have a social experience. I’m keen to reduce the cost to people, so that the fees aren’t a barrier. We’ve got a few people on who are aged pensioners or who are on low incomes, and the gardens have been a benefit, they can get out of the house and mix with other people.” ■

the site cut, will be used for larger market garden and fodder crops, including garlic, potatoes and lucerne.

Extras include a walking tour of the farm at 11am on both days, a talk on Feasting from the Permaculture Garden at 2pm on both days, and a talk on Putting Sustainable Garden Design into Action at 3pm on both days.

**In the big courtyard:** Plans of the garden will be on display. Local plant breeders and suppliers of many of the native plants, Peter and Jennifer Ollerenshaw from **Bywong Nursery**, will display some of their native plant cultivars. **Architect** Peter Adamson will be available to discuss the design of the house and Michael Quigley (**Out and About Landscapes**) will answer questions about our landscape construction.

**In the paddocks:** Glynda Bluhm from **Alpaca Magic** will answer questions about alpacas and llamas. **Mt Fairy Mowing** will have a display of some of the equipment used to manage the pastures at Roogulli.

**Garden address:** 45 Glendale Lane, Bywong.  
**Opening:** 24 & 25 November 2012, 10am to 4.30pm.  
**Admission:** \$7 (under 18 free).

[more at www.opengarden.org.au](http://www.opengarden.org.au)

## Nature's gift: spring flowers

Story and photos by Jo Walker

We have an abundance of spring-flowering plants in our part of the country. The wattles were superb this year, absolutely laden with golden blossom. Most of them have just about finished flowering now, but there is still colour in the landscape. These are some of the beautiful flowers you may see on rural properties, in reserves or along local roadsides.

### **Pomaderris angustifolia**

A large, dense shrub with small, narrow leaves and a profusion of cream, delicately perfumed flowers. A widespread plant, with a sizeable population growing along the roadside just south of Wamboin.



*Pomaderris prunifolia*

### **Prostanthera rotundifolia**

A very attractive plant with dark mauve flowers borne thickly along its stems. The local form – there are a few in the vicinity

of Oallen Ford and at least one large population along Mulloon Creek – has small round leaves and is a rather open shrub.

### **Leptospermum multicaule**

A small open tea-tree, usually about a metre tall. The long stems have sparse foliage, but bear enough white or pink flowers in spring to make it a noticeable part of the landscape. Grows in open areas or woodland.

### **Daviesia mimosoides (Bitter Pea)**

One of the taller pea-bushes, it grows to over a metre tall. Long elliptical grey-green leaves contrast with clusters of yellow and brown flowers. The flowers have a pleasant perfume.

### **Pultenaea microphylla**

This pea-plant usually grows to less than a metre tall, but can form a bright orange understorey under eucalypts growing on dry rocky hillsides such as the eastern side of Sutton Road. On Sandy Point Road and



*Prostanthera incisa*

near Windellama there is a very colourful prostrate form of this species.

### **Dillwynia sericea (Parrot Pea)**

A dainty small pea-plant with short, very narrow leaves and tight clusters of yellow and orange flowers. Grows in woodlands and grasslands, often in dry areas.

### **Leucopogon virgatus (Beard Heath)**

A low-growing, sometimes almost prostrate heath-plant with narrow dark leaves and prominent clusters of fluffy white flowers. Often grows amongst grasses in shady areas close to larger shrubs.

### **Styandra glauca (Nodding Blue Lily)**

A tufted, perennial plant growing to about a metre tall. The stem-clasping pale green leaves are set at a wide angle to the stems, and the nodding bright blue flowers have bright yellow stamens. Often grows in dry rocky areas.

### **Leucochrysum albicans (Hoary Sunray)**

A short daisy with narrow soft grey leaves. The flowers can be white with yellow centres or wholly golden-yellow. The white form grows in dense populations along local roadsides in parts of Wamboin and Bywong and the yellow form occurs along a short stretch of the Bungendore to Tarago Road.

### **Comesperma volubile (Love Creeper)**

This delicate twining creeper appears to have few leaves, but in spring is covered in a mass of bright blue flowers. Grows on shrubs such as *Cassinia* and *Kunzea ericoides* (Burgan). Not a common plant, it is almost invisible when not in flower.

### **Ranunculus lappaceus (Common Buttercup)**

This small perennial plant has hairy green leaves divided into three toothed lobes. The glossy golden-yellow flowers are borne on branched stems 20–30 cm tall. This plant favours moist grassland areas.

### **Petalochilus carneus (Pink Fingers)**

This little orchid grows to 12–25 cm, with the slender stem usually carrying two or three flowers. It occurs in woodlands and dry forest areas. ■

## FUTURE GAZING?

Remember the golden success predicted for our Olympians? What about the 2007 argument by a management innovation professor that the iPhone had only a limited 'probability of success'? Can science help predict the future? This month's Big Idea gazes into the crystal ball that is future studies and looks at a report outlining some important megatrends.

### Future prediction – science or art or both?

Futures studies as an academic field has been around since about the 1960s but long before that the idea of looking for the patterns of 'grand social change' has gripped us. From ancient soothsayers to the utopian Edward Bellamy (who in 1888 wrote about skyscrapers, credit cards and a device for hearing and viewing concerts at home) to today's online gurus, everyone has a theory of what's coming next.

Threshold and pattern dynamics uses mathematics and computer models to look at patterns leading up to vital thresholds or tipping points, those which if passed might lead to natural or human catastrophe (as in pressure building up beneath a volcano before it erupts or stock market trading leading up to a crash) (for a good article on the topic see [science.org.au/nova/092/092key.html](http://science.org.au/nova/092/092key.html)).

Modern historians suggest that by using new mathematical tools to analyse past events we can find 'regularities' that come about because of some underlying 'laws of history'. Once these laws are known, the next trends in society can be predicted. However, according to a recent paper in *Nature* ([www.nature.com/news/human-cycles-history-as-science-1.11078](http://www.nature.com/news/human-cycles-history-as-science-1.11078)) not all historians see themselves as scientists.

The World Futures Studies Federation ([wfsf.merlot.org/](http://wfsf.merlot.org/)) is an international group that promotes the academic study of the many possible 'futures' of the world. It argues that along with looking at trends in economics, the environment, politics, science and technology, we also need to

look at significant emerging trends in philosophy, psychology and consciousness studies to get a real sense of the future.

### Global megatrends

In September the CSIRO launched *Our Future World 2012: Global megatrends that will change the way we live*, which looks at the 'megatrends' facing our world, trends that we will need to understand to best prepare for the future. It draws on work from many different research areas and provides some thought-provoking reading. From the report:

*A megatrend is defined as a major shift in environmental, social and economic conditions that will substantially change the way people live. Megatrends are relevant to contemporary decision making and may prompt a rethink of governance models, business processes and social systems.*

*The approximate timeframe of the megatrends and trends identified in this report is twenty years. So we project the analysis out to the year 2032. Nevertheless, aspects of the megatrends are already occurring and they will still be having impact beyond 2032.*

**The six interrelated megatrends identified in the report are:**

**More from less.** The earth has limited supplies of natural mineral, energy, water and food resources essential for human survival and maintaining lifestyles. This megatrend explores how companies, governments and communities will discover new ways of ensuring quality of life for current and future generations within the confines of the natural world's limited resources.

**Going, going ... gone?** Many of the world's natural habitats, plant species and animal species are in decline or at risk of extinction. The actions taken by human beings in the coming decades will set the scene for global biodiversity over coming millennia.

**The silk highway.** Coming decades will see the world economy shift from west to east and north to south. Tourists, funds and ideas will increasingly flow out of Asian countries and into Australia's economy and society.

**Forever young.** The ageing population is an asset. Elderly citizens provide a wealth of skills, knowledge, wisdom and mentorship. Nevertheless, there are some challenges associated with an ageing population and associated demographic trends.

**Virtually here.** This megatrend explores what might happen in a world of increased connectivity where individuals, communities, governments and businesses are immersed into the virtual world to a much greater extent than ever before.

**Great expectations.** This is a consumer, societal, demographic and cultural megatrend. It explores the rising demand for experiences over products and the rising importance of social relationships.

**More at** [www.csiro.au/en/Portals/Partner/Futures/Our-Future-World.aspx](http://www.csiro.au/en/Portals/Partner/Futures/Our-Future-World.aspx).

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### Bird habitat would be destroyed

Ecologist Alan Hemmings says that from his back fence, the proposed route can be clearly seen a mere 50 metres or so away. He says the area which is to be cleared is home to many species of birds, and other native wildlife.

"The birds of prey are some of the most beautiful I've ever seen... These species depend on that bush down there," he said.

Hemmings said people were told the EDE would never go ahead. "When we purchased our property, the maps showed the proposed Ellerton Drive Extension, but we were told not to worry about it, it's a 'paper road', it'll never happen."

This point was supported by Councillor Sue Whelan. She said "I know that people were always told it will never happen because the money is not there".

Hemmings also thinks the EDE will mainly serve to further expand Queanbeyan and funnel commuters to the ACT via the Yass Road.

"This quiet environment is why we chose to move here more than four years ago. There are saner and less environmentally destructive options on the table right now," he said.

## Jerrabomberra Resident's Association doesn't like plan either

On the other side of town the concerns are similar but in reverse. Kim Howatson from the Jerrabomberra Resident's Association said that if the "out dated" EDE goes ahead, it will divert traffic from the Queanbeyan city centre into Jerrabomberra.

According to Howatson, the Jerrabomberra Resident's Association like Greenleigh has had some issues with the Queanbeyan Council's community consultations.

"What is needed is to look at the other options... the technical study performed by the council needs to be redone, and we'll do whatever we can to make sure that happens."

Howatson agreed that Dunn's Creek Road would be a better option if the aim is to get south Queanbeyan commuters to the ACT.

Very few people I spoke to believe that the EDE will be a successful heavy vehicle bypass. Instead, the purpose of the road seems to be to further expand Queanbeyan's outer suburbs.

All the interested parties I've spoken to seem not only determined, but optimistic about achieving the result they desire when it comes to the EDE. Stay tuned.

## — Star Search —

with Dr David Weldrake

*November nights become warmer, but also shorter, reducing the amount of time we can see the stars under dark conditions. Nevertheless there is plenty to see, take the opportunity to go outside and see for yourself.*

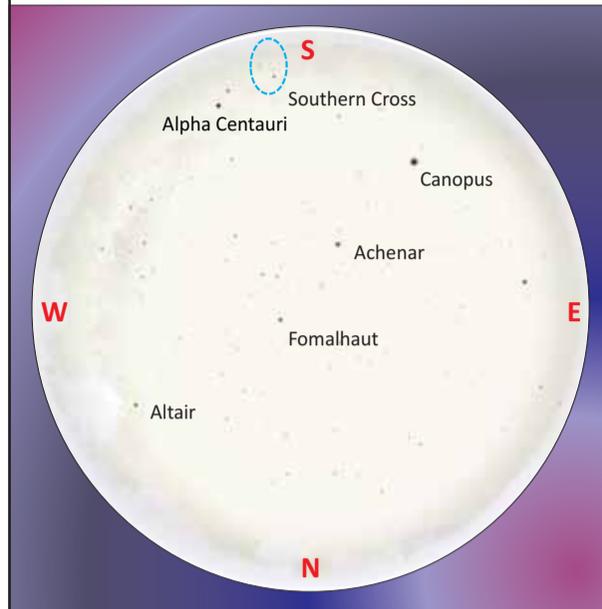


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## The stars in November

November brings a smattering of bright stars, the brightest is white Canopus in the south-east, the second brightest star in the whole sky. Overhead is Fomalhaut, also white, the brightest star in the constellation Pisces Austrinus (the Southern Fish, Fomalhaut is Arabic for 'the Fish's Mouth'). In-between is blue-white Achenar, and low in the north-west is white Altair.

Low in the south is the Southern Cross, upside down, with bright yellow Alpha Centauri nearby. The Milky Way is now past its best for the year, and the bright starclouds of Scorpius and Sagittarius are low in the west, setting after the Sun.

Alpha Centauri is the closest star to our Sun, at 'only' 41 trillion km, or 112 million

times the Moon's distance. It was recently in the news as astronomers discovered a small, perhaps rocky planet orbiting one of the two main stars. 'Alpha Centauri Bb' is at least as massive as the Earth and very close to its star, with a surface expected to be mostly molten.

Although not suitable for life, it is the closest of the more than 800 planets found to date that orbit other stars. If humanity ever leaves the Solar System, Alpha Centauri Bb will be the first stop.

## The planets in November

November 2012 is one of those rare months when the night sky lacks bright planets, none are plotted on the chart for this month. Mars is still visible in the evening, setting soon after the Sun, visible as a faint reddish star. Uranus and Neptune are still visible; however, they can only be seen through binoculars and telescopes, as described last month.

The main planet of interest is Jupiter, which appears at its best and brightest next month. In November Jupiter is seen as a bright, yellowish star towards the north-east just before midnight. Try looking at Jupiter through a pair of binoculars; can you see one or more of its four bright moons?

## Special event: total solar eclipse in Queensland, 14 November

On 14 November a total solar eclipse occurs in northern Queensland, lasting for 2 minutes and occurring at 6:38am local time. Total eclipses occur due to the remarkable coincidence that the Sun and Moon both appear exactly the same size in the sky. Every now and again they line up perfectly, so that the Sun is blotted out for typically a couple of minutes.

Eclipses are spectacular events to witness, with the Sun covered, the sky turning to semi-darkness and the brightest planets and stars temporarily visible during daylight. Scientifically, eclipses offer a rare opportunity to see the outer atmosphere of the Sun, the Solar Corona, otherwise invisible due to the overwhelming brightness of the Sun's main surface layers.

To see an eclipse, you must be within a very narrow strip on the Earth, typically 100km wide. This time the strip will cover Cairns and Port Douglas, and move into the Pacific Ocean, where its greatest length occurs, at 4 minutes and 2 seconds. The eclipse path then moves further east and eventually ends near Chile.

From our region the Sun will be partially eclipsed, meaning we miss out on the darkness. It is extremely dangerous to attempt to see it (or any eclipse) without proper filters and equipment. If you have solar eclipse glasses, take a look at 8am on the 14th, when the Sun will be partially eclipsed, looking like a huge bite has been taken out of it.

A total eclipse will be visible from our region on 22 July 2028, and Sydney CBD will be right in the centre of the path!

## The Moon in November

The Moon is new on 14 November (coinciding with the total solar eclipse) and full on 29 November. The Moon is at half phase (first quarter) on 21 November, the best time to see Lunar features through a pair of binoculars. ■

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**Queanbeyan City Council community meeting:** Wednesday 21 November at 6pm at the Fernleigh Park Community Hall, 17 Swan Drive, Googong.

Queanbeyan, Jerrabomberra and Carwoola residents who were invited for the 7 November meeting in the Council chambers and missed the meeting have another chance to hear the agenda.

Agenda items will include: South Tralee Local Environmental Plan, Poplars Local Environmental Plan, Googong development, Ellerton Drive update, Old Cooma Rd update, Tuggeranong Solar Farm.

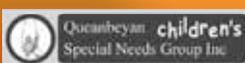
Come along to hear about Council projects, what's happening around Queanbeyan and a chance to seek advice on issues affecting you. Residents are invited to attend and submit items for inclusion in the agenda. Contact Ricky Tozer on 6285 6577 or email [communications@qcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:communications@qcc.nsw.gov.au) for information or if you wish to place an item on the agenda.



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— Lake George Fire District —

# TA DA! IT'S FIRE SEASON AGAIN

A few tips for the warmup in the style we've learned to love from **Doug Palmer**.

AND, to the sound of flugelhorn, timpani and hydraulic organs, welcome to the 2012–13 fire season!

I haven't had much to say for the last couple of months since it's (a) been wet and (b) asking people not to crash their cars and hurt themselves sometimes feels a bit like asking a meteorite if it would be good enough to fall a little further over that way. Now I do.

The Bureau of Meteorology is currently predicting<sup>1</sup> a neutral Southern Oscillation (neither El Niño nor La Niña), with an unusual late retreat towards neutral. The Bureau is also predicting a positive Indian Ocean Dipole, also suggesting lessened rainfall.

Plenty of fuel left over from the previous two fire seasons? *Check.* Less rainfall? *Check.* Predictions of warmer temperatures this summer? *Check.* Fires in north-east NSW already? *Check.* Time to do all those little bits of preparation that you've been putting off? **Oh yes.**

To begin with, it's time to plan and prepare for the coming season. Make a Bush Fire Survival Plan, start organising an Emergency Kit, and prepare your property.<sup>2</sup> You might also want to find out how the phone emergency alert system works.<sup>3</sup>

All of this will look like a lot of work. Don't try and do it all at once. Instead, it's worth breaking it into bits and putting it on a calendar somewhere: this weekend, we'll

clean the gutters, that weekend we'll deal with the overhanging branches etc. Each time you mark something off the calendar, you'll feel that you're getting somewhere.

Since bushfire preparation is essentially a statistical game, where you can't predict what's going to happen but you can reduce risks, each improvement is just that. You may not have dealt with the grass yet but, By George, any ember that falls on your roof is going to die a cold and lonely death.

If you live on a bush property, it's also a very good idea to establish at least two escape routes (that go in different directions). Not just for yourself. It turns out that the motto of the RFS is not 'Death Before Dishonour!' under any circumstances and we're so much happier protecting your property if we know that we can change our minds and run away if things exceed our capabilities.

Make that two truck-navigable escape routes.

So welcome one and all. I'll wish everybody the feeling that they did a fine job preparing in six (or so) months time.

**Footnotes:**

- 1 See <http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/ahead/> for a complete set of seasonal outlooks. You can read the article from the December 2011 *Bulletin* to see what all this means.
- 2 The RFS provides some useful information and planning tools at [http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/dsp\\_content.cfm?cat\\_id=2723](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/dsp_content.cfm?cat_id=2723)
- 3 <http://www.emergencyalert.gov.au/>

## Recycle household batteries

ALDI Australia has become the first Australian national grocery retailer to initiate a free in-store battery recycling service across all its stores.

Each year, over 300 million common household batteries are thrown away with ordinary waste and ALDI Australia believes that the recycling program will have an impact in reducing the staggering 8,000 tonnes of common household batteries that end up in landfill every year, according to Planet Ark.

Battery collection bins will be available at the front of ALDI Queanbeyan store. The bins will serve as collection points for common household batteries including AA, AAA, C, D and 9V. The used batteries will be sent off to be recycled with materials extracted for reuse in other products.

A Planet Ark spokesperson lauded the initiative and said more than 68,000 Australians annually asked his organisation where to recycle their batteries; representing the fifth most common enquiry on the [RecyclingNearYou.com.au](http://RecyclingNearYou.com.au) website.

## Scholarship opportunity

BRAIDWOOD and Bungendore **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branches will continue to support local youth when the bank's continuing scholarship program opens in December.

The Braidwood and Bungendore **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Scholarship will support two more local students with tertiary study-related costs

Palerang Financial Services Ltd Chairman, Shane Holness, said providing support to local students to further their tertiary education was part of the **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch's commitment to building a stronger community.

"We are proud to support local youth to further their education by easing some of the financial pressure on students and their families, and maybe one day our Palerang community will benefit directly from the skills and knowledge they bring," he said.

Successful applicants will initially receive funding for one year and depending on academic performance, the scholarship may be renewed to assist the second year of their study.

**Applications are invited from eligible students from Monday 3 December 2012 and will be assessed in early 2013.**

This will be the second year that scholarships have been awarded. The inaugural Braidwood and Bungendore **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch's Scholarship supported local student's Kaitlyn Harrison and Michael Engemann with their studies at university this year.

For further information please contact the Braidwood or Bungendore **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch or visit [www.bendigoadelaide.com.au/scholarships](http://www.bendigoadelaide.com.au/scholarships).

### LOCAL DONORS SUPPORTED REDEVELOPMENT

## Bungendore preschool come and play day

*Bungendore Preschool invites friends and neighbours to celebrate the official opening of their playground redevelopment at the **Come and Play Day on Saturday 10 November from 10am–1pm at the Preschool. The Opening ceremony is at 11am.***

THE BUNGENDORE Preschool prides itself on its bush school reputation, with its vast, natural playground. However, a major overhaul of the playground has long been overdue. The Preschool undertook a detailed design process to remove, relocate or replace outdated areas in the playground, incorporate new equipment and restructure the grounds to reduce maintenance.

This included contouring the sloping sites and laying additional turf or natural softfall, relocating the sandpit, and incorporating a 'digging pit', raised garden beds, and purchasing new single and double embankment slides and a triple swing.

The redevelopment of the playground was made possible with generous donations from the Veolia Mulwaree Trust, the Bungendore and Braidwood Community Bank and the Rotary Club of Bungendore. Also essential to the success of the redevelopment were tireless fundraising efforts from families and local businesses and groups.

Bungendore Preschool is located at 64 Turallo Terrace, Bungendore, just down the road from the Bungendore Train Station and Palerang Council Chambers. ■



### QUEANBEYAN AUSTRALIA DAY CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

**Nominations are being called in the following categories:**

- Queanbeyan Citizen of the Year
- Queanbeyan Young Citizen of the Year
- Queanbeyan Event of the Year
- Queanbeyan Service Group of the Year.

Nominations close on **Wednesday 5 December 2012 at 5pm.** Nominations may be lodged by mail to The Secretary, Australia Day Committee, Queanbeyan City Council, PO Box 90 Queanbeyan NSW 2620 or by hand to the General Manager's Office or Queanbeyan Conference Centre Office – 253 Crawford Street Queanbeyan.

Nomination forms can be obtained from: Council's Customer Service Centre at 257 Crawford St, the Queanbeyan Library at 6 Rutledge St, or the Queanbeyan Tourism Information Centre at 1 Farrer Place or **Council's website at [www.qcc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.qcc.nsw.gov.au).**

## PALERANG COUNCIL

### Development Approvals

**Notification in accordance with Section 101 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Council approved the following development applications in October 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.2012.057	Construct a Crown Road	12/10/2012	Lot 50 DP754903 Grey Gums Road MAJORS CREEK
DA.2012.152	Continued Use of Dwelling	5/10/2012	Lot 2 DP850800 Off Nerriga Road TOMBOYE
DA.2012.167	Dwelling	16/10/2012	Lot 27 DP755905 Quists Road MAJORS CREEK
DA.2012.188	Shed	11/10/2012	Lot 1 DP868882 1063 Lake Road LAKE GEORGE
DA.2012.189	Garage	17/10/2012	Lot 27 DP270053 39 McDonnell Drive BUNGENDORE
DA.2012.191	Dwelling	17/10/2012	Lot 2 DP1166278 Tudor Valley Road REIDSDALE
DA.2012.196	Dwelling and Studio	18/10/2012	Lot 191 DP755901 6136 Araluen Road ARALUEN
DA.2012.201	Geotechnical Investigations and Earthworks	23/10/2012	Lot 942 DP564613 218 Grove Road LAKE GEORGE
DA.2012.205	Continued Use of Carport and Sunroom	9/10/2012	Lot 19 DP703775 91 Macs Reef Road BYWONG
DA.2012.211	Horse Arena	23/10/2012	Lot 42 DP255514 67 Radcliffe Circuit CARWOOLA
DA.2012.214	Alterations & Additions to Existing Dwelling	4/10/2012	Lot 12 DP712053 4 Rutledge Street BUNGENDORE
DA.2012.242	Swimming Pool	17/10/2012	Lot 57 DP1106974234 Corang Post Office Road OALLEN
DA.2012.243	Shed	10/10/2012	Lot 30 DP1056600 35 Brooks Road BYWONG
DA.2012.258	Residential Alterations and Additions	18/10/2012	Lot 4 DP709437 15 Forster Street BUNGENDORE

# Superstorm Sandy's climate change connection

by Susie Cagle

Appeared in *Grist.org* 30.10.2012

It's been a banner year for extreme weather conditions, from the drought that held the US hostage this summer to superstorm Sandy. But then, last year was a banner year for extreme weather too. And the years before that ...

Scientists are mostly agreed that climate change has had a hand in crafting the Frankenstorm. But how, exactly?

## From boingboing.net:

When the clouds have passed and everybody is done sleeping in airports, people are going to want answers. Was this an unavoidable act of nature? Or was this something caused directly by changes to Earth's climate that have happened because we burn fossil fuels which increase the concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere?

Well, both. There are multiple factors that came together to whip up Sandy, and no one causal judgment, however attractive, is fair. But given the evidence, it's likely that no matter how Sandy came in to this world, climate change has helped this storm grow bigger, go faster, and head farther than it might have in earlier times and cooler seas.

## From [US news magazine] *Mother Jones* 29 October online:

Explains meteorologist Greg Holland of the National Center for Atmospheric Research: "I have no equivocation in saying that all heavy rainfall events, including this one, have an element of climate change in



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them, and the level of that contribution will increase in the future."

Sandy is only the most recent in the monster fall/winter storm phenomenon that scientists have been tracking for years. But at the nexus of warming temperatures, melting sea ice, and rising ocean levels are the atmospheric 'blocking events' that shift jet streams further from normal fall rains and closer to apocalyptic surges.

## From climate researcher Jennifer Francis at [dotearth.blogs.nytimes.com](http://dotearth.blogs.nytimes.com):

Blocking happens naturally, of course, but it's very possible that this block may have been boosted in

intensity and/or duration by the record-breaking ice loss this summer. Late-season hurricanes are not unheard of either, but Sandy just happened to come along during this anomalous jet-stream pattern, as well as during an autumn with record-breaking warm sea-surface temperatures off the US east coast. It could very well be that general warming along with high sea-surface temperatures have lengthened the tropical storm season, making it more likely that a Sandy could form, travel so far north, and have an opportunity to interact with a deep jet-stream trough associated with the strong block, which is steering it westward into the mid-Atlantic.

While it's impossible to say how this scenario might have unfolded if sea-ice had been as extensive as it was in the 1980s, the situation at hand is completely consistent with what I'd expect to see happen more often as a result of unabated warming and especially the amplification of that warming in the Arctic.



## From *The New Yorker* 29 October online:

The number of what [insurance company in a new report] Munich Re refers to as "weather-related loss events," and what the rest of us would probably call weather-related disasters, has quintupled over the last three decades. While many factors have contributed to this trend, including an increase in the number of people living in flood-prone areas, the report identified global warming as one of the major culprits: "Climate change particularly affects formation of heat-waves, droughts, intense precipitation events, and in the long run most probably also tropical cyclone intensity."

As with any particular "weather-related loss event," it's impossible to attribute Sandy to climate change. However, it is possible to say that the storm fits the general pattern in North America, and indeed around the world, toward more extreme weather, a pattern that, increasingly, can be attributed to climate change.

Read more, go to the links for this and related stories at [www.Grist.org](http://www.Grist.org)

## — TOWN AND COUNTRY ANIMALS —

# 1080 The nasty poison: why do Australians use it?

A press release earlier this year that the NSW National Parks Service was dropping 1080 bait for wild dogs on the borders of Kosciusko to appease neighbouring stock holders, raised the question: what does 1080, which most Australians have heard of since childhood, actually do to animals that are designated as 'pests' or that (like domestic dogs or cats) accidentally ingest the poison?

Dog specialist Heike Hahner made some enquiries and filed this commentary.

1080 poison has no place in modern Australian society.

Researching 1080 makes one realise that it must be one of the most controversial poisons ever. Some sources quote that the Nazis considered using this original rat poison on Jewish prisoners in concentration camps but desisted because of danger to the guards.

Certainly millions of animals around the world that are considered pests have died a hideous death by ingesting it. Fortunately, today it is banned in almost all countries worldwide, with the standout exceptions of Australia and New Zealand.

The use of 1080 must be addressed as an animal welfare issue. The fact is that animals that ingest it will die; and worse, they will suffer incredibly for up to 48 hours before they die.

In dogs, the signs of poisoning are usually noticed within half an hour of ingestion, but can take more than six hours to show up. First symptoms include vomiting, anxiety, disorientation and shaking. These quickly develop into frenzied behavior with running and screaming fits, drooling at the mouth, uncontrolled paddling and seizures, followed by total collapse and death.

Why does Australia still use 1080? Linda van Bommel, a flock guardian expert and PhD student at the ANU, explains that one



<http://www.malleefowli.com.au/?p=183>

reason 1080 is still used is that it is thought to be less harmful to marsupials.

Placental mammals, such as foxes, cats, dogs etc are highly susceptible to 1080. Marsupials such as quolls that accidentally eat 1080 bait may not necessarily die. According to van Bommel though, so far no research has been done to establish the long-term effects of 1080 on marsupials.

## Alternatives may be more cost effective

1080 is used by farmers today to kill foxes and thus protect their flocks. However, according to van Bommel, long-term success with 1080 is meagre compared to other methods of flock protection such as flock guardians.

With 1080, one lot of foxes is killed for one season; then, the next lot moves in and their numbers, and farmer's losses, increase again. Guardian animals such as alpacas, dogs or donkeys stay with the flock and keep predators away 24/7. Farmers who use flock guardians have much lower stock loss rates all year round than those that use 1080.

Flock guardians such as Maremmas could be released with a small group of sheep into

areas containing protected species. The theory is that the Maremma, in protecting 'his' sheep, will keep foxes and wild dogs away thus inadvertently also protecting the local native wildlife.

If poison use is necessary, there are 'kinder, faster acting' options available, such as PAP, that also offer an opportunity to save an animal should it accidentally take a bait – something which is not possible with 1080.

## 1080 and the question of animal welfare

1080 use raises a serious question of what animal welfare notions we have in this country for animals that are considered to be pests. I am no fonder of foxes than anyone else who has lost dozens of beloved chickens (or seen the massacred bodies of lambs and sheep left behind by wild dogs).

But, let's not forget foxes did not ask to come to Australia – their presence in Australia is 'man-made' and if they need to be controlled with poisons than it should be a quick and efficient death, not dying in agony over several days. It is time that Australia catches up with the rest of the world and bans 1080.

Additional information on what to do if your pet has taken a bait (from the Mudgee Veterinary Hospital website):

Emergency action must be taken when you suspect poisoning. Make the dog vomit immediately by placing 1–2 crystals of washing soda down the dog's throat or try half a teaspoon salt thrown on the back of the dog's tongue. Once you have made the dog vomit, take him to the vet immediately.

Phone your vet to warn them you are coming and the nature of your problem and do not waste time in getting to the hospital. At the hospital the seizures can be controlled and treatment given to encourage your dog's body to get rid of the poison. Treatment can take several days but can be successful.

To protect your dog, keep him controlled on the property at all times.

## BACKGROUND

According to Wikipedia, sodium monofluoroacetate or 1080 is a naturally occurring anti-herbivore metabolite of some plants. The only company now producing 1080 is the Tull Chemical Company in Alabama USA, which exports the material to Mexico and Israel (as a rodenticide), Australia (where it's used to kill dingoes, wild dogs and foxes) and New Zealand (for possum eradication). 1080 use in the US is tightly controlled, and it may only be used in chemical collars on domestic herbivores, to kill coyotes.

In south-west Western Australia (where fluoroacetic acid-containing *Gastrolobium* plants grow), brush-tailed possums, bush rats and western grey kangaroos native to the region are capable of safely eating plants containing fluoroacetate, but livestock and introduced species from elsewhere in Australia are highly-susceptible to the poison, as are species introduced from outside Australia, such as the red fox.

The Wiki site says insects are also highly susceptible. Native herbivores including kangaroos and wallabies have also been targeted with 1080 in Australia, and bird kills have been recorded in New Zealand as forests are baited to eradicate possums.



## THE TONE OF US POLITICS REPUBLICAN FASHION

### Candidate: 'My opponent believes in global warming and has been to other countries, he is basically a monster'

by Jess Zimmerman, appeared in Grist.com 25.10 2012

THE SOUTH Dakota GOP, in support of Kristi Noem, a representative from that state, has released an ad enumerating the many, many reasons that her opponent Matt Varilek is untrustworthy. They are as follows:

- Earned TWO master's degrees – who needs that much education?
- Studied something called 'the environment,' clearly code for 'communism'.
- Lived in or visited *several* places that are not South Dakota.
- Believes in global warming.
- Corn dogs.

Kristi Noem (*pictured*), by contrast, had the integrity to not finish college, since she had to raise a farm and manage a family and didn't have time for fancy lectures about imaginary global warming from liberal homosexuals. (**update:** I should have made it clearer that Noem says she left college because she had to manage the farm after her father died. This ad is idiotic but it's not fair for me



SOURCE: REPUBLICANCONFERENCE

to make it look like anti-intellectualism made her shun education. That's the South Dakota GOP's job, clearly.)

Seriously, you have to watch this ad to believe the depth of anti-intellectualism and anti-environmentalism at work here. The voiceover literally just reads off Varilek's impressive resume – got two postgraduate degrees, studied at Cambridge, spoke at a U.N. global warming summit – but in a tone of voice that suggests Varilek achieved all this while smearing his face with the blood of aborted puppies.

Meanwhile, Noem's achievements include receiving an award from the South Dakota Soybean Association, but at least she doesn't know anything about how soybeans *work!* I'm actually surprised the ad missed an opportunity to claim that while Noem did attend college, she only went because it was a requirement of her title as South Dakota Snow Queen. Surely, with a constituency that thinks "attending U.N. summits" and "leaving the state occasionally" are liabilities in a politician, that tidbit ought to make her a shoo-in.

## LAND FOR WILDLIFE: what is it?

Land for Wildlife (LFW) invites members and others to a Landcare and Wildlife presentation at the Bywong Community Hall (67 Birriwa Rd) on Friday 23 November 6.30 for 7.00pm. Find out about LfW; seeds, seedlings and plantings; plus wildlife and rescue tips. Expressions of interest to Philip Machin 6238 3717 machin@bigpond.com.



## Get your 2013 WOMBAT CALENDAR



The Native Animal Rescue Group 2013 wombat calendar is now on sale! Better than ever. And still only \$10. Money raised helps the rescue and rehabilitation of injured and orphaned wildlife. Buy one for friends, neighbours, relatives and yourself. Help to sell them too. Contact: Sandra Hand 4846 1096 or sandra.hand@optusnet.com.au.

## Putting the omelette back in the egg: Can two centuries of European ecosystem tampering be put into reverse?

### THE CASE OF MULLIGAN'S MUSEUM

*The Mulligans Flat – Goorooyarroo Woodland Experiment at the northern reaches of the ACT, bordering Palerang and new ACT suburbs, was a project favoured by former ACT Chief Minister John Stanhope. Stanhope supported the idea that this experiment by a small team of ecologists from the ANU Fenner School with ACT staff ecologists and some CSIRO involvement could be a model for woodland management throughout the territory, with regional ecosystem implications.*

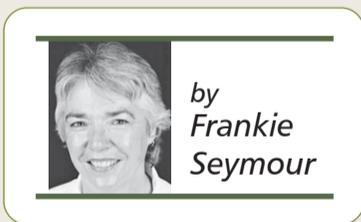
*Last May/June a handful of Tasmanian bettongs was introduced into this experimental space (as facsimiles of now locally extinct bettongs) just as hundreds of a common native species, kangaroos, were shot in and around the experimental area in a multi-year 'cull' and non-native mammals at the site were poisoned.*

*Queanbeyan social and environmental scientist and animal rights activist Frankie Seymour argues that the academic assumptions and costs of this experiment reflect wider ethical and scientific problems facing those who propose 'ecological restoration'.*

THE MULLIGANS FLAT – Goorooyarroo Woodland Experiment is supposed to be a "long-term experiment in ecological restoration to inform conservation decision-making, particularly in highly modified or endangered ecosystem types", according to the project website.

In fact, all it can ever be is an exercise in preserving what is left of a doomed ecosystem in a kind of zoo or museum for ecosystems.

It is time environmentalists stopped talking as if "ecological restoration" meant recreating an ecosystem comprising the same set of species it was comprised of two centuries ago. Pogrom after pogrom has been waged against introduced species. In the case of animal species, these onslaughts have involved massive cruelty – the use of 1080 and other poisons and devices that cause a



by Frankie Seymour

hideously painful death to sentient beings. And they have mainly failed.

They have, in fact, worse than failed if their goal was to remove or reduce the populations of 'target' species. These foreign target species are usually fast-breeders and it is impossible to eradicate every individual. Thus, we must assume that these killing campaigns have merely emptied niches for younger, healthier, more fertile individuals of the same unwanted species to inherit.

On the rare occasions where outcomes of these killing sprees have been studied, they confirm this conclusion. They have guaranteed that we ended up with more pigeons, foxes, rabbits etc than we ever had before.

### Starting with first settlers ... on to climate change

Since the First Fleet, Australian settlers have ringbarked, burned, shot, trapped and poisoned to extinction a wide range of the species that were originally native to Australian ecosystems. We have introduced new species, some of which have failed to survive, others of which have thrived and been fully naturalised, modifying those ecosystems in the process.

On top of that, we have changed the climate of the planet so that many of the native species that somehow survived our invasion will now become extinct over the next century.

From now on, we have to accept that our ecosystems are composite ecosystems, including both original and introduced species, and they will not survive as anything else. What we have to do is work with what we have, native and naturalised species included, and identify the best species to introduce or reintroduce to those modified ecosystems to increase their biodiversity and thus their overall health and resilience.

What we must not do is keep trying to remove species that have already shown they can survive here – in a very short time, we are going to need every single species we can get. What we must not do is waste any more resources, or kill any more innocent creatures, trying to put the omelette back in the eggs.

### The case of Mulligans Flat

The Mulligans Flat experiment is surrounded by a fence to exclude introduced species (those that were already within the area were killed in the usual excruciating ways, as are any new arrivals

that find their way through the fence).

Australia itself was once surrounded by the equivalent of an exclusion fence, but the European explorers rode their ships across it. Their descendants are now well and truly established here; we have no intention of leaving.

Even as zoos and museums go, the Mulligans Flat project is not a particularly convincing experiment since it aims to control kangaroo numbers. That is something that would certainly never have happened in the original ecosystem it claims to be attempting to restore, an ecosystem in which kangaroos, in all their dynamic population variations, have been a critical component for around five million years.

This aspect of the project seems to reflect the same wrong thinking that currently drives the annual slaughter of thousands of kangaroos around Canberra: the preposterous notion that kangaroos are an environmental pest in their own country.

But, even if Mulligans Flat were a useful exercise in preserving a doomed ecosystem as some kind of curiosity, it is misleading for its creators to pretend that it will, in any useful way, "inform conservation decision making" in regard to sustaining and enhancing the ecosystems that are now evolving outside those fences.

A rescued ecosystem, kept in cotton wool behind an exclusion fence, might be a pleasant place to visit for a dose of nostalgia, and to maintain the gene pools of species that will otherwise become extinct. But it can never be anything more.

## Wednesday 21 November 9am-4pm

- Learn about renewable energy in your region
- Tour a wind farm or bioreactor
- See the world's fastest solar car

### Three locations:

**Bungendore:** Palerang Council Building  
**Gunning:** Shire Hall Copeland St  
**ACT:** Canberra Inst. Technology, Bruce

Book a free tour or get more info online at: [www.bit.ly/REDay2012](http://www.bit.ly/REDay2012) or by calling 0409 409 990.

Brought to you by the South East Region of Renewable Energy Excellence (SERREE), a joint project of the NSW Government and Regional Development Australia.

afternoon performance 3pm. Tickets: adults \$29, child \$23. For more information see [www.theq.net.au](http://www.theq.net.au).

## Wednesday 28 Public seminar – Budgeting and Financial Literacy

Captains Flat Hotel, 7.30pm. For more information phone 6236 6201.

## Friday 30 Biodiversity and Farming Fair

Ryrie Park, Braidwood. Demonstrations and free tours, stalls and displays. For full program see [www.upper.shoalhavenlandcare.com.au](http://www.upper.shoalhavenlandcare.com.au) or contact Felicity on 0427 111 101.

## – Plan ahead for December –

## Sunday 2 Wamboin Golf Club Christmas Cup

Wamboin Community Hall. Tee off from the Clubhouse from 12.30pm. All welcome.

## Friday 7 Browse and Bubbles

Pre-Christmas browsing at Annie's Collectables, 39 Cooper Rd, Wamboin. From 4.30–8.00pm. RSVP to Joyce on 6238 3284 or 0408 103 209.

## Saturday 8 Maker's Market

Braidwood's National Theatre, from 9am. Money raised is to help pay for postage of our donated knitted squares to South Africa. Free entry.

## EVERY MONTH:

### Every Saturday

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

### 1st Saturday of every month (except April)

**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 0410 597 227 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.

### 3rd Saturday of every month (except July/Aug)

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

### 3rd Sunday every month

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

**Windy Hall Country Markets**  
 Windellama Hall, 10–2pm, craft goods, Devonshire tea, deli delights and more. For more contact Bob Shaw on 4844 5001.

### 4th Saturday of every month

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

## More on regional and local events and local tourist attractions:

[www.bungendore.com.au](http://www.bungendore.com.au)  
[www.visitqueanbeyan.com.au](http://www.visitqueanbeyan.com.au)  
[www.visitraidwood.com.au](http://www.visitraidwood.com.au)

### Sunday 11

**Remembrance Day**  
 Commemorative Services 10.45am.

### Friday 16 to Sunday 18

**Canberra Music Festival**  
 For more information see [www.canberra.country.com](http://www.canberra.country.com).

### Saturday 17 and Sunday 18

**Taralga Tractor Trek & Heritage Rally**  
 Taralga Showground. Displays and demonstrations of vintage farm machinery, cars, bikes, tractors and steam engines. Live entertainment, games, and other activities. Admission \$10. For more information phone 0425 270 763.

**Goulburn Annual Rose Show**  
 St Saviour's Hall, Bourke St, Goulburn. Open 10am–4pm, \$2pp. For more information phone 4821 7270.

### Saturday 17

**Afternoon Tea Garden Party**  
 FORM Gallery, Aurora Ave, Queanbeyan, 3pm. Guest Speakers Neil Hobbs and Karina Harris. For more information contact Claire Primrose on 0430 359 776 or email [claire@formstudioandgallery.com.au](mailto:claire@formstudioandgallery.com.au).

**Captains Flat Annual Ball**  
 Community Hall. This year the theme is Gold Fever. 8pm til midnight, tickets \$25pp. Bring your own picnic basket supper and drinks. Email [ball@captainsflat.org](mailto:ball@captainsflat.org).

**Taralga Family Fun Day**  
 Anglican Church Grounds. Something for everyone.

## Now it's November the market @ bungendore

Sunday November 18th 9am - 3pm at the War Memorial Hall

Looking for Xmas presents?  
 All your favourite stalls with gifts galore!

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| jewellery | giftware  | tea & coffee   | local art & craft | garden products    | toys & models      | cakes & pastries   | soaps & lotions    | picture frames      |
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## Saturday 10 Bungendore Pre-School Opening Ceremony & Come and Play Day

Turallo Tce, Bungendore, 10am–1pm, opening ceremony 11am. Come and join in the celebrations for the opening of the new playground redevelopment. Art and craft, displays, activities and more. See p5.

## Dinner and Show – Night Fever

Queanbeyan Bowling Club, Yass Rd. Dinner from 6pm, show from 8pm. Two course hot and cold buffet. \$65.00 Dinner and show; \$45.00 show only. Contact 6297 1286.

## Weeds Information Day

London Bridge Homestead, Burra, 1–3pm.

## Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 117th Annual Queanbeyan Show

Queanbeyan Showground. Gates open 8.30am. For more information see [www.queanbeyanshow.com.au](http://www.queanbeyanshow.com.au).

## — GIG GUIDE: November —

### First Friday of the month: Music and Poetry

Royal Hotel, Bungendore, 7.30pm.

### Thursday 8

**Sax in the City**, 7–11pm, Hotel Queanbeyan.

### Friday 9

**R&R**, 8pm–12am, Queanbeyan Kangaroos Club.

**Chemistry**, good-time party band, 8pm–12am, Queanbeyan Tigers Club.

**Karaoke**, 8pm, Captains Flat RSL Club.

**Wayne Ryder**, country, 8.30pm, Lake George Hotel.

### Saturday 10

A Country Sundowner with **Danny Macks, Sami Cooke, Ian Wholohan, Jane Sage, Lighthouse** and more, 4pm, The Artists Shed, Queanbeyan.

### Sunday 11

**Anni Piper**, blues, 2pm, The Artists Shed, Queanbeyan.

**Gracenotes**, silky harmonies great songs, 2pm, The Artists Shed, Queanbeyan.

### Thursday 15

**Getaway Car**, various, 7–11pm, Hotel Queanbeyan.

### Friday 16

**Hit & Run**, rock/pop, 8pm–12am, Queanbeyan Bowling Club.

**The Socialites**, 8pm–12am, Queanbeyan Kangaroos Club.

**R&R**, 8pm–12am, Queanbeyan Tigers Club.

**Old Bones & Blisters**, 8.30pm, Lake George Hotel.

### Thursday 22

**Ride the Pony**, country, 7–11pm, Hotel Queanbeyan.

### Friday 23

**The Jukes**, 8pm–12am, Queanbeyan Bowling Club.

MLC, 8pm–12am, Queanbeyan Kangaroos Club.

**Hit & Run**, rock/pop, 8pm–12am, Queanbeyan Tigers Club.

### Sunday 25

**Qbn Pipes & Drums & Humbug**, St Andrew's Day comes early – tentatively. The Artists Shed, Queanbeyan.

### Thursday 29

**Calum**, 7–11pm, Hotel Queanbeyan.

### Friday 30

**Hit & Run**, rock/pop, 8pm–12am, Queanbeyan Kangaroos Club.

### Sunday 2 December

**Latin & Gypsy Swing**, 12.30pm, Captains Flat Hotel.

### Sunday 18

**ONE2STEP Dance Academy End of Year Production**

The Q, Crawford St, Queanbeyan. This expanding dance school located in Bungendore has 150 students. The concert involves a variety of styles, showcasing dances in jazz, ballet, tap, hip hop, zumbatimic, contemporary and modern. For more information see [www.theq.net.au](http://www.theq.net.au).

### Tuesday 20

**Neil Diamond & Tom Jones Tribute Show**  
 Queanbeyan Bowling Club, Yass Rd. For enquiries and tickets phone 6297 1286.

**Karabar High School's Annual Art Exhibition**  
 The Q, Crawford St, Queanbeyan, until December 1. See work from students, years 7–12. Whimsy to angst, this exhibition has it all. For more information see [www.theq.net.au](http://www.theq.net.au).

### Thursday 22

**Rodney Rude**  
 Braidwood Servicemens Club, Coronation Ave, 8pm. Phone 4842 2108 for more details.

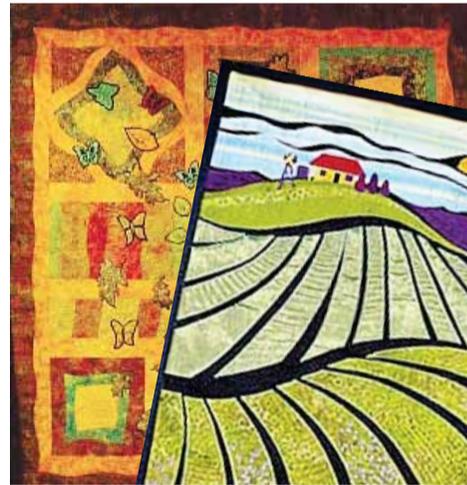
### Friday 23

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### Saturday 24 and Sunday 25

## The QBN Art Trail & Open Studio Weekend 2012

Ten studios and galleries will open their doors and welcome visitors in to view their workshops, watch demonstrations, meet the artists and perhaps pick up a treasure or two to add to their private collection. Take a self-guided tour over the weekend or join the Arts Trail Bus Tour on Sunday 25 November, 10am–3pm. For \$25 ticket holders travel in chauffeured comfort enjoying morning tea at Benedict House, lunch and finishing up with live music, champers and canapés at the Artists Shed. For more information, phone 6285 6170 or see [www.qcc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.qcc.nsw.gov.au).



## Bungendore Quilt Exhibition

Bungendore War Memorial Hall, Molonglo St, Bungendore, Saturday 9am–7pm, Sunday 10am–4pm. All manner of handmade quilts, patchwork and textiles by local craftspeople on display. Entry \$2pp. For more see [www.bungendorequilters.com.au](http://www.bungendorequilters.com.au).

## Braidwood Open Gardens

Some of Braidwood's best gardens will be open for inspection on the weekend. See more at [www.opengarden.org.au](http://www.opengarden.org.au).

### Sunday 25

**Dazzle Dance Academy Concert**  
 The Q, Crawford St, Queanbeyan, matinee 10.30am,

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