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## Wake up call: NSW Coalition plans for our neighbourhoods

JUST 20 interested residents showed up in Bungendore on an early September night to hear the Greens David Shoebridge explain what the NSW government has in store for neighbourhoods and planning laws.

Imagine the possibilities of a massive housing development, an industrial estate or an intensive feedlot next door, the native vegetation pulled down or the neighbourhood golf-course designated a commercial zone by executive order, without consultation or any possibility of appeal.

The NSW government will introduce its new draft planning bill into the Lower House on September 10 with a six weeks period until final debate. This allows time for community engagement with politicians on 'what are they are thinking?'

*see What's proposed p4*

**STOP PRESS: Endangered species? Just PR**

The Defence Department has killed some 14,000 Eastern Grey Kangaroos on its Majura Training area since 2009, it was revealed in early September.

Licenses to kill issued by the ACT Government relied on the same story as the 4 years of killing in ACT reserves: claims of saving endangered ecosystems and "the nine endangered species that live there," reported the *Canberra Times* which uncovered the story.

Animal Justice Party Senate candidate for the ACT Marcus Fillingier told the *Times*: "It's a disgrace that in the year 2013 ignorant killing sprees are regarded as wildlife management or ecological damage mitigation to threatened species."

In fact, the rug was pulled out from under the endangered species justification for ACT killing of kangaroos by that government's own culling architect at a recent administrative tribunal hearing.

**Read how citing endangered species has been called just a public relations exercise, p14**



Spirit of Spring

AUSTRALIA is the land of the wattle with more than 1,000 Acacia species evolving over millions of years. Indigenous Australians used it for food and medicinal purposes and for hunting implements and musical instruments and to mark seasonal changes.

National Wattle Day was at the beginning of September and heralds Spring, which certainly happened this year. We're told by the Wattle Day Association that more and more Australians celebrate the day from Broome to Bateman's Bay because they see it as a joyous, authentic, inclusive and egalitarian way to rejoice in living in this land and being Australian.

There are few symbols that say so much about Australia.

Check out the wattle day association website for wattle recipes and ideas for wattle activities and games at: [www.wattleday.asn.au/what-you-can-do-1](http://www.wattleday.asn.au/what-you-can-do-1).

## Jerra residents say no to one 'bypass', yes to another

QUEANBEYAN Council has recently gathered support for its proposed Ellerton Drive Extension road from business groups, including the Queanbeyan Business Development Board and the Canberra Business Council. However, Jerrabomberra residents earlier gave a resounding 'no' to the proposal in a survey conducted by member for Eden-Monaro, Mike Kelly.

In March, Kelly's staff surveyed the whole of Jerrabomberra through door-knocking and letterboxing, asking residents whether their preferred 'bypass' for expected Googong traffic should be the Ellerton Drive Extension (EDE) or Dunn's Creek Road.

Kelly's survey stated that with 16,000 residents expected for Googong and more trucks on Monaro St, Queanbeyan is in clear need of a long-term traffic solution. However, he feels the EDE is not a true bypass. "The Ellerton Drive Extension starts at the main roundabout in Jerrabomberra and ends at the roundabout at Yass Road in Queanbeyan," he said.

The two-to-four lane EDE's main objective is to funnel Googong traffic to Canberra via Yass Road. The alternative is to support Dunn's Creek Road from Old Cooma Road to the Monaro Highway for Canberra-bound traffic from Googong, according to the survey.

"We received an overwhelming response," said a Kelly spokesperson. "More than 80 percent of [Jerrabomberra] people said Dunn's Creek Rd was their preferred solution." [See map p5 to compare the two routes].

In August, Kelly announced he would work for federal funding support to start the Dunn's Creek Road if re-elected, in the face of Council's stated objective that the EDE is its first priority. Council is asking for long-term loan funding from federal or state authorities, to be paid back by Googong developer road contributions over several decades.

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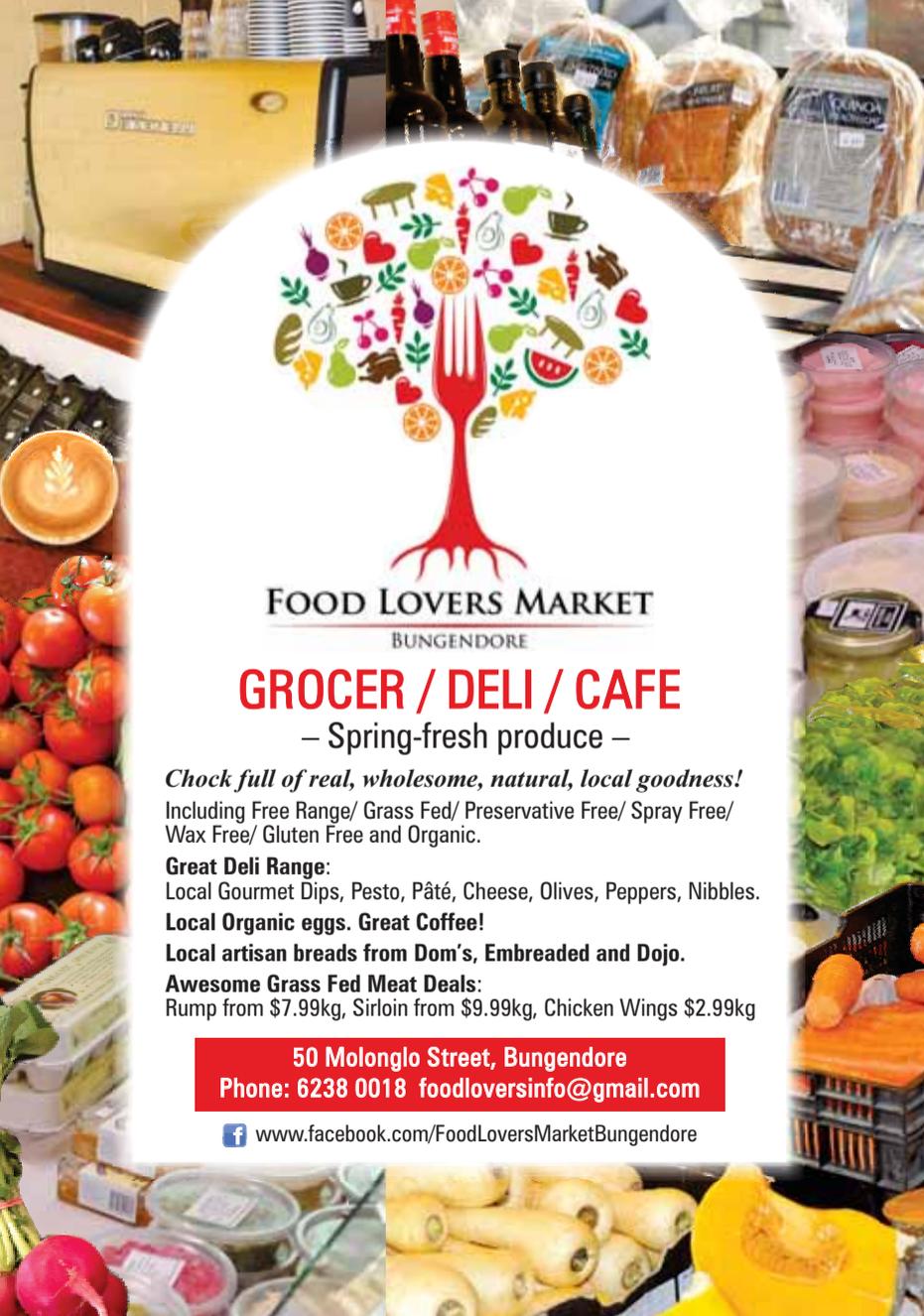
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# Raider's season of discontent, night of knives

by Bulletin special correspondent  
*'Eye on Sports'*

WHO WOULD have thought that the game of rugby league could be compared to the game of politics? If you ask David Furner, deposed coach of the Canberra Raiders, he might very well tell you that he knows just how Julia Gillard felt when toppled by those who had helped install her.

Just like the former prime minister, Furner, a one-time leader and club legend, might also share the view that while politics these days has too little sport, sport has far too much politics.

Removed from the position only weeks out from the conclusion of the 2013 season, questions on the timing of the decision, player involvement and poor management continue to add to the controversy. Not that controversy has been very far from the Raiders over the course of Furner's tenure.

From the minute he was elevated from assistant to the top job in 2008, the barrage began, with calls of nepotism arising from the fact his brother, Don Furner Jnr, was (and remains) CEO, and charges of cronyism for what many perceive as a 'mate's club' consisting as it does of a board and chairman who have been entrenched for almost as long as the Raiders have existed.

**much reporting overlooks that the Raiders have failed to truly fire since their peak of the mid-1990s**

Unimpressive starts for the team in the first two seasons under Furner were ameliorated to a degree with a strong finish and a semi-final berth in 2010, but successive years proved similarly disappointing. What much of the reporting appears to overlook though, is that in reality, the Raiders have failed to truly fire since their peak of the mid-1990s, with the only consistency being their inconsistent form and results.

The club has had difficulties in attracting and retaining marquee players, faced charges of breaching the salary cap and routinely dealt with poor performances on the field and bad behaviour off the field.

With a current focus on players such as Blake Ferguson and Josh Dugan, back in 2008 Todd Carney and Bronx Goodwin were generating similar adverse publicity and internal angst, both of whom were eventually — although far from promptly — shown the door.



## From hero to coach: how to win that game

Into this cauldron stepped the man considered by many to be one of the most decent blokes in the game. An Australian Sports Medal recipient for his contribution to the standing of rugby league, Furner was one of the stars during the golden period, winning the Clive Churchill Medal for Man of the Match in the Raiders 1994 Premiership win.

He played 200 games for the 'Green Machine' and at the conclusion of his first-grade career, was the highest point-scoring forward in Australian rugby league history. On his shoulders was placed the burden of pulling his largely young and inexperienced team into line, providing guidance and acting as a moral compass, while of course being expected to produce positive results.

Faced with a slew of injuries, attempted defections, constant criticism and dressing-room friction, that Furner was unable to unite his team in a common purpose did not come as a complete surprise.

It is the manner and timing of his departure that sticks in the craw. Twitter comments give a clear indication of the rift in public opinion — from those suggesting that his treatment was appalling to others noting

that it was not before time.

Perhaps the real problem was that the former coach was too mindful of the reputation of the club for which his own father was the inaugural coach. By protecting players, he was potentially trying to shield them from the glare of the public spotlight but perhaps also sparing the club too deep an analysis of management decisions.

With issues as entrenched as those obviously facing the Raiders, replacing the front man is not necessarily going to fix what really ails it. Wallabies and the Australian cricket team can attest to that. Just like politics, it's impossible to keep all of the people happy all of the time.

Perhaps what is really needed is more than just laying the problems of a poorly performing organization, run for too long by those too closely involved, at the feet of a single man. If a shake-up is warranted, is an entire clean sweep justified, from the CEO to the chairman and his board?

Maybe for the Canberra Raiders, it's time for some new blood rather than simply bloodletting. ■

# Spinning in the wind and renewable energy targets

**With Australia's commitment to renewable energy uncertain, depending on who next forms federal government, Farz Edraki takes a look at the ongoing windfarm discussion in this area and finds a few myths to unpack along the way.**

IF PUBLIC rallies are any barometer of voter opinion on the wind energy debate, then Australians appear to be warming to wind farms.

Within hours of one another, two rallies were held mid-June in Canberra — one led by Get Up to rally support for wind turbines, the other organised by Alan ("Women destroying-the-joint") Jones. The Get Up Rally for Renewables in Civic, attracted three times as many people as Jones' muted affair in Federation Mall.

This didn't deter Jones, who blamed "lack of time and resources" for the small turnout, and instead focused on the negative health effects of wind farms to rally the crowd.

"Why are we terrorising, intimidating and destroying the lives of farmers and the value of their property?" he reportedly told the crowd.

Wind turbines have been blamed for chronic severe sleep deprivation, hypertension, depression, and even heart attacks. Anti-wind lobby groups tend to focus on the supposed health effects as a result of the noise of wind turbines. "Life takes a dramatic turn for the worse once wind turbines are erected within hearing distance of homes", argues the European Platform Against Windfarms.

By contrast, the Get Up Rally in favour of wind farms attracted over 500 people, according to reports. Amongst the speakers were farmers with wind turbines on their property, who blamed anti-wind farm lobbyists for creating false divisions within communities over wind farming.

## Some data on health effects

What is the true nature of the health effects of wind turbines? How can voters separate the spin in the ongoing clean energy debate?

Residents of Bungendore will no doubt be familiar with the wind farm debate; the Capital Wind Farm has been the topic of heated discussion since it was established north of Lake George in 2008.

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# Property rights from planning to mining: where is society's interest?

IN THE SUMMER of 2009 a landowner near Cooma spent 52 days on a hunger strike. Camped at the top of a pole, he was protesting native vegetation laws which, as he saw it, compulsorily acquired his land without just compensation.

It was all about whether or not a farmer could do what they wanted with their freehold land.

For some on the far right this is an argument that evokes an amazing reaction. I have been accused of being part of a socialist conspiracy to take away property rights, part of a secret United Nations agenda for communist world government and so on – just for suggesting that we can't do whatever we want on our land, that we have obligations to society and future generations.

Why am I talking about this today? Because it is essentially the same argument as I get in the many emails I receive about 'locking the gate' on mining and coal seam gas. It has also been an argument many in Palerang have heard lately from some landholders who don't like the new planning zones in the long-running LEP process.

Most people in NSW, when they think about it, would accept that society is going to put some constraints on what you can, and can't, do with your land.

The planning system is the most obvious example. So are the measures we have to ensure we protect the environment, our water and even the future productivity of our land. Most property owners would accept,

for example, that there is justification for rules on noxious weeds, pest animals and native vegetation.

## NSW Capital Watch



with Steve Whan

Another principle in NSW is that although you might own the freehold title to the land that doesn't apply to the resources deep beneath your land – whether that is ground water (that you might share some access to) or mineral resources, which are owned by all the people of NSW.

## Ideas of landholder freedom versus existing rules

For those on the hard right these principles are an anathema, they think that they should be able to do whatever they want with 'their' land and that government involvement is an infringement of their property rights.

According to the hardliners, if they want to cut down and clear native vegetation that is their right, if they want to subdivide their property they shouldn't have planning rules getting in the way, if they want to build a dam or sink a bore no red tape should slow them down and if they want to lock the gate and prevent anyone accessing the minerals under their land they should be able to do that as well.

Most of us would see the need for a balance between property rights and obligations to the rest of society.

That's why as a principle I don't support calls to allow farmers to 'lock the gate' to prevent coal seam gas, coal or minerals exploration.

Most environmentalists would be outraged if landowners decided that their property right entitled them to go back to broad-scale land clearing – or lock out the council weed inspector or the Rural Fire Service. But it is the same principle. You

can't pick and choose what activities a principle or precedent applies to.

## Saying 'no' versus holding regulators to account

Regulating activities that could have negative impacts (like extraction of coal seam gas or minerals) is a job for government. We need to ensure that a strong regime is in place that gives the landholder appropriate payment, the right to object (and have objections properly considered), the right to negotiate appropriate conditions of access and – when something would have a negative impact on the environment, health, water or productive capacity of land – the ability (or obligation) for the regulator to say 'no'.

Yes, it's a lot simpler to be able to run around with a slogan that says something simple like 'lock the gate' or 'defend private property rights' but unfortunately protecting society's interests as a whole can't be done with a one-line slogan. ■

## Poplars rezone gets green light Win for jobs and earless dragon

Nearly 200 hectares of land known as The Poplars – off Lanyon Drive in south Jerrabomberra – has received the go-ahead for a rezone to retail and industrial plus conservation and recreation areas.

The rezoning approved by the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure sets aside seven hectares for retail and commercial activities, 30 hectares for a business park and 53 hectares for private recreation.

110 hectares have been set aside for environmental conservation of native grassland/woodland and species that depend on that ecosystem, including the endangered Grassland Earless dragon.

A departmental spokesperson said the rezoning for business and industrial land development will be the first of more planned for Queanbeyan and will provide jobs close to home. Light industry, business parks and freight handling were mentioned.

The *Queanbeyan Residential and Economic Strategy* found a demand but lack of adequate supply for business and industrial land near Queanbeyan. The departmental spokesperson said there were plans to open 130 hectares "to meet demand over the next 25 years".



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## WAKE UP CALL *from p1*

### What's proposed:

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- Remove all community consultation without the possibility of appeal (even if it's next door) for 80 percent of development. Most new development will be decided by private certifiers selected and paid for by developers.
- Completely backflip on pre-election promises to "return planning powers to the community" with strategic early consultations.
- Tell local councils what to do with most decision resting with new regional planning boards. Local plans (like the Palerang LEP) can be overturned, modified or redrawn at any time to increase development.
- Strip away existing environmental and

heritage safeguards – that includes native vegetation, biodiversity, built and Aboriginal heritage controls.

- Give extensive powers to decide on big developments (think coal mines or apartment complexes) to the Director General of Planning and the Minister. ICAC has submitted that this leaves ministers and bureaucrats wide open to corruption (and they should know).
- Strip away zonings that protect your property amenity – like separating supermarkets or petrol stations from residential zones, or intensive feedlots from rural residential areas.

More next month. Additional information from [davidshoebridge.org.au/planningreform](http://davidshoebridge.org.au/planningreform). Get involved with the local Better Planning Network (BPN) <http://betterplanningnetwork.good.do/nsw/email-your-state-mp-3/> and the BPN [change.org](http://change.org) petition. Contact your local member John Barilaro and particularly Upper House legislators, who will be crucial to passage of this bill.

## National Parks campaign not yet over

MANY people in NSW celebrated in early July when the state government announced its decision to disband the Game Council, (temporarily) suspend hunting on all public lands and introduced a trial 'supplementary pest control' program in 12 national parks.

The National Parks Association of NSW which spearheaded the campaign to keep hunting out of parks says amendments to the game and feral Animal Control Act will go before the next parliamentary sitting in September. They are encouraging people to remain actively involved and petition parliament.

"I am acutely aware of the power and efficiency of the Shooters and Fishers Party who currently have an online petition with 7,000 signatures (many from USA, Canada and Africa) and of the NSW Sporting Shooters party whose membership is expected to reach 50,000 next month," reported Bywong's Graham Scully.

The National Parks Association letter/petition drive can be accessed at [http://nohunting.wildwalks.com/election\\_campaign](http://nohunting.wildwalks.com/election_campaign).

# JERRA RESIDENTS YES and NO

from p1

The Liberal candidate for Eden Monaro, Peter Hendy, supported the Council's position at a recent 'Meet the Candidates' night but refused to be drawn on any financial commitment. No state funding appears on the horizon, either.

The *Bulletin* asked for more detail on why the EDE is a bad idea in Kelly's view and what the alternatives for getting traffic off

Monaro Street might be. We received the following answers provided by a spokesperson:

"Residents in Karabar, Greenleigh and Barracks Flat share Mike's concerns particularly regarding the threat to the Queanbeyan River, which is the jewel in Queanbeyan's crown.

"In addition, the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) identifies endangered species like the Rosenberg's Goanna that would come under threat along the route."

A pricetag of \$44 million (elsewhere

estimated up to \$55 million) is also a concern. "The Bega bypass which is roughly the same length, cost \$60 million and it did not have to deal with engineering challenges like crossing a river or series of ridges."

While it was once thought that traffic from Googong would head to the defence headquarters on the King's Highway, defence housing is no longer buying any land at Googong, so the vast majority of the traffic would be heading to the ACT, said the spokesperson.

"Representatives from Queanbeyan Council were asked where the traffic would go once it reached the Yass Rd. The response

– straight up Pialligo Rd, which is already under extreme stress. Pialligo Rd will become a carpark."

What is an alternative truck bypass for central Queanbeyan? "The alternative is to duplicate Pialligo Rd and put a load limit on Monaro St. With the Majura Parkway providing a seamless link between the Monaro and Hume, trucks from the south will head straight onto the Majura Parkway while trucks from the Kings Highway could flow onto the duplicated Pialligo Rd and then onto the Parkway."

— Maria Taylor

## Labor promises \$10m regional sports hub



Dr Mike Kelly and Brumbies star/Wallabies captain David Pocock at the announcement.

LABOR has promised to invest \$10 million towards the University of Canberra 'Sports Hub' project, if re-elected on 7 September. The Sports Hub project would involve building a new sport and health research, training and administration facility, as well as establishing a mobile sports fitness and health clinic.

The Sports Hub is a collaborative effort between the Rudd Labor Government, the ACT Government, the University of Canberra Union and the ACT and Southern NSW Rugby Union.

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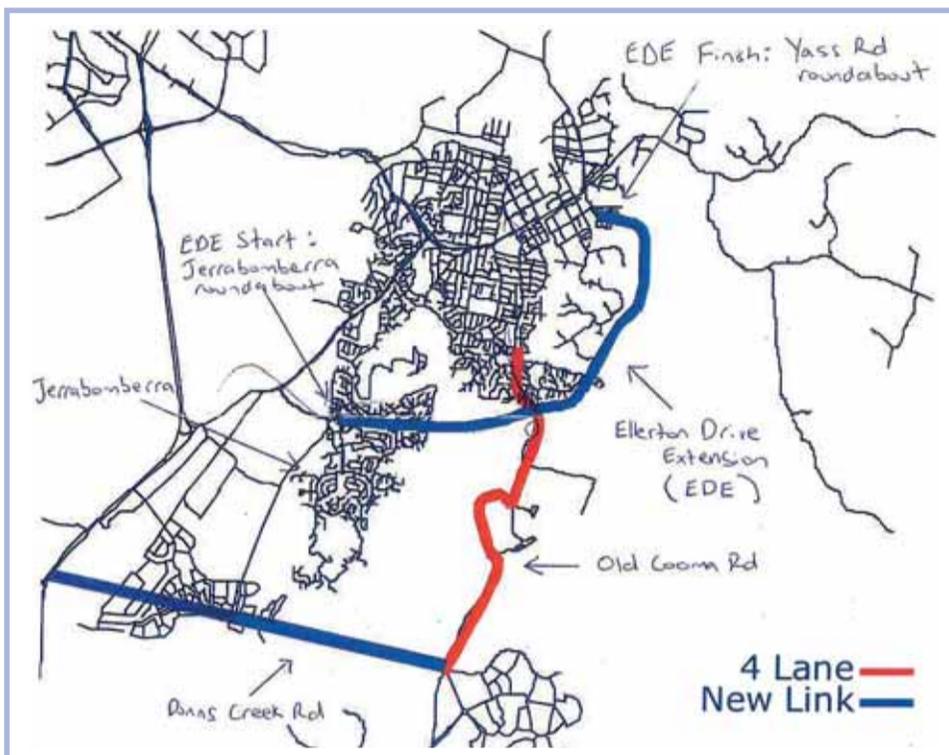
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## Liberal's broadband policy leaves behind those at 'end of the line'

IT'S ASTOUNDING that country people and the National Party aren't up in arms over the Liberal's broadband policy. Their current 'plan' allows nearly ten percent of users in the fixed line footprint unable to access 50mpbs by 2019 – a basic speed by that time.

In short, their policy fixes a digital divide for a year or two, then creates it again. This is on top of all the other deficiencies of their plan – too many to mention here.

The people unable to get the 50mpbs will be the people near the end of a very long copper line, making upgrading to 'Fibre on Demand' prohibitively expensive for nearly one in ten businesses and households in the country. It's believed even satellite and fixed wireless are capable of this basic speed with simple upgrades.

For those that think the economy is the most important issue this election, I applaud you.

But think very carefully what it means when nearly ten percent of the country will not be able to access what will be, a very basic communications service, at an affordable price, in the very near future.

— Anthony Wasiukiewicz, Yallourn North Vic

## Is Queanbeyan Council interested in community views?

COMMUNITY concerns sent to Queanbeyan City Council (QCC) about the harmful impacts to people and the environment from building the Ellerton Drive Extension (EDE) have been dismissed. The Council in August

dismissed a community petition of 213 signatures tabled in July.

Council also considered a report on the public consultation on the EDE concept plans and Species Impact Statement when it met on 28 August. Councillors then voted 7 to 2 (Labor councillors Judith Burfoot and Brian Brown opposing) to engage a consultant to design the road despite there being no funding from any source for the project.

Appreciation of our special places is reflected in the Queanbeyan Community Vision, updated last year, which states: *Queanbeyan's attractive complex landscape, its parks, rivers, escarpment, grassland and forested hills and associated flora and fauna are key assets that must be preserved for future generations.*

It is difficult to see how constructing a four-lane expressway and destroying 19ha of native vegetation that is supposed to be protected gives effect to the above statement.

The land on which the EDE would be built, and the river it would cross, are part of a locally and regionally significant wildlife corridor, linking the eastern ranges to the Murrumbidgee River corridor.

The EDE would exacerbate the 'islanding' effect already underway, whereby areas of biodiversity are cut off from each other, preventing the easy movement of wildlife from one to the other. We can see this with the extension of the Edwin Land Parkway, where Mt Jerrabomberra is almost surrounded by housing and the green corridor linking to the south of the city has become a sliver.

Wildlife has to contend with a busy road or inadequate underpasses.

Petitioners want the Council to withdraw the EDE plans and instead develop a sustainable transport strategy for the city. Council said criticism of the proposed roadway was not supported because it was a long-standing proposal. Of course, that doesn't make it a good one more than 30 years later as we confront the challenges of climate change and species loss.

What is difficult to fathom is why the Council won't invest a small sum of money to develop a proper transport strategy for the city – one that includes better public transport services and improved cycling paths and which takes account of ACT road planning.

— Katrina Willis, Queanbeyan Conservation Alliance

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# Braidwood's main street dilemma

A SECOND pedestrian crossing in Braidwood's Wallace Street has recently received much publicity. On weekends, especially during public holidays, the stream of traffic flows uninterrupted for hours on end as travellers wind their way to the south coast and beyond. Not surprisingly, the majority of vehicles carry Canberra number plates.

The dilemma is: what type of pedestrian crossing will be permitted and will Braidwood be allowed to keep its dear old existing zebra crossing? The crossing has drawn the attention of the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) during the discussions.

At present, it would appear that a choice has to be made between the residents' preference for a second zebra crossing while the RMS says their studies indicate that curb extensions are safer.

This is based on a belief that pedestrians using a zebra crossing step from the curb onto the road with the over-confident expectation that cars will stop. It also appears that there are no accident statistics available to prove that the Braidwood main street zebra crossing is considered either safe or dangerous.

Information about both zebra crossings and refuge islands can

be found on the NSW government's road safety site. At zebra crossings, "drivers must slow down and stop when a pedestrian steps onto a marked crossing".

Queensland's road safety site talks about sharing the road with pedestrians. The website's guide maintains that "when driving a vehicle or riding a bicycle, you must give way to pedestrians when they are crossing at pedestrian crossings, children's crossings or marked foot crossings".

## Pedestrian crossings vanishing

Braidwood is not the only town in the world worrying about pedestrian crossings. In November 2011, *The Economist* ran a notebook column related to the pedestrian crossings of Britain under the heading: "The curious demise of the zebra crossing".

An excerpt from the column states: "The black-and-white striped road crossings turned 60 this week, and the daily press duly wheeled out the expected shots of the Abbey Road crossing made famous by the Beatles, but also the unexpected statistic that 1,000 of these crossings have vanished in the last five years".

Englishman Tim Lennon asked seven questions of Transport for London for statistics relating to pedestrian crossings. The following is part of the response.

"We have estimated that it

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with Jill McLeod

# How Village Woodworks found ready-to-go granny flats, studios and more

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Since the erection of our small display in Robertson, we have had much interest and positive feedback as well as these translating into sales. We have been very busy in a climate that is hesitant and unsure, and are feeling particularly thankful.

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on the Southern Highlands and surrounding areas.

The 'Langeoog' has been especially popular with its modern look (featured in the ad). Neil has designed a bathroom/kitchenette as an addition, also in kit form making a great little studio, granny flat. The lines of the building continue as though they were always meant to belong to the original building.

Gearing up for the Murrumbatemen Field Day. Maybe we'll see you there!

More at [www.thevillagewoodworks.com.au](http://www.thevillagewoodworks.com.au).

— Elyse Atkins



Neil Atkins of the Village Woodworks, Robertson. Photo by Ken Redpath.

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## Upper Monaro Street – quality shops and services

Over the last few years something very interesting has been happening in upper Monaro Street, Queanbeyan. A number of new businesses have opened, and they, along with existing long-time businesses and services, make it an interesting place to shop.

### Have you been to Debbie Maree's Fashion Boutique?

Debbie Maree Carvolth opened her ladies fashion boutique, **Debbie Maree's Fashion Boutique** just over a year ago. She travels to Sydney to source suppliers, and says her point of difference is stocking some items that are sewn in Australia, a section of the industry that is almost extinct.

She sells fashion from casual wear through to after-five formal wear. She caters for women of all sizes, from 8 to 24, and chooses unique



Deborah, left of Beautiful Gifting with Debbie of Debbie Maree's Fashion Boutique.

pieces that are different from those in chain stores. Some of her top labels include: Philosophy, Swish, Boo Radley, Ping Pong and Yarra Trail.

### Beautiful Gifting can help you with the art of gift giving

**Beautiful Gifting** is a unique gift shop you may find yourself visiting time and again. Owner Deborah Keenan specializes in quality Australian and overseas gifts, for all occasions, or something to spoil yourself.

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### Notable politicians had their hair cut at Tony's Hairdressing

**Tony's Queanbeyan Hairdressing Salon** has been a part of the Queanbeyan community for almost 60 years. The original barber in the Tutalo family was Michele, who migrated from Italy in 1950, and started work at the barber shop in Parliament House.

His clients included Sir Robert Menzies, as well as other notable politicians. His barbering expertise was passed onto his son Antonio Tutalo who opened up Tony's Queanbeyan Hairdressing Salon in 1957. As soon as his son Jason Tutalo was old enough to work he was taught the techniques that have been passed down from his grandfather.

Jason (pictured on the left, above) is now the sole owner of the Salon with over 26 years of experience. As well as his knowledge in classic and traditional barbering he is also



proficient in modern styles including; tribal, fades and hair tattooing. The newest addition to the team at Tony's is Mark Fletcher (above right).

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Sassy Lassie has been established in upper Monaro Street for about 17 years, but was purchased about a year and a half ago, by the current owner, Joy Robinson.

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For more see [www.qcc.nsw.gov.au/Growing-Our-City/City-Infrastructure/Infrastructure-Projects/CBD-Upgrades/CBD-Upgrades](http://www.qcc.nsw.gov.au/Growing-Our-City/City-Infrastructure/Infrastructure-Projects/CBD-Upgrades/CBD-Upgrades).



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**BRAIDWOOD** From p6  
would cost 687 pounds (Au \$1170) to provide a response to these questions. This is because it is estimated that it would take 27.5 working hours to retrieve, assess and compile the information.” Perhaps there is a similar reason why statistics for Braidwood’s zebra crossing are not available.

Braidwood residents wait patiently for their dilemma to be solved. If the pedestrian refuge option is chosen, it is also worth considering what the reaction will be to bright yellow bollards standing proud in our heritage listed vista. ■

## Preferences will decide Eden-Monaro

by Robyn Tennant-Wood

WHILE EIGHT candidates nominated for the marginal seat of Eden-Monaro the main game is clearly between sitting member, Dr Mike Kelly, and the Liberal candidate, Dr Peter Hendy. But this is a marginal seat and preferences will determine the outcome.

With a large field of candidates, allocation of preferences can be somewhat of a scattergun, but in this electorate it is the Greens that have established themselves strongly over almost two decades as the third ‘major’ party, ensuring that their preferences can be the key to the seat.

### Greens preference flow

The Greens’ Catherine Moore is contesting the seat for the second time. The party first contested Eden-Monaro in 1996 and polled 3.7%.

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## What’s most stressing tertiary students?

by Farz Edraki

FINISHING late-night assignments, finding part-time work, and navigating the terrain of relationship and family drama are all stressful realities for students. Renting on a tight budget is also tricky – and, according to a recent local report from Anglicare, a source of significant anxiety for many students living in Canberra.

According to the report, *Living on the Edge*, 87 percent of students living independently experience housing stress. For students living out of home, the median proportion of income spent on housing is almost half

(46 percent). This situates students in the ‘severe’ rental stress category, according to the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute’s (AHUR) definition.

The report also found that students relied on their family when times were tough: 11 percent of students had to move back home when living independently became too expensive, and 47 percent asked their family members for help to meet rent.

### Homelessness a by-product

Homelessness is an all-too present by-product of high rental rates and the lack of affordable housing options for some students. Of the 18–25 year old students surveyed, 50 percent who are food insecure every fortnight also experience some level of homelessness, Anglicare reported.

“I became homeless due to pulling out of an unsuitable accommodation arrangement,” said one female mature-aged student, who preferred not to be identified by name. “I couch surfed at a friend’s while my gear was under a tarp in another friend’s backyard. ANU was unable to provide any space to store my books etc, even though I found space on campus.

“It was a stressful experience and impacted on my studies as assessment was due during this time. My experience contributed to monster depression and worse.”

Last year, University of Canberra (UC) student William Woodridge protested against university accommodation conditions by living permanently in a teepee at Lake Ginninderra. Woodridge was fined \$380 by

UC accommodation services after setting off a fire alarm. Instead of paying the fine, he opted to leave, and packed up and pitched his tent on a floating platform on Lake Ginninderra, protesting more generally about student accommodation standards.

Why are Canberra’s students experiencing such high levels of housing stress? Jeremy Halcrow, the author of the Anglicare report, says it is due to a combination of factors.

“Rents are high in Canberra across the board, with very few shared properties and even fewer rental properties available at an affordable rate to any low income earner,” Halcrow said.

“The combination of low availability and high rents means that many are in situations where their only option is to take a property costing a high proportion of their income.”

One housing alternative making waves in Canberra is cooperatives. The Canberra Student Housing Cooperative (CSHC), established in late 2011 to address issues of affordable and secure student living in Canberra, endorsed Anglicare’s findings.

“CSHC residents are lucky to have secure, affordable accommodation”, CSHC spokesperson Georgia Ginnivan said in a statement. “But we are very aware that we are part of the privileged few. In one instance last year we had eleven times the number of applications than spots available.”

Students living at CSHC, located at Havelock House in Turner, pay \$155 p/w; this is less than the median rental rate of \$169 per week for students living in share houses with a median income of \$397.50, and \$232.50 for students with a median income of \$490. ■



finding koalas across the Monaro

## One two three: how many koalas left in the region?

THE Cooma-Monaro Shire Council started a six-week survey of koalas in August in preparation for a koala management plan.

Seventy sites will be assessed in this phase and volunteers have been asked to assist in the count.

The project aims to assess the remaining habitat of koalas in the Monaro, in an effort to address koala conservation. Previous surveys by the University of Canberra have shown the existence of koalas across the Monaro, and the trends of preferred tree species.

The project is partly funded by the NSW government environmental trust grant of \$100,000 and administered by the Office of Environment and Heritage.

If you are interested in volunteering for this project by recording evidence of koalas, contact Cooma-Monaro Council on 6455 1777.

## Bungendore supermarket competition heats up

by Robyn Hall

PALERANG Council General Manager Peter Bascomb told the *Bulletin* that Canberra’s Krnc Group has just lodged a development application for a supermarket on Malbon St (Kings Highway) west of the Caltex station.

The proposal covers four village blocks starting from the French restaurant plus several blocks adjacent to the right.

Proposed are about 2,000 square metres of floor space, a liquor store, a first floor administration office, and parking space for 131 cars.

This is an additional supermarket DA, unrelated to one further west on Malbon St. That one has drawn heated community lobbying about two heritage cottages.

Bungendore speculation has suggested the Krnc tenant might be a Woolworths. But Bascomb said he thought the space was too small for a Woolworths.

For a fuller report during September see [online.districtbulletin.com.au](http://online.districtbulletin.com.au).

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## PALERANG COUNCIL

### Development Approvals

Notification in accordance with Section 101 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. Council approved the following development applications in August 2013.

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.2013.100	Dual Occupancy, Dwelling and Shed	8/8/2013	Lot 11 DP245149 44 Brooks Road BYWONG
DA.2013.101	Carport	15/8/2013	Lot 51 DP754871 127 Little Burra Road BURRA
DA.2013.116	Alterations and Additions to Existing Residence	27/8/2013	Lot 3 DP1074706 202 Goolabri Drive SUTTON
DA.2013.128	Shed	6/8/2013	Lot 122 DP1022346 54 Southfork Place ROYALLA
DA.2013.134	Manufactured Home and Garage	1/8/2013	Lot 3 DP1104165 95 Taliesin Road CARWOOLA
DA.2013.136	Dwelling	6/8/2013	Lot 110 DP1167357 18 Badgery St BRAIDWOOD
DA.2013.141	Dwelling	7/8/2013	Lot 121 DP1167357 Elrington Street BRAIDWOOD
DA.2013.152	Shed	27/8/2013	Lot 10 DP247399 60 Finlay Place BURRA
DA.2013.153	Dwelling	21/8/2013	Lot 129 DP755911 21 Hawthorne Lane BRAIDWOOD
DA.2013.155	Shed	15/8/2013	Lot 1 DP837873 1515 Bungendore Road TARAGO
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**PREFERENCES EDEN-MONARO**

From p8

They have stood a candidate at every subsequent election and have increased their vote each time. In 2010 the Greens polled 9.7% and will be looking to build on this.

Moore is an experienced candidate, has held Greens executive positions at state and national level, served two terms on the Palarang Council and knows her electorate and core constituency well. She is adept at reading the mood of local communities and extrapolating and articulating the issues most pertinent to those areas.

In campaigning for this election, Moore is campaigning on the Greens' national issues as well as targeting issues of local importance. At national level, the key issues include those central to the health, well-being and viability of people and communities and environmental protection in regional areas. Climate change is a major priority, as well as the need to strengthen the mining tax and abolish subsidies to the mining industry.

At the electorate level, issues include the controversial Dargues Reef goldmine and mining exploration generally, particularly in regard to water catchments as well as locally targeted development and transport issues pertaining to Queanbeyan and its commuter region, and high-speed rail.

**Absence of concern about the natural environment**

Moore comments that one of the biggest changes she has seen over the past 20 years of her involvement in Green politics in Eden-Monaro is the current "absence of concern and mainstream discussion about the environment, and more recently, climate change, at a time when the impact of humans on the natural world is bigger than ever".

The Greens are preferencing Labor third, after the Stable Population Party.

**Palmer United Party**

Palmer United Party is the potential wildcard. Cooma-Monaro Mayor, Dean Lynch, is contesting the seat for Clive Palmer's Party, but appears unaware of the irony that the mayor of the shire that contains Australia's largest hydro electricity development and largest employer in the region, should join up with Australia's largest coal mining magnate.

Despite the anomaly Lynch says he stands for local jobs, particularly in small business, and is sick of the Liberal-Labor political duopoly. He is a fifth-generation Monaro grazier who clearly understands his local community and their concerns and wants to

**The Editor asks...**

**Who are the puppeteers?**

WILL THE OUTCOME of the 2013 election be dictated by a grumpy old rich man in New York and his overwhelming newspaper power in every Australian state?



Will we embrace the Murdoch press' undisguised goals to get rid of Labor and the Greens at any cost?

Do we settle for half-truths, character assassination and opinion masquerading as political journalism?

In the run-up to this election, Murdoch's News Ltd has mounted a grotesque newspaper campaign (totally embarrassing to professional journalism) to get rid of Rudd.

This comes after the News Ltd and other press gallery journalists, attack media personalities and political operatives of both parties mounted the most vicious, personal campaign against a Prime Minister in recent Australian history to get rid of Gillard.

All this has suited the Coalition very well. The bottom line is ideological for both Murdoch and his current political favourites. It's an 'anything goes' battle for your hearts and minds.

What do they win? A country without a coherent plan to lower greenhouse gas

advance those on the national agenda.

Regional food security is a high priority. He is critical of the current state of the political system, noting that we do not appear to have two parties but two participants: "It's become a beauty contest with only two contestants. Both are boring, dull and a huge waste of time and money."

While there is no doubting Lynch's sincerity, at a recent candidates' forum in Queanbeyan he did not really communicate what Palmer United would do differently from the major parties except expand big visions like the Snowy Mountain scheme.

Despite describing himself politically as "fundamentally Liberal", Lynch advocates centralisation of services such as health and education, suggesting a referendum to change Section 51 of the Constitution to "remove some power of the states." The Liberals, apparently, have no problem with this and will be benefiting from his preferences, followed by the Greens.

**The Stable Population Party**

While unlikely to have a big effect, The Stable Population Party is an interesting newcomer aimed at a green vote. Its

pollution and combat extreme events of climate change; no commitment to new industries providing clean energy; no sharing of mining companies' windfall profits from extracting our resources, bankable for future needs; and public sector job cuts favouring a shift to the private sector.

This is may be good for international business but it's not good for journalism, Australia or the planet. It appears Murdoch has calculated that this time Tony Abbott will best deliver the goods – at least for the multinationals and the big miners.

**Return to the past, circa John Howard 1996**

A return to deepest market fundamentalism is a hallmark, made clear at the Institute of Public Affairs' (IPA, a right-wing think tank) birthday celebrations back in April. It was attended with enthusiastic speeches by Tony Abbott, Rupert Murdoch and Gina Rinehart.

Abbott gave the IPA wishlist a "big fat yes" on the night. That list included items like selling off the ABC and SBS, privatising the CSIRO and making free-health care less attractive. And of course it had a special northern economic zone with low wages for Gina.

Even if an Abbott government does none of that, his speech assured the faithful that the Coalition "will indeed repeal the carbon tax, abolish the Department of Climate Change and the Clean Energy Fund. We will repeal Section 18C of the Racial Discrimination Act.



candidate, Martin Tye, lives at Broulee on the Eurobodalla coast. A small businessman with qualifications in applied science and geography, he believes that the weakness with current policy for sustainability is that it addresses only the symptoms.

The Stable Population Party has a well-developed, coherent and focused platform and Tye articulates it well: "A stable population transfers investment away from relatively unproductive land/housing speculation (and associated import of consumer goods) into more productive industries which create exports such as agriculture and manufacturing." Rather than offer quick-fix solutions to population he says his aim is to raise the profile of the issue.

He is not making a recommendation for preferences. The sustainability element of the party platform would suggest that the Greens and Labor will benefit, however, Tye is a strong advocate of small business in regional

"We will abolish new health and environmental bureaucracies ... abolish Medibank Private. We will trim the public service and stop throwing good money after bad on the NBN."

He gushed about the IPA's efforts in defence of western civilization, freedom and capitalism and compared IPA director Rupert Murdoch to Sir John Monash and Howard Florey (the co-inventor of penicillin) as the Australian who has most shaped the world.

Unfortunately in this election, it's not just the Murdoch press. Fairfax has also made up its mind that Labor must go and is using its page one headlines (in the Canberra Times for instance) to yell that case. A recent swing through Eden-Monaro saw alarming front page 'loser' headlines backed by interviews with a handful of disgruntled voters in the grazing and fishing businesses.

The disintegration of our media integrity and trust will be the biggest loss from this election and what went on during the last three years.

**On the matter of trust: who is the liar?**

Julia Gillard was branded a liar, a cheat, 'hopeless' (what do you expect from a woman?) and was hectored by all media including the ABC for three years over Labor's policy to start with a price on carbon emissions followed by an emissions trading scheme by 2015.

They all reported and repeated endlessly that she said "there will be no carbon tax under a government I lead". She broke that promise they said, and it was unforgivable according to the Coalition and the media and then many voters.

But heres' what she actually said in February 2011. "There will be no carbon tax under a government I lead, but let me be clear: I will be putting a price on carbon and I will move to an emissions trading scheme."

In a new book on Gillard's demise Canberra political journalist Kerry-Anne Walsh compares the 'liar' campaign to John Howard's unqualified backflip on his promise to 'never-ever' introduce a GST. There was no three year media frenzy over that one.

areas, which could translate into a significant drift of preferences to Liberal.

Hendy has drawn the top place on the ballot form, Kelly has number three, Lynch is at four and Moore at five.

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# Lowering carbon emissions: what the different parties offer

by Stephanie L Anderson, who has been looking at election policies as part of honours studies at the University of Canberra Journalism School.

WHILE carbon pricing or carbon ‘tax’ have been hot topics during this election campaign, exactly what the major parties stand for is unclear in the minds of many voters.

In 2007, under Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, Australia ratified the Kyoto Protocol. This document was created to encourage countries around the world to take responsibility for their carbon emissions and commit to lowering them.

Labor, the Coalition and the Greens all officially agree on the science of climate change and are committed to making changes for the future. Both the Labor and Liberal parties have committed to lowering Australia’s emissions by 5–25% (of year 2000 emissions) by 2020.

The Greens have gone a large step further and committed to reductions of 25% to 40% (on year 1990 emissions) by 2020.

The Labor party and the Greens have also committed to further reductions leading into 2050. The Coalition, although not committed to these future goals, has said it will review these targets if elected.

## A price put on greenhouse gas pollution

In 2011, the Labor party introduced the then highly controversial carbon price or tax. With it came compensation for low-income earners, as well as some increase to electricity prices that began in 2012. Placing a price on carbon emissions was designed to lead to an emissions trading scheme by 2015.

Kevin Rudd has since declared that if re-elected, the carbon price will become part of an emissions trading scheme (ETS) in July of next year. This means that the current cost now put on carbon pollution (\$24.15

per tonne) will come down to roughly \$6 per tonne (the world price) and will be a floating price which can increase and/or decrease depending on international circumstances. After the change, low-income earners will still receive their compensation.

Labor MP for Eden-Monaro, Mike Kelly, said that carbon pricing is effective in reducing emissions. “Our change is fiscally responsible and will be budget neutral. It will also bring Australia into step with its major trading partners,” Dr Kelly said.

The Liberal Party has vowed that if elected, on day one they will scrap the carbon price and the Clean Energy Finance Corporation (set up by Labor).

## Direct action plan

Instead of having a market-based carbon price or ETS, the Coalition has pledged to tackle climate change with their Direct Action Plan. It focuses on projects (such as soil carbon technology and various clean-up programs) within Australia that will help decrease our carbon footprint. The scheme will set up a 15,000 person ‘Green Army’ to implement these projects.

Liberal candidate for Eden-Monaro, Peter Hendy, said that carbon pricing is not in the best interest of the electorate. “The only way to fix this flawed policy is scrap the carbon tax,” he said.

The Coalition’s Direct Action Plan has attracted its share of criticism. Claims have surfaced that the budget set aside for the plan is insufficient to meet carbon reduction commitments made by the party.

## Renewable energy for the Greens

The Greens have committed to reducing Australia’s carbon emission to zero by 2050. In 2010 a Greens condition of supporting Julia Gillard was putting a price on carbon. The Greens will not support the Coalition’s plan, nor Labor’s ETS.

The Greens’ solution is to create numerous large scale, renewable energy sources (such as solar farms and wind farms) to combat Australia’s reliance on fossil fuels.

Greens candidate for Eden-Monaro, Catherine Moore, said that while carbon pricing is recognised around the world as a best-practice way to reduce emissions, “the Greens have launched ‘100% Renewable NSW’ ... Moving rapidly to renewables will create thousands of jobs round the country, many of them in Eden-Monaro”.

# Just imagine if Hume were marginal!

THAT WAS the question on many voters’ lips as they left the Wamboin Community Hall after a ‘Meet the Candidates’ event in late August.

More than 80 Wamboin and Bywong residents heard from seven of the nine candidates for the seat of Hume. The Citizen’s Electoral Council and Palmer’s Australia Party candidates were unable to attend.

Candidates got people talking about a wider sense of issues and options than might have been expected in a so-called ‘safe Liberal seat’.

## What the candidates said

**Independent James Harker-Mortlock’s** policies were clearly targeted at the rural-residential audience. He described himself as an “old-style liberal environmentalist”, supporting Landcare and Greening Australia.

He is opposed to overseas ownership of agricultural land, wants improved local services for the aged and supports full indexation of Defence pensions. He currently sees a less than imaginative approach to infrastructure projects such as roads and telecommunications. James’ final comments sent a message that permeated the entire evening: “make the seat marginal, see the money flow.”

**Bruce Nicholson from Katter’s Australian Party** offered policies in support of Australian food producers and Australian-made products and was critical of current free-trade agreements. He is opposed to the sale of Australian public assets and in favour of Australian ownership. Put Australian



businesses first is the message. The Katter Party proposes an ethanol and solar policy rather than a carbon tax.

According to **One Nation’s candidate, Lynette Styles**, Australians are still not spending due to lack of confidence caused essentially by low job security. Her mantra was “jobs, jobs and more jobs” roads, affordable housing and a new hospital for Goulburn.

**Country Labor’s candidate** Yass resident Michael Pilbrow is a businessman involved with cooperative health care delivery. The issue he hears the most about in Hume is communications.

He promised to push for broadband internet capabilities for all areas and discussed Labor’s proposed broadband technology solutions for our area. He is not a huge fan of further public service efficiency dividends, although it’s part of getting back to surplus.

On the economy, he focused on the stimulus package’s positive impact on employment. He drew supportive laughter and applause when he concluded by suggesting that the whole country will sit up if there is a Labor member for Hume.

**The Liberal candidate Angus Taylor** is from a fifth generation farming family and a management consultant. He said he understands that Wamboin and Bywong feel like the forgotten corner of Hume, being recently relocated from the Eden-Monaro electorate.

He implied that lack of NBN fibre optic broadband for the area is a symptom of Labor neglect, and outlined the Liberal party’s support for fixed wireless technology for

areas such as ours [Editor’s note: in fact fixed wireless is a policy of both major political parties for rural residential areas]. He spoke of addressing mobile phone black spots, expressed support for recognition of local government in the constitution with related benefits for funding of roads and other infrastructure.

**Adrian Van Der Byl, from the Christian Democratic Party**, focused on climate change, outlining his and his party’s view that it is a fraudulent legacy of Prime Ministers Gillard and Rudd that has its conceptions in crisis creation strategies. He urged the audience to maintain and defend their own estates and businesses.

**The Greens’ Zaza Chevalier**, seemingly new to electoral politics, said she didn’t have many policy facts to talk about (yet) and gave a resume including her family’s move from Indonesia to Australia and life in Crookwell. She did raise other issues, including the coal-seam gas experience in the Southern Highlands, duplication of the Barton Highway, the concern about wind turbines in the Goulburn and Yass regions, asylum seeker policy and tertiary education funding.

## What the audience thought

It has been widely reported that the economy is a top priority for Australian voters this election. Not so in Wamboin/Bywong if the questions from the floor were any indication. Topics ranged from the inhumane treatment of animals in the live export trade, to fossil fuels and green energy and the delayed release of Liberal policies and costings.

The question that received the most positive audience reaction asked how candidates intended to encourage their

## The real deal with electricity price rises, often attributed to the carbon price

In NSW in 2010–11 prices increased by 10%.

In 2011–12 prices increased by 17%.

Neither of these increases were to do with the carbon price. Most of these increases were because of poles and wires upgrades [as population increased and also due to a contested pricing structure].

In 2012–13 on average prices increased 16% – 9% was the carbon price; 8% because of poles and wires; 1% for billing metering and marketing; offset by –2% because of generation of electricity.

Source: [www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/files/53a0236f-f94e-4148-9740-a03100a00b15/](http://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/files/53a0236f-f94e-4148-9740-a03100a00b15/) and *The Australia Institute 2013*

Analyses seen by the *Bulletin* indicate a modest drop in carbon emissions during the past two years of 5–7 percent. Carbon pollution is high in our coal-driven electricity sector. Discouraging that pollution by price and encouraging other generation methods was the idea. In fact, higher electricity prices, regardless of why, have had an effect: dropping demand as households and businesses turn to solar generation and efficiency.

parties to address the lack of funding and attention received by our region, no longer being a marginal seat.

All candidates addressed the question in the context of Hume. The Katter Party’s Bruce Nicholson and Independent James Harker-Mortlock took the opportunity to restate the advantages of making Hume a marginal seat by voting for one of them. They also challenged the major party candidates to tell the audience what their party was specifically promising the voters of Hume.

Angus Taylor’s response was to present the Hume Highway as the best road in Australia and to promise good infrastructure advocacy for Hume. Michael Pilbrow reported on a recent Labor announcement of \$1.7 million for three Trades Training Centres in Yass and Young.

— Contributed by Jenny Warren from Wamboin, with thanks.

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Capital Wind Farm has 67 wind turbines capable of supplying electricity to around 60,000 homes and is almost five times the size of any other wind farm in NSW.

Capital Wind Farm's opponents maintain that it has seriously impacted the welfare of humans as well as birds and other wildlife in Bungendore.

These concerns spurred a six-month NSW Government audit into noise levels from Capital Wind Farm, in December last year. The results of this inquiry, which also examines two other wind farms: Cullerin Range and Woodlawn, were not announced by early September.

**Bungendore residents familiar with the debate being near NSW's largest wind farm**

Bungendore resident, Sharon Rasker, claims the wind farm's noise levels are negligible.

"I'm in the Scouts, and we've had a couple of visits up there, and I was quite amazed at how low-pitched the hum was," she told the *Bulletin*.

"When I first heard [the wind turbines] were coming, I was shocked as to the change in the landscape. In the beginning, I don't think we had any idea how many, and we didn't know what it would look like... but now they're there, we're used to them. At the moment, they don't worry me."

Rasker also maintains that the Capital Wind Farm has benefited Bungendore by bringing workers into the town. "Every morning, the bakery was full of workers. The impact on the money brought into Bungendore is huge. Financially, for the town, it's been wonderful."

Other residents are upset at the lack of community consultation. "I'm not against green energy; what we want is community consultation," Jane Rotgans told the *Bulletin*.

Rotgans, who owns a property in a neighbourhood where one wind farm company has its sights on erecting new turbines, says that there was no general consultation with local residents.

"What happens is that companies target individual property owners," commented Rotgans. "In small rural communities, this has effects on neighbouring properties where households might not want a wind turbine across their backyard."

"What we want is a say as to where the turbines are being put."

**Interstate findings on wind farms**

The Victorian Health Department disputes any claims that wind turbines produce enough infrasound to affect health. According to its

**A birthday cake like no other:**

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LORRAINE Kiewiet from Annie's Cake Place in Queanbeyan is getting a head start on Queanbeyan's 175th birthday. The master cake-decorator is baking the five-layered birthday cake and has already started on the decorative additions like the geese, ducks and platypus before her here, which will go on second tier near other images for the Queanbeyan River.

"Many familiar scenes from Queanbeyan will be recreated on the cake which will be part chocolate and part fruit cake. It's going to be a very special cake for a special town," she said. Lorraine will sculpt old and new buildings, shop fronts, vintage cars. The names of all Queanbeyan's mayors will grace the cake as well as a 'wall of fame' from Queanbeyan's civic history.

A tip for new bakers: "People think the packet mixes are the easiest way but I've always found it's just as easy to throw a few basic ingredients together and I think it tastes a whole lot better".

**A list of events for the 175th birthday celebrations on Saturday 28 September in and around Ray Morton Park and the banks of the Queanbeyan River includes:**

- **11am – 12.30pm** 175 years of transport parade led by *HMAS Harman* in a special Freedom of Entry march. The parade will follow Macquoid Street, the old main street of Queanbeyan
- **12.30–4.30pm** Multicultural Food and Dance Festival,
- **1.30– 2.15pm** Official celebrations, cutting of the cake, opening of Sensory Gardens
- **5pm** – Live entertainment featuring local artists, Omar Musa, Ruby Ice and Sik n Move
- **7pm** – Fireworks. The best viewing spot is in Ray Morton Park
- **7.30pm** Anniversary Ball, Bicentennial Centre.

study, wind farms do not generate enough infrasound to be audible – at best, it's the equivalent of background noise.

The Health Department's released a number of its findings, including:

- "Infrasound from wind farms has been found to be well below the hearing threshold of 85 dBG, and therefore inaudible, even as close as 185m from the turbines.
- The evidence indicates that sound can only affect health at sound levels that are loud enough to be easily audible. This means that if you cannot hear a sound, there is no known way that it can affect health. This is true regardless of the frequency of the sound.
- Infrasound is produced by the body at higher levels than many external sources, including wind farms. Humans have therefore been exposed to infrasound throughout our evolution."

These findings are consistent with that of a South Australian Environment Protection Authority report from March 2013 that found that the levels of infrasound of wind farms are "no greater than that experienced in other urban and rural environments", and well below "the perception threshold".

The federal Labor Government is committed to a 20 percent renewable energy

target – a goal that has been supported by the Coalition. However, National Party member Senator Ron Boswell denounced this target as "ridiculous" on the anti-wind rally earlier this month.

It has long been difficult to see how Australia will meet even this modest target. However, recent plans to build major solar farms for the ACT and in western NSW, the latter capable of supplying electricity to 60,000 households, are positive steps. ■



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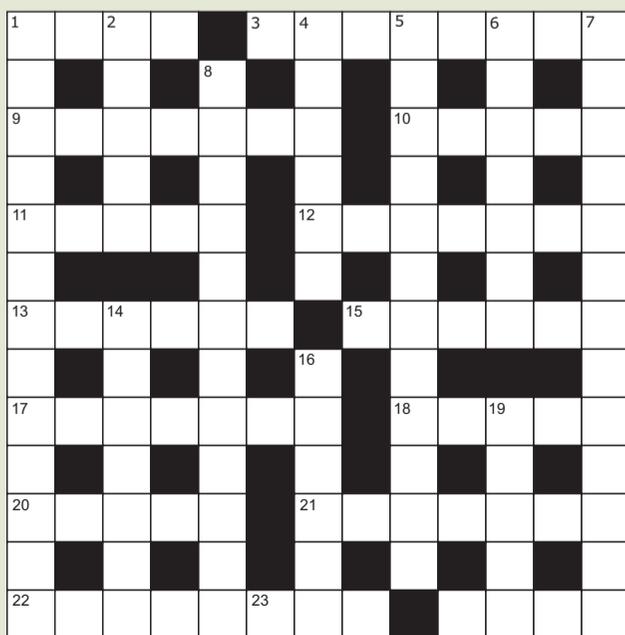
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**Crossword Solution p19**

**Across**

- 1 Weaving machine (4)
- 3 Appropriate word or expression (3, 5)
- 9 One-horned beast of a legend (7)
- 10 Clique (often secret) that seeks power usually through intrigue (5)
- 11 Imitation (5)
- 12 Abundant, in a swarm (7)
- 13 Person of unquestioning obedience (3-3)
- 15 Tap for drawing water from a cask (6)
- 17 In the middle of (7)
- 18 Mike \_\_\_\_, US prizefighter (5)
- 20 Mild curry dish (5)
- 21 Chemical compound used as a fertilizer (7)
- 22 Characteristic likelihood of or

**Down**

- 23 natural disposition toward (8)
- 8 Short theatrical episode (4)
- 1 Hamper that holds wet clothes to be dried (7, 6)
- 2 Addictive narcotic extracted from poppies (5)
- 4 Elaborately adorned (6)
- 5 Baked vegetable served with the skin on (6, 6)
- 6 Brother or sister (7)
- 7 Education that results in understanding (13)
- 8 Visual communication via movement or expression (4, 8)
- 14 Pouch on a kilt (7)
- 16 Cultural (6)
- 19 Momentary flash of light (5)

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# RU4ME?

## Annie Byron explores internet love at The Q by Sarah Newsome

*RU4ME* is a play about Connie, a die-hard romantic in her fifties who ventures into the world of online dating in search of love.

Faced with challenging technology and misleading profiles, Connie is amazed to find hundreds of men interested in art house movies and walks along the beach at sunset.

Partly inspired by tales of online dating, *RU4ME* was adapted from the best selling memoir *Kissing Frogs*, by Andee Jones, and developed with funding from Riverside Theatre's True West initiative. It comes to The Q theatre from 11–14 September 2013 as part of a five-week regional tour.

The Sydney Morning Herald calls *RU4ME* "a gentle funny old life-affirming comedy." Its writer and performer, Annie Byron, commented that there's a serious side to the comedy, too.

"It's quite serious in its intent, and it looks at some real difficulties that people face when they are looking for love on the internet," said Byron.

"But there are a lot of laughs," she said. "In fact, a lot of loud laughs."

*RU4Me* reverberates deeply with everyone who has been in love, everyone who has tried internet dating, and every woman who yearns to be treated as an equal in her love relationships.

"It's exciting to create a piece of work that resonates with people," said Byron. She is no stranger to that.



PHOTO: GLENDA PONTES DESPOSE

With over 30 years in Australian film and television, Annie Byron has been a part of everything from *The Sullivans* to *A Country Practice*. From *Home and Away* to *All Saints*.

She has worked with many of Australia's leading writers, directors, designers and actors. Her NIDA classmates read like a 'Who's Who' of Australian talent: Steve Bisley, Deborah Lawrence, Robert Menzies, Peter Kingston, Judy Davis and Mel Gibson.

And yet, Byron is curiously modest. She counts herself lucky to have such a "fruitful, varied and rich" professional life, and finds the opportunities to continue acting "very gratifying".

Her next role is in *Wolf Creek II*. ■

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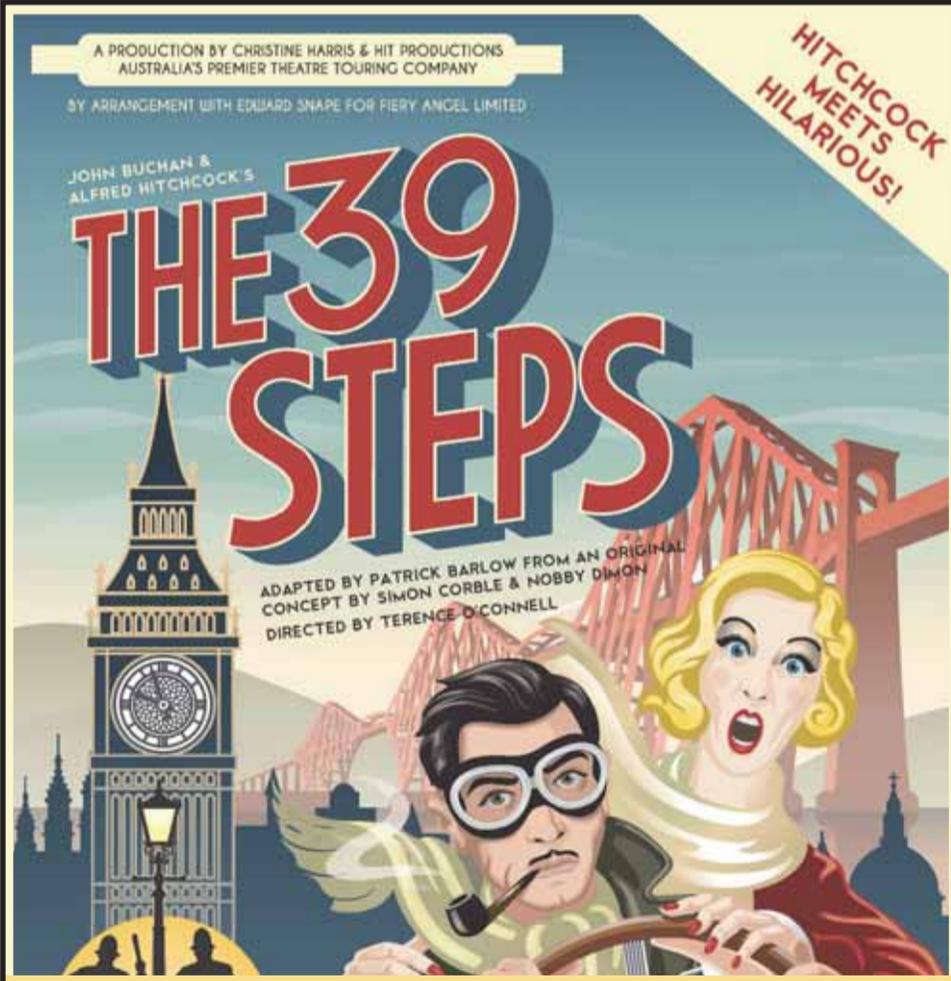
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GOLDEN WATTLE (ACACIA PYCNANTHA) PHOTO S SEARLE



## Wonderful wattles brighten the landscape and fix nitrogen!

by Jo Walker

DISPLAYS OF GOLDEN, lemon or cream flowers make wattles colourful additions to gardens as bushy background plants. Because they are nitrogen-fixing plants they are also ideal as understorey in shelter-belts. As well as having attractive flowers, different species of wattles have a variety of leaf colours – dark or bright green, greyish green or even light purple – and are useful as contrast plants in the garden.

Several of our local species are just beginning to flower, with the most noticeable in this part of the world being the ubiquitous Silver Wattle (*Acacia dealbata*) named for its silver-green leaves. Because it does best in moist soils, many trees have died locally during the drought. *Acacia genistifolia* is a thorny-leaved species which bears a profusion of cream flowers.

Another pale flowered wattle blooming at present is the tiny Ploughshare Wattle (*A. gunnii*) which gets its name from the small triangular leaves. This one is not very



*Acacia genistifolia*

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# ANATOMY OF A KANGAROO COURT HEARING

The controversial ACT kangaroo killing program has been based for several years on the claim by government officials and ministers, amplified by the media, that kangaroo numbers are a threat to endangered species and ecological communities.

In July, a wildlife advocacy group took the ACT to its administrative tribunal to challenge the park service evidence of harm, required by ACT legislation, before protected wildlife can be killed.

Frankie Seymour was present as an observer throughout the hearings. She reports that while the tribunal ruled against the wildlife group, startling testimony emerged that contradicts much of what the public has previously been told drives the culling program. Documents cited in the testimony (eg threatened species recovery plans) are available on the public record.

ON THE AFTERNOON of Tuesday 9 July, Geoffrey Kennett, QC, Counsel for the Australian Society for Kangaroos (ASK), made his summary statement to the ACT Administrative and Civil Appeals Tribunal.

The matter in question was whether the ACT Government's proposed kangaroo cull should go ahead in 2013. This ACT parks activity had been brought before the tribunal by ASK.

Kennett submitted that the central issue was: is there sufficient evidence of kangaroos damaging the environment to justify an exception to the Nature Conservation Act's general prohibition on killing native animals?

He noted that the cull was characterised by the government at the hearing as "preventative" on the basis of a 'kangaroo per hectare' model which the government ecologist admitted is merely a "best guess" and inevitably wrong because "all models are wrong".

Kennett said that on the government's own admission, there is no actual evidence that either ecological communities or individual species within the reserves are negatively impacted by kangaroo grazing.

Kennett therefore concluded that the exception to the general prohibition on killing in the Nature Conservation Act could not be justified.

### Backing away from threatened species claims

Perhaps it comes as a surprise to readers that the government actually admitted the lack of evidence that kangaroos have a negative impact on the ACT reserves.

This revelation came when field ecologist Ray Mjadwesch, the expert witness giving evidence on behalf of ASK, pointed out that nowhere in any published science literature or recovery plans for threatened species is kangaroo grazing listed as threatening to the



species mentioned in the government's published material supporting the cull.

Mjadwesch noted that the main threats to these species are listed as urban infill, rural land management and climate change. He also said that the Golden Sun Moth needs bare ground, not high grass, and that the Grassland Earless Dragon, Button Wrinklewort and the sun moth are doing very well in Queanbeyan Nature Reserve, just across the ACT/NSW border, where kangaroos are never killed.

### ACT official admits no evidence that kangaroo grazing threatens rare species; says not responsible for content of government "PR"

Don Fletcher was the public servant giving evidence to the tribunal on behalf of the ACT Government. As government ecologist, it is Dr Fletcher who contributed much to the kangaroo management plan that



guides the cull and who recommends the number of kangaroos to be killed.

In response to Mjadwesch's evidence that kangaroo grazing poses no threat to Canberra's endangered species, Fletcher denied that he had ever claimed that kangaroo grazing did so.

He distanced himself from the government's public assertions by claiming he had no say in the preparation of the government's "PR".

In a government media release on 6 June 2013, Daniel Iglesias, Director of Parks and Conservation, said that a chief purpose of the cull was to protect Canberra's threatened species: "Ensuring the grasslands and woodlands are not overgrazed will protect threatened species and ecosystems".

The Territory and Municipal Services (TAMS) web-based *Questions & Answers* on its kangaroo control program went further, mentioning by name no less than five of

noticeable as it only grows to about 30cm and is often hidden amongst tussocks and heath plants. *A. rubida* (Red-stem Wattle) is just beginning to show its lemon flowers in sheltered places. Although it does grow sometimes on rocky hillsides, it seems to develop into a taller and more robust plant near creeks and gullies. It gets its name from the reddish stems and its new growth which is a striking orange-red against the light.

Three local wattles that definitely tolerate dry conditions are *A. buxifolia* (Boxleaf Wattle), *A. dawsonii* (Poverty Wattle) and *A. parramattensis* (Sydney Green Wattle), all of which grow on the dry slopes of the Queanbeyan escarpment. The first two grow into neat, if sometimes spindly, bushes with yellow flowers. *A. parramattensis*, with bright green bipinnate leaves and cream flowers is a taller shrub and often suckers to form a colony of plants.

All of the above are spring flowering species – the following two flower much later. *A. mearnsii*

(Black Wattle) flowers in November bearing masses of cream heavily-scented flowers. *A. implexa* (Lightwood) grows to tree-like proportions (although often slowly) and also has cream flowers. It is a similar tree to *A. melanoxydon* (Blackwood Wattle), and, like that species, has dense attractive wood suitable for woodworking.

There are several hundred species of wattle to pick from but these are just a few of the non-local species worth growing:

- *A. vestita* (Hairy Wattle) – a large vigorous shrub with a weeping form, lemon/yellow flowers and hairy triangular leaves, a beautiful dense shrub which grows as wide as it does tall;
- *A. cultriformis* (Knife-leaf Wattle) – another large, dense shrub with bluish triangular leaves and bright yellow flowers;
- *A. baileyana* (Cootamundra Wattle) – one of the most spectacular wattles with its masses of brilliant yellow flowers surrounded by bluish-grey foliage – this has weed potential in some

places, but the purple-leaved form should be safer for gardens as it seems to seed less prolifically;

- *A. floribunda* (Sallow Wattle) – a robust or open large shrub with narrow green phyllodes and lemon flowers borne on rod-shaped spikes;

Seen enjoying the new Spring weather...



*A. vestita*

- *A. rhigiophylla* – a low, spreading, very hardy species from South Australia and dry areas of New South Wales. It has a good display of pale yellow flowers, and its rigid, spiky foliage makes it an excellent protective plant. The one in my garden spread out over a Correa plant and a Brown Thornbill felt it was a safe enough place to build a nest and rear a family!

*Wattles are easily propagated by seed collected when the pods open. Treat with just-boiled water. When seeds have begun to swell they are ready for planting.*

*A. baileyana*



Canberra's threatened species, saying: "culling will avert threats to endangered flora and fauna. These threatened species include the Grassland Earless Dragon, Golden Sun Moth, Striped Legless Lizard, Perunga Grasshopper and threatened plants such as the Button Wrinklewort".

Fletcher's admission of the lack of evidence for asserting that killing kangaroos would protect these threatened species drew a few gasps of surprise from the audience of 20-30 observers attending the hearing. The observers included animal activists, departmental officers, members of the press and even a farmer who brought his kids along for the educational experience.

### Inward migration

The tribunal president was Bill Stefaniak, (former Liberal MLA) joined by Allan Anforth and Adrian Davey, senior tribunal members. Bill Stefaniak had also presided at the 2009 tribunal challenge to the defence force killing of kangaroos on the Majura grasslands.

Don Fletcher was also the government ecologist who gave evidence at that hearing. On that occasion, the tribunal had allowed the killing to go ahead, reasoning that Fletcher had more local knowledge than the NSW expert ecologists who gave evidence about problems they saw with the ACT research methods.

Those independent experts argued that culling in open areas would achieve nothing because slaughtered individuals would be



quickly replaced by inward migration. On that occasion Fletcher told the tribunal that ACT kangaroos are "relatively sedentary and loyal to a particular area", so that migration is unlikely to happen in the ACT. He attributed alleged rapid kangaroo population increases to rapid breeding.

At the 2013 hearing, in discussing the scale of rapid breeding required to deliver his own re-population estimates that appeared impossible, Fletcher reversed this evidence on migration. He agreed that kangaroos can move into a culled area more

or less immediately, and in numbers sufficient to fully replace those culled. By implication therefore, culling would achieve nothing until the ACT population of kangaroos was wiped out.

### Conserving biodiversity

Following Fletcher's revelation that threats to endangered species are not the reason for the kangaroo killing, he explained that the real basis for the cull is his belief that higher grass and more grass is "better" for biodiversity. Kangaroos eat grass, therefore, in his view, at densities that he has defined, they are a threat to biodiversity.

This simple view was strongly refuted by Mjadwesch who argued that diversity of landscape vegetation is better for biodiversity than homogeneity of landscape.

Landscape diversity allows a much wider range of species to thrive, and natural kangaroo densities in grassland ecosystems have preserved this diversity of landscape for millions of years. These natural densities can be much higher than the 1 or ½ a kangaroo per hectare applied by the ACT management plan.

### Killing off the predators

At the 2013 administrative appeals tribunal hearing into kangaroo killing in the ACT it was revealed the government intends to use the dead bodies of kangaroos in 1080 poison baits to kill foxes, dingoes and wild dogs [1080 being a poison that causes prolonged agony before death].

At the same time the government agreed that foxes, wild dogs and dingoes are the main predators of kangaroos, and argued that kangaroo populations are "over-abundant" because there are not enough predators.

Why then is the Government exacerbating this alleged dearth of predators by poisoning them?

Vegetation diversity is an accepted ecological understanding. In the Australian landscape one can compare uniform grazing by introduced hard-hoofed animals (that also trample groundcover, disturb soils and break the banks of watercourses) with the activity of native grazers. The latter move lightly on the land, graze high, and help maintain a diverse landscape of open and denser vegetation.

A startling contradiction to "preventive" biodiversity protection was highlighted by attorney Kennett who observed that cattle are being grazed on reserves where kangaroos have been culled. Fletcher said cattle were brought in for the specific purpose of grazing the grass lower in order to avoid bushfire risk. One has to wonder why the far less destructive kangaroos were not simply left in place.

After all this, the most astonishing thing that happened at the tribunal hearing was the outcome.

After what appeared an ample display of reversal from previous positions and self-contradictory evidence to justify the ACT cull, challenged by coherent arguments that the killing is not necessary, the tribunal judges nevertheless opted once again for the government's in-house expert and signed off on the 2013 kangaroo slaughter that followed in July.

*Frankie Seymour is a Queanbeyan social and environmental scientist who has long been an advocate for all animals and their rights and welfare.*

# Do animals feel grief?

by Heike Hahner

RECENTLY a fox took my birds (one hen, nine chicks, as well as a rooster). I bought a couple of companions for the remaining chicks, but the older chooks would not move for days.

My birds are free ranging and sleep in an oak tree. Following the attack, the two survivors either huddled on the ground somewhere or high up in the tree. Eventually, I put them in the coop where they stayed perched for nearly another week, only coming down to eat. What was going on with them?

We have all seen and heard of dogs lying on their dead owner's bed or waiting days or months for a loved one to return.

I have always taken grief in animals with a grain of salt. I hadn't had any direct

experience with it; none of my dogs had shown distress when one of the other dogs had passed.

## Florian and Till changed my mind

In February, I had to have my almost-14 year old German shepherd, Florian, put to sleep.



Florian, left, was very social and engaged with the other dogs until the day he died. He was the ultimate benevolent leader, gentle and playful with pups, but forceful and determined to keep the older boys in line.

Till, a cattle dog, had been Florian's devoted servant since he was eight weeks old. So I expected to see some reaction, but

nothing seemed to happen while Florian's body was lying in the garden waiting for the burial. The dogs would go up and sniff him, but seemed not to quite be able to grasp what had happened to him.

This however all changed when we went to bury him. I had already noticed that Till got very agitated when I dragged Florian's body to the graveside. He growled and pawed at the blanket covering the body, as if trying to wake him up.

With the help of friends, we turned and moved the body to make sure it was lying right. This nearly caused a major fight between Till and another one of my dogs, Ezra, who had been present at the euthanasia. I put the two younger dogs in the car, to prevent a fight.

Till got very upset again when we went to cover the body with soil, growling, whining, pacing and attempting to dig the soil

away from the body. I ended up cuddling and comforting him while my friends covered the body.

Due to Till's strong distress and desire to dig up Florian's body, we ended up building a substantial cairn over it. Till's distress was one of the saddest things I have witnessed. He was panting, pacing and trying to dig his mate back out; when we stopped him he went off and hid under a chair and later, under the car.

I expected Till to be upset so I focused on distracting him, by taking him with me on more trips – swimming or throwing sticks around. It is clear that comforting them and being there for them is just as important to a grieving pet as it is for a grieving person.

I do not have any doubt that dogs grieve and feel loss. Animals, and dogs in particular, need our support if they lose a loved one, be that another animal or a person. ■

# 'Friday's' story: recovery from horrific injury

by Lesley and Bill Waterhouse

IF YOU LIVE in the Braidwood or Bungendore areas, chances are you've noticed the large number of dead wombats on the sides of many roads.

You would have also noticed that many of these wombats have been painted with coloured crosses. These show that the wombat has been checked by someone to ensure that it is dead, not suffering, and does not have a joey.

Often, the mother wombat is killed but the baby in the pouch survives,

was that Friday had severe injuries to her front foot. The foot must have been close to the entry of the pouch when the mother was dragged along the road by the car that killed her.

As a result, half the foot was missing.

As it was summer, the wound had become quickly infested by maggots, which had eaten much of the leg, shoulder and ear. These horrific injuries would usually be fatal, but the member of the public knew to ring

Native Animal Rescue Group.

## Dr Ralph works his wonders

Friday was brought into care and immediately taken to an experienced wildlife vet, Dr Howard Ralph, who treated her injuries. Only time would show whether the foot would be viable. Many vet trips followed; slowly, the foot healed.

She continues to be in care at the Majors Creek Wombat Refuge. At 12 kilos, she walks with a slight limp but runs, digs and bites like any other wombat. Eventually at around 25–30 kg she will be released into the wild to live out her life.

This positive outcome would not have been possible without the efforts of the vet team and her carers. Most important, however, was the actions of the member of the public who cared enough to stop and check

and therefore saved her from a slow horrific death.

## Roadside rescues does and don'ts

It is very important when removing a joey from the pouch of a dead mother not to pull the joey out, especially by the legs. This can severely injure the joey. It must be eased out and it is often necessary to cut the pouch open.

A small joey attached to the mother's

teat must not be pulled off but rather the teat must be cut close to the mother. It is often best to phone the local wildlife group for advice and assistance. Rescued joeys need specialist care and must be handed into these groups. It is illegal to keep a native animal unless you are trained and licensed.

### Contacts:

Les Waterhouse, Majors Creek Wombat Refuge: 4846 1333  
NARG Wombat Coordinator: 4846 1900 (eastern Palerang)  
Wildcare Wombat Coordinator: 6299 1966 (Queanbeyan and western Palerang)



sometimes without injury; however, often with some degree of trauma. Injuries range from mild to life-threatening. This was the case with little 'Friday'.

She was 320 grams when taken from her mother's pouch by a caring member of the public. What the person didn't know

# Reports say Russia bans kangaroo meat imports again

THE ANIMAL Justice Party (AJP) and animal protection institute Voiceless have separately announced that Russia is imposing a new ban on the importation of kangaroo meat from Australia on grounds of fraudulent and deceptive conduct.



According to Mark Pearson, AJP NSW senate candidate, Yury Aleshin, Chief of the Agriculture Ministry at the Russian Embassy confirmed the report again in August. Voiceless cited the Russian state-owned news agency RIA Novosti, and media comments by Russia's agricultural watchdog Rosselkhozadzor.

1860 kg of meat were discovered in Russia sourced from unapproved plants via companies linked to Australian company Macro Meats, according to the AJP.

AJP President Steve Garlick said Macro Meats and the Russians had a strict agreement based on food safety and welfare grounds to export meat from one plant only (and not to include shot females and joeys). The decision follows two former bans in 2008 and 2009 after bacterial contamination of meat was detected.

Ray Borda, general manager of Macro Meats, was quoted by the ABC saying that the shipments were bound for Europe and were mistakenly sent to Russia by his company. He said he had not been notified of a ban at the end of July. The Australian Department of Agriculture also told the same ABC report that it has not been notified.

"The commercial kangaroo industry has been plagued with contamination issues, but of more concern is the inherent cruelty allowed to occur against kangaroos and their joeys," said Dana Campbell, Voiceless Chief Executive Officer.

Professor Garlick noted that both Labor and Coalition governments have provided financial and lobbying support for the kangaroo killing industry in a pitch for rural votes and that the Greens have not opposed this brutal industry. Russia has been the largest importer of kangaroo meat, propping up an industry that gives Australia the unenviable badge of hosting the largest land-based wildlife slaughter in the world. AJP members have been instrumental in providing evidence to the Russians about conditions in the commercial kangaroo killing industry.

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## Quick tax turnaround pays off for families

Families should lodge their tax returns as soon as possible so that they can be paid any end of year financial assistance entitlements, according to the Department of Human Services' general manager, Hank Jongen.

The department urged families to get on top of their tax time requirements so Centrelink can finalise Family Tax Benefit (FTB) claims.

"The amount of FTB you're entitled to depends on your family's income, so this information is needed to process a lump sum claim at the end of the financial year," Jongen said.

"If you receive FTB fortnightly then you need to lodge a tax return so that Centrelink can balance your actual income against the payments you received and pay any top-ups or supplements you may be entitled to."

Under the department's system, all that is needed is to lodge a tax return; there is no need to contact Centrelink directly. This can be done online. It is estimated that over 90 percent of people who lodged tax returns last financially year did so electronically.

Families can visit [humanservices.gov.au/families](http://humanservices.gov.au/families) for more information.



**Queanbeyan High students showed their civic spirit as they chartered a new Rotary Club chapter at the school in August.**

**BACK ROW:** Norman Lembit, Grayce Cooper, Laura Sparkes, Rochelle Shilling, Maddison Norton, Amy Birtles, Penny Slater.

**MIDDLE ROW:** Anthony McGann, Craig Cook, Nicole Lowe, Veronica Charlton, Jake Parker, Shania Hickey.

**FRONT ROW:** Leojac Conroy, Benjamin Cowe, Ty Phelps, Curtis Lauro, Stephanie Rayment, Shelbie Catania, Hayley Phelps.

## Bywong local wins conservation grant

DAVID Juric of Bywong's Brayson's Run Wildlife Refuge is one of 54 people to be awarded a 2013 Private Land Conservation Grant for outstanding conservation efforts. Juric is set to receive \$1,000 in 2013 for native plantings.

"This grant will help us with bush regeneration work to increase the native vegetation on the property, and discourage the weed infestation," he said.

The Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife, which administers the Private Land Conservation Grants, aims to acknowledge the people who have undertaken voluntary conservation work and exhibit long-term commitment to protecting the environment.

"The Bywong property is protected as a Wildlife Refuge, and this grant will help David realise his plans for conservation on his own land," Susanna Bradshaw, CEO of the Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife said in a statement.

The next funding round of the Private Land Conservation Grants program will open in early 2014.

## They're still happening!

After School Care at Braidwood and Before and After School Care at Captains Flat

THE TWO school care programs previously operated by Palerang Council have resumed operation this school term under Country Childrens Early Learning (CCEL) Family Day Care service.

The Braidwood and Captains Flat programs are operating out of their original venues at the local schools and the children are being cared for by familiar staff who have registered as educators with the CCEL

service. Noemi Holcman is running the program at Braidwood and Shirley Hogan in Captains Flat. Both Noemi and Shirley are being supported by the team at CCEL.

Both programs offer fulltime, part time and casual bookings. The programs are available to all families, regardless of whether their child attends the local school or not. Arrangements are in place for drop off and collection of children to and from buses attending from schools out of the area.

Daily activities include a range of indoor and outdoor experiences at the schools and in the community and healthy snacks. Families utilising these services are now eligible to claim the childcare benefit and childcare rebate to assist in the payment of fees.

As these two programs grow other services will also become available. Captains Flat is already planning to provide holiday care over the Christmas break.

### Family day care also available in the region

CCEL also has family day care educators providing long day care in Bungendore, Captains Flat, Jerrabomberra and Queanbeyan. If you are requiring childcare next year, now is the time to contact the service (see ad below) to discuss your needs and arrange to meet our educators.

— Julia Morphet

Country Childrens Early Learning

## The stars in September – Mercury, Venus, Saturn and a Celestial Fish

SEPTEMBER gives us the 'Vernal Equinox', the time when the length of day and night are equal, defining the start of Spring. For 2013, this occurs on the 22 September. In Australia we mark September 1st as the start of Spring. Astronomically, we have to wait until the 22nd.

Bright stars include white Vega low in the north, white Altair higher up, red Antares west of overhead, yellow Alpha Centauri towards the south west, blue white Achenar rising in the south east, and white Fomalhaut, rising in the east. The span of the winter Milky Way straddles the sky.

Fomalhaut is the brightest star in the

constellation Piscis Austrinus, or 'The Southern Fish', listed by the astronomer Ptolemy in the second century AD. Legend has it that this fish saved the life of the Egyptian goddess Isis, and was cast into the heavens for all eternity as a reward.

### See the light from 25 years ago

Scientifically, Fomalhaut is a very young star, 440 million years old, and is white, due to its surface temperature of 8,600°C (the Sun has a more yellow 5,800°C). It is 25 light years distant, or 236,500,000,000,000km. Hence we see it tonight as it was 25 years ago, as it took that long for the light to get here.

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## — Star Search —

with Dr David Weldrake

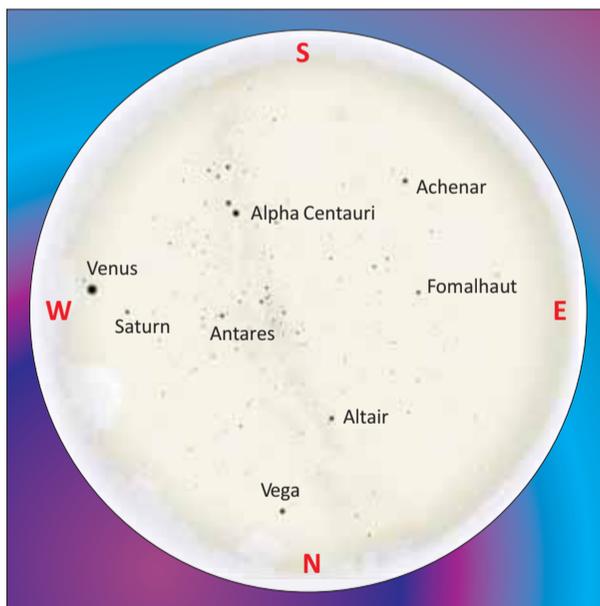


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# Useful Saturday 14 September for Gunning Fireworks Festival

4-9pm at Gunning Showground

LOVE fireworks? Then mark the calendar for Saturday 14 September for Fireworks Australia's annual pyrotechnic trade show and community day out, a tradition that is now one of the most popular family events in NSW.

Enjoy an afternoon of music and entertainment and an evening of fireworks demonstrations with a spectacular fireworks finale.

Fireworks Australia has a local factory that supplies specialised products to other fireworks companies, film and television,

touring productions and major events Australia-wide. The fireworks finale will showcase the latest in high tech effects during a massive pyro musical sky show.

A feature of this year's event is the attendance of the famous 'Skywhale' courtesy of the ACT Government

Food, drink and craft and jewellery stalls will be in abundance and many are fundraisers for Gunning community groups. Children can also have their faces painted and get an airbrushed tattoo.

## STAR SEARCH

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In comparison, it takes light 1.3 seconds to get from the Earth to the Moon.

Fomalhaut's biggest claim to fame is that it is surrounded by a large disk of debris, left over from its formation, which will almost certainly one day form a system of planets.

## The planets in September

September has three planets in the evening sky visible with the naked eye (four if you include faint Neptune discussed last month). The first is Mercury, the closest planet to the Sun, beginning to appear in our evening skies this month. Mercury moves very quickly and will be visible for September and October.

### Mercury

Look out for Mercury low in the west after sunset from the middle of September. It appears as a fairly bright 'star' below Venus. It is usually possible to tell which one is Mercury as it typically doesn't twinkle. Stars twinkle, planets don't. Try this trick on Venus and Saturn too.

Mercury is a small cratered rocky world, only 38 percent the size of Earth, or 1.4 times the size of the Moon, and would look a lot like our Moon if we could see it close-up, except Mercury would have no 'seas'. Much of Mercury's surface was a total mystery until it was fully mapped by NASA's Messenger probe in 2008.

**Across:** 1 Loom, 3 Mot Juste, 9 Unicorn, 10 Cabal, 11 Dummy, 12 Teeming, 13 Yes-man, 15 Spigot, 17 Amongst, 18 Tyson, 20 Korma, 21 Nitrate, 22 Tendancy, 23 Skit.  
**Down:** 1 Laundry basket, 2 Opium, 4 Ornate, 5 Jacket potato, 6 Sibling, 7 Enlightenment, 8 Body language, 14 Sporan, 16 Ethnic, 19 Spark.

Mercury orbits the Sun once every 88 days, giving just over four Mercurian years for every Earth year. As it is so close to the Sun, the surface is constantly blasted by intense solar radiation, with daytime temperatures of more than 700 degrees.

Amazingly, due to a lack of atmosphere, the temperature at night is typically minus 160 degrees, and there are permanently shadowed craters near Mercury's north pole that have deposits of water ice. Mercury, like Venus, has no moon.

We get a few opportunities a year to see Mercury in the evening skies, through a telescope it looks like a tiny whitish ball. As it is closer to the Sun than the Earth it shows Moon-like phases, which quickly change from week to week. Very large telescopes can sometimes reveal hints of surface markings, but generally Mercury looks like a tiny version of Venus.

### Venus and Saturn

Venus is the second planet visible, the very bright white 'star' high in the west after sunset. Venus is unmistakable and will be visible in our skies until the end of the year.

Saturn is the third of the planets visible, in the constellation Virgo in the west after sunset. Saturn has an immense system of rings, which can be easily seen through a small telescope.

The Moon is new on the 6 September, at first quarter (half phase) on the 13th, and full on the 20th. Have a look through a pair of binoculars around half-phase on the 13th; you will see a surprising amount of detail. ■

A large donation from the event goes to the Gunning District Community and Health Service, a non-government organisation providing clinical and home support services to the community of the former Gunning Shire.

If you are planning to make a weekend of it check accommodation at 4832 1988 or visit [www.visitupperlachlan.com.au/wheretostay.html](http://www.visitupperlachlan.com.au/wheretostay.html).

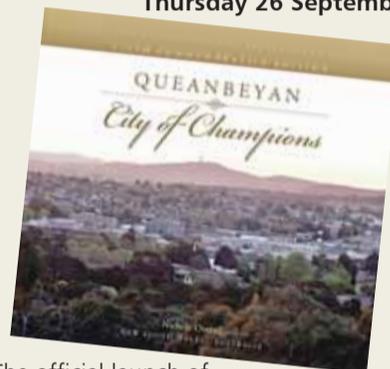
Fireworks will start at about 6.30pm. The expertise of pyrotechnician Martin Brady will be on display as he choreographs a pyro-musical spectacular finale.

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For up-to-date information check [www.gunningfireworksfestival.com.au](http://www.gunningfireworksfestival.com.au)

## Book Launch: Queanbeyan – City of Champions Thursday 26 September



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## GIG GUIDE: September

### First Friday of the month:

#### Music and Poetry

Royal Hotel, Bungendore, 7.30pm.

### Friday 6

**Arcadia**, 8pm-12am, Queanbeyan Kangaroos Club.

**Karaoke**, 8.30-11.30pm, Queanbeyan Tigers Club.



**Queanbeyan Pipes & Drums**, 7.30pm, The Artist's Shed, Queanbeyan.

### Friday 13

**Old 45's**, 8pm-12am, Queanbeyan Bowling Club.

**MLC**, 8pm-12am, Queanbeyan Kangaroos Club.

**Rhymes With Orange**, 8.30-11.30pm, Queanbeyan Tigers Club.

### Saturday 14

**Gary Sturgess**, country, 7-11pm, Hotel Queanbeyan.

**Counterfeit Cash**, 7.30pm, The Artist's Shed, Queanbeyan.

### Friday 20

**Hit & Run**, 8pm-12am, Queanbeyan Kangaroos Club.

**Karaoke**, 8.30-11.30pm, Queanbeyan Tigers Club.

### Saturday 21

**MLC**, 7-11pm, Hotel Queanbeyan.

### Friday 27

**The Jukes**, 8pm-12am, Queanbeyan Kangaroos Club.

**Hit & Run**, 8.30-11.30pm, Queanbeyan Tigers Club.

### Saturday 28

**Getaway Car**, 7-11pm, Hotel Queanbeyan.

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## ASTROLOGY with Nic

### Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20

You will find yourself tied up with new romance this month. Although the positive news is that singles will have plenty of passion to contend with, it could also cause its fair share of friction.

### Taurus Apr 21 – May 21

An office romance is a strong possibility for the single Taurus this month and small pay rises are also a possibility. The rest of you will need to pair up with a coworker to complete a project.

### Gemini May 22 – Jun 22

Singles have excellent stars at the start of this month. Venus will help you meet your match but you may have some family concerns to attend to, especially if it involves your parents.

### Cancer Jun 23 – Jul 23

Those of you looking for love should take your parents advice about who to date this month. It's the perfect time for an arranged marriage, as the stars favour any romance with your parents blessing.

### Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23

Many of you will spend the start of the month researching investments. My advice is to speak to someone you trust and avoid getting caught up in get rich quick schemes.



### Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23

Venus will move into your house of finances, indicating you should get some professional advice into how best manage or invest your money. It's a good time to increase your income.

### Libra Sep 24 – Oct 23

Anybody involved in criminal activities may find their actions come back to haunt them this month when the focus shifts to jail and institutions. It's a good time to explore your spiritual side.

### Scorpio Oct 24 – Nov 22

Many of you will take time out from relationships at the start of the month, singles may find they want to take time off from dating and recharge their batteries.

### Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 21

This month will see you direct a lot of energy into furthering your education or training, if you are involved in tertiary education many of you will have a big push to get your final results.

### Capricorn Dec 22 – Jan 20

Many of you will take a long distance trip at this time for business or pleasure. If you aren't jetting off somewhere you will find yourself tied up with education or further training.

### Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19

This month the spotlight will be on joint finances. Communication and research will also be focused on these activities, while singles should look for love with someone from far away.

### Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20

The start of this month will see the spotlight on your long term relationships. It's a good time for couples counseling or to have a chat about what you need to take your relationship to the next level.

This forecast has been prepared by Nic from [www.astrologywithnic.com](http://www.astrologywithnic.com) — to read your complete forecasts please visit our site.

### 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. Handmade items, craft, jams, pickles, gourmet doggy treats, preloved goods, cakes, biscuits, plants and much more! Stalls \$12. Call either 0438 600 447 or 0407 661 834 or email [markets@captainsflat.org](mailto:markets@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/August)

#### Wamboin Produce Market

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

#### 3rd Sunday every month

#### Bungendore Markets

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

#### Windy Hall Country Markets

Windellama Hall, 10–2pm, craft goods, Devonshire tea, deli delights 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.visitbraidwood.com.au](http://www.visitbraidwood.com.au)

joining the brigade, help with your bush fire survival plan, or simply getting to know a few of the members of the brigade. Refreshments served throughout the day, and there'll be a BBQ commencing around 12.30pm. All welcome.

### Monday 30

#### Family and Community Day

ACT Public Holiday.

## Coming up in October

### Tuesday 1 to Saturday 12

#### Botanical Works by Sharon Field

The Q, Crawford St, Queanbeyan. Solo exhibition of botanical works by Queanbeyan artist Sharon Field. For more see [www.theq.net.au](http://www.theq.net.au).

### Thursday 3 to Saturday 5

#### The Book Club

The Q, Crawford St, Queanbeyan. Australia's leading stage actress, Amanda Muggleton, returns to this brilliantly scripted star role (after her book club debut in 2008) to give us a hysterical peek behind the closed doors of suburbia. For more see [www.theq.net.au](http://www.theq.net.au).

### Friday 4

#### Summer Sunset Markets

Crawford St, Queanbeyan, 5–8pm. Meet your friends after work and relax with a good coffee, tasty meals and local wine. Enjoy the live music in the shady courtyard as you browse among the market stalls. Stunning jewellery, sculptures, craft items, plants, fresh organic produce, tempting food items and much more!

### Saturday 5 and Sunday 6

2013 South and West Regional Orchid Show and Conference  
Wesley Centre, 20 National Cct, Forrest. Plants from as far away as Albury, Griffith and Wagga Wagga to the west and from south coast from Nowra to Bega. The theme of the show is 'Anniversaries'. Admission Adults \$5, concession \$2. For more contact Jane Wright on 6254 1119 or email [orsoc@yahoo.com](mailto:orsoc@yahoo.com).

### Saturday 5 to Monday 7

#### The Challenge of Champions

Various locations within Queanbeyan. Queanbeyan's Sporting Challenge to Country NSW for all towns and cities to compete with us for the title of Champion Sporting Town in Country NSW.

## Spring into September

the market @ bungendore

Sunday September 15th 9am–3pm  
at the War Memorial Hall

All your favourite stalls  
Come along for a browse  
Enjoy a variety of refreshments

jewellery	glass art
giftware	homewares
tea & coffee	greeting cards
local art & craft	beads & findings
garden products	pottery & ceramics
toys & models	local grown plants
cakes & pastries	prints & paintings
soaps & lotions	fruit & vegetables
picture frames	clothing & footwear

### Saturday 21

#### Hospital Auxiliary and Queanbeyan Health Services Fete and Open Day

Queanbeyan Hospital grounds, 10am–3pm. Part of the Queanbeyan 175th Birthday Celebrations. Market stalls, singing & dancing groups, rides, jumping castle, Milo the Clown, Shrek, Devonshire Tea, sausage sizzle, tours of the hospital, and plenty more. All proceeds from the Fete/Open will be used by the Queanbeyan Hospital Auxiliary solely for the purchase of medical equipment and other items for the care and comfort of patients of the Queanbeyan Health Services.

#### Annual Wamboin Bonfire and Fireworks Night

It's on again at the Wamboin Community Centre! The annual WCA bonfire and fireworks display. Partake of the many culinary delights prepared by local community groups, while enjoying the always spectacular display of fireworks. Food and drinks available from 5.30pm, bonfire lit at 6.33pm, followed by fireworks at 7.03pm precisely! Adults \$5, children \$2, family \$10.

### Saturday 21 and Sunday 22

#### Learn about Biodynamics – Growing Soils for the Future

Mulloon Creek Natural Farms, between Braidwood and Bungendore. Join Hamish Mackay and John Priestley and learn how biodynamic preparations contribute to the soil food web creating fertility and balance in your soil. Both 1 and 2-day workshops are available. For more see [www.mcnf.com.au/events](http://www.mcnf.com.au/events).

### Saturday 21 to Sunday 29

#### 6th Queanbeyan Art Society Charity Art Show, City Walk Canberra

Open to all artists. For more see [www.qarts.com.au](http://www.qarts.com.au).

### Sunday 22

#### The Kowalski Classic, Kowen Forest

A singletrack marathon like no other, the Full Kowalski will challenge you over a mind bendingly high proportion of flowing singletrack and delightfully stout stem-biting climbs. For more see <http://selfpropelled.com.au>.

### Saturday 28

#### Queanbeyan 175th Anniversary Celebrations Road Closures

Due to Queanbeyan's 175th birthday celebrations on Saturday 28 September a number of road closures will be in place during the day. For all details and times see [www.qcc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.qcc.nsw.gov.au).

**Opening of Sensory Gardens and Tree Planting**  
Ray Morton Park Queanbeyan. Celebrations on the River Bank, an afternoon of family fun to celebrate Queanbeyan's Birthday. There will be family entertainment and a giant birthday cake.

#### Queanbeyan 175th Anniversary Ball

*Bicentennial Hall, from 7pm.* Anniversary Ball to Celebrate Queanbeyan's 175th Birthday. Funds raised will go towards the building of a new pavilion at the Queanbeyan Showground. For more see [www.qcc.nsw.gov.au/Discover-Queanbeyan](http://www.qcc.nsw.gov.au/Discover-Queanbeyan).

### Boro / Mt Fairy Rural Fire Brigade Open Day and TrAsh & TrEaSuRe

Fire Shed, Mt Fairy Road, 9am–3pm. Buy, sell, learn about fire safety, free sausage sizzle, kids activities. Contact Tony 0412 128 755 re Open Day or Jenni 0429 200 456 TrAsh & TrEaSuRe.

### NSW Rural Fire Service Open Day

Wamboin Fire Station, 10am–3pm. Part of the state-wide NSW RFS Open Day activities. Come and look over the station and vehicles. Brigade members will be on hand to show you around and to chat about anything you care to discuss, eg

### Monday 9

#### Photo Salvage workshop

Queanbeyan Library, 10–12pm. Find out the best way to store, record and preserve your precious family photos, documents and records. Join us to hear from specialists in family history and records, followed by morning tea. This is a free event but bookings are essential phone Brigid Whitbread on 6285 6256 or email [brigid.whitbread@qcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:brigid.whitbread@qcc.nsw.gov.au).

### Wednesday 11 to Saturday 14

#### RU4ME

The Q, Crawford St, Queanbeyan. Why is love so hard to find and even harder to keep? Based on best selling book *Kissing Frogs*, this show brings a humorous twist to those pressing questions about love through the online dating jungle. See review p13 or [www.theq.net.au](http://www.theq.net.au). Bookings 6285 6290.

### Friday 13 to Sunday 15

#### Australian Clogging Association 18th National Convention

Queanbeyan Bicentennial Hall. 270 dancers from all over Australia and a guest instructor from the USA, converge on Queanbeyan for a weekend of workshops and social dancing. Spectators welcome Friday and Saturday nights, with a free workshop 'Intro to Clogging' being offered on Sunday.

### Saturday 14 until Sunday 13 October

#### Floriade

For details and program of events, see [www.floriadeaustralia.com](http://www.floriadeaustralia.com).

### Saturday 14 until November 6

#### Exhibition – Next

Bungendore Wood Works Gallery. Thirty year anniversary of the gallery featuring the work of 30 designer makers and artists, opened by Head of Workshop for Furniture at ANU School of Art, Ashley Eriksmoen at 4pm. Launch Dinner at 6.30pm, at the Carlington Inn. 3 course dinner – \$50pp. Bookings essential on 6328 1682 or [galler@bwoodworks.com.au](mailto:galler@bwoodworks.com.au).

### Sunday 15

#### Carwoola Kite Flying Capters

Douglas Close, Carwoola, 11am–3pm. Come and enjoy a great day out with a jumping castle and sausage sizzle. There will be lots of competitions and prizes for the children.

#### Dance Through the Decades – Impressions Dance and Fitness

The Q, Crawford St, Queanbeyan. Impressions Dance and Fitness explores the last 10 decades through an array of dance styles. For more see [www.theq.net.au](http://www.theq.net.au).

### Thursday 19 to Monday 30

#### Exhibition – Canberra Botanical

CSIRO Discovery Centre, Clunies Ross Street, Acton. Bring together both amateur and practicing artists who have a special interest in botanical art. The artists seek to portray plants in exacting but exciting paintings. Opening 6pm Thursday 19.

### During September

#### Exhibition – Margaret Turner

Bungendore Fine Art, Ellendon St, Bungendore. Ph 6238 1640 or see [www.bungendorefineart.com.au](http://www.bungendorefineart.com.au).

### Until Friday 27

#### Queanbeyan City Council Art Exhibition

The Q, Queanbeyan. View the winners from Council's annual competition.

### Until Saturday 28

#### Exhibition – Halloran's Way

The Q Exhibition Space, Crawford St, Queanbeyan. History Week is a great time to explore the events, big and small, that have helped shape our community. For more see [www.visitqueanbeyan.com.au/all-events/ep/2](http://www.visitqueanbeyan.com.au/all-events/ep/2).

### Friday 6 and Saturday 7

#### Charity Book Fair

RB Smith Room, Crawford St, Queanbeyan, Fri 5–8pm, Sat 10am–2pm. Browse through thousands of fiction and non-fiction books including current releases in top condition plus check out the major vinyl record collection.

### Saturday 7

#### Federal Election

For more information see [www.aec.gov.au/election/](http://www.aec.gov.au/election/).

### Queanbeyan Museum Open Day

Farrer Pl Queanbeyan, 11–4pm, Exhibition Launch 12pm. Join us in celebrating Queanbeyan's stories in Queanbeyan's 175th Year!

### Enviro Expo 2013 See ad below.

### Sunday 8

#### Twilight Platypus Spotting

Meet Suspension Bridge, Isabella St, Queanbeyan, 4pm. Second of four free twilight platypus walks held during the spring months. All you need is a good pair of walking shoes, warm clothes and the time to walk gently around the weir. Organised by Molonglo Catchment Group, Queanbeyan Council and Upper Murrumbidgee Water Watch.

### Saturday 7 and Sunday 8

#### Heaven and Hell – the Show

The Q, Crawford St, Queanbeyan. Join host James Toogood in a light-hearted tour de force through 5,000 years of time. If you enjoy travel, fabulous stories, ancient mysteries, great music and inspirational journeys – if you ever wondered 'Where is heaven?' or 'What about hell?' – this show is for you. For bookings 6285 6290 or see [www.theq.net.au](http://www.theq.net.au).

### Sunday 8

#### Big Red Kidney Walk

Queanbeyan Park, registration: 8.30am on, walk starts 10am. The 'Big Red Kidney Walk' is to raise awareness and funds for the Kidney Health Organisation and also raise awareness of the disease and the Queanbeyan Renal Unit.

### Daffodil Tea & Spring Fair

St Luke's Church Hall, Taralga, 9am–3pm. Annual Fair featuring flower show, stalls, auction and refreshments. For more info 4843 8122.

## enviro expo

sustainable homes & gardens

Saturday 7 September 2013

### Queanbeyan Showground

#### Main event

9am–3:30pm

#### Car boot sale

8–10:30am

#### (TBC) E-waste drop-off

8am–3pm

#### FREE bike check-up

by a mechanic & safe bicycle parking will be provided. Bike riders will go into a draw to win a **Helmet** donated by Hammer and Cycle – so get on your bike and cycle to the event!

#### What to Bring:

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- or coffee cup
- Old batteries, mobile phones, and printer cartridges for recycling
- E-waste (TBC)

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#### Event Features

- 10:00 Straw bale gardening
- 10:00 Home energy efficiency
- 10:30 House and garden design for food production
- 11:00 Native backyards
- 11:00 Landcare guided walk of the Queanbeyan River
- 1:00 Ecosystems and threatened species in the region
- 1:30 Keeping pigs
- 2:00 Healthy soils and wormfarming workshop



For more information:  
6285 6000 | [sustainability@qcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sustainability@qcc.nsw.gov.au) | [www.qcc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.qcc.nsw.gov.au)

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