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Our federal representative gets back to work

Robin Tennant-Wood sits down with Mike Kelly before the start of the 45th federal Parliament for a chat about how he's approaching the job, some hot local and federal issues, and how he won

THE SIGN on the window facing Monaro St in Queanbeyan still identifies the office as Peter Hendy's, but inside, Dr Mike Kelly MP, is back at work and has unfinished business.

After losing Eden-Monaro in the 2013 election, Kelly took on a number of defence and security-related projects. The sorts of projects that he had intended to pursue post-retirement from his military career, had Kevin Rudd not convinced him to enter politics in 2007.

He was in Argentina working on a UN project when he received a call from the Opposition Leader's office asking him to come and work for Bill Shorten as security advisor. It was during this time that Kelly began to hear negative feedback about the representation in his former electorate.

"Eden-Monaro has always been well-represented by its member, and to find out that this was no longer the case offended me," he says. It was then that he resolved to contest the 2016 election to finish what he started.

For Kelly, it's personal. "My family has a history in this region going back over 160 years. I feel they're looking over my shoulder."

For the first time since 1971, Eden-Monaro is an opposition electorate. Kelly is



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Sally Simpson with Cattle
Cross. Cattle bones,
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Ginger Beer. Braidwood
Regional Arts Group.
Monde Monde (artist).
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and paint.

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adamant that our representation will remain strong. He is great believer in the capacity of local MPs to use their own initiative and "just get out there and do stuff". He has already met with state member for Goulburn, Pru Goward, and the Mayor of Yass, Rowena Abbey, regarding the Barton Highway upgrade.

Immediate matters: transport, tourism, regional economy

Also, he says, "there's still funding for this electorate that has never been spent". He secured \$10million during his previous term of office for the Port of Eden that has not been spent and for which he intends to hold the government accountable.

He is also keen to pursue his comprehensive transport plan for Queanbeyan and the implementation of a regional economic plan.

With Canberra Airport now an international airport, Kelly sees great opportunities for regional business and tourism and will be promoting that as a priority.

Some hot issues get direct answers Council amalgamations? While a state issue, this was, he says, "red-hot" in Tumbarumba and Bombala, and "warm" in Palerang.

A BONE collector; a staunch supporter of Australian manufacturing; two wizards with glass; botanical oddities, and sculptures on a grand scale are only the beginning of your journey as part of this year's Queanbeyan-Palerang Art Trail being organised for Sunday 30 October (10am to 4pm).

The Art Trail is a unique opportunity for the public to gain access into creative spaces not often seen or experienced within our region. This year, artists are featured from a range of backgrounds and use a variety of mediums. There will also be an opportunity to visit historic locations, quaint places to eat and a region overflowing with personalities who are keen to share their love of art.

For more details of the Art Trail see www.qcc.nsw.gov.au/arttrail2016.

— Laura Shelley

He is incensed that Queanbeyan-Palerang will not have a democratically elected council until September 2017, saying there are a lot of major issues that are too important to be handed to an appointed administrator. Kelly intends to make representation to the New South Wales Minister for Local Government, Paul Toole, to press this point.

The Ellerton Drive Extension? This is "a white elephant" he says. It's another point he will be raising with Paul Toole. The comprehensive transport plan he was advocating during the Gillard-Rudd governments is still relevant and would provide a more cost-effective and long-term solution to Queanbeyan's traffic and transport.

Climate change and renewables? Kel-

ly describes the ALP's Climate Change Action Plan as his "favourite piece of public policy ever". A 41-page document, developed largely by Greg Combet, it provides a plan for economic reform and jobs creation as well as bringing in renewable energy and environmental benefits. With his support for renewable energy well-known, this policy will be promoted strongly for Eden-Monaro.

Gay marriage? "The \$160 million for the plebiscite could well blow out to \$250 million. To put that in perspective, the Bega Hospital we funded was \$170 million. We could walk into [Parliament House] and sort it out with a parliamentary vote next week."

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Queanbeyan police say: avoid rude shocks, don't leave motor running and lock cars!

ON 16 August Queanbeyan Police reported the overnight attempted and actual theft of two motor vehicles when the occupants left the motors running as they went briefly back into their residences in central Queanbeyan and Googong respectively.

According to the police report at 6am a 39-year-old Queanbeyan man parked his vehicle in the carport adjacent to his house in Elizabeth Crescent, Queanbeyan.

"The victim had left the vehicle running whilst he had returned inside the house to brush his teeth. On returning to the carport

he saw that his vehicle was being reversed out the driveway. The victim confronted and physically struggled with the male offender who left the car behind and fled the scene.

"The male offender is described as Caucasian, aged in his mid-20s, slim build wearing a black hooded jumper and black pants.

"A short time later, about 6.45am, a 36-year-old male left his Silver Holden Cruze sedan parked unlocked and unattended in the driveway of his residence in Hearn Road, Googong. The victim had also left the vehicle running whilst he returned inside the house to retrieve some property. On returning to his vehicle he discovered it had been stolen."

Detective Chief Inspector Grey is reported as saying: "There is a temptation during the colder months to leave your car running whilst the windscreen defrosts. Unfortunately it may not be there when you return." ■



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Local produce, organic and gourmet options, country cheer and first name basis:

How this former city couple recharged Food Lovers in Bungendore

In a series of regional interviews, **Christine M Knight** this month talks to Emma and Tony Booth of Food Lovers.

The food store and cafe won the 2015 Service Excellence Award from Bungendore Chamber of Commerce.

WHILE the day of the interview had been chillingly cold and the winds biting, I found Food Lovers to be warm in atmosphere and rich in camaraderie. I observed timely service given to customers in the store and a diverse group of patrons enjoying light-hearted conversation over coffee and cake.

The few children present enjoyed ice-cream in waffle cones. I was tempted to try the gluten and dairy free sorbet. The raspberry sorbet is delicious.

Emma Booth nee O'Brien was born and grew up in Yass, studied at the Australian Catholic University, Signadou campus. She became a primary school teacher.

Tony Booth was born in Singapore while his father served during the Vietnam War. Later, in New Zealand, Tony worked in advertising and media. Tony met Emma on a blind date when she was teaching in New Zealand. Later, they moved to Sydney.

For a long time, the Booths enjoyed the many benefits of living in inner Sydney with their occupations. However, they found that demands on them increased exponentially with the birth of their sons,



Jackson and Hamish, and the upward movement of their careers.

Many readers will know all too well the way time evaporates and pressure mounts as parents attempt to dovetail family, career, and life's demands. As their children grew, Emma and Tony decided to re-evaluate their life and made changes to it to ensure they lived their values and followed through to make what was important to them a living experience.

Their path back to country life in this region was more a winding route than a straight line. Ultimately, that route led them to buy Food Lovers, an existing business in Bungendore, about three years ago and to

recently purchase a property at Mt Fairy.

Tree change, what they considered

As I have little commercial business experience, I was interested in the factors that needed to be considered when making such a change. Emma explained that before buying the business, they carefully analysed both the advantages and disadvantages, including the business' history to determine the likelihood of its ongoing financial success.

While there was considerable goodwill associated with the business, the Booths were careful not to overestimate it in their deliberations. This was especially import-

ant given advice to them at the time of their purchase that a new and significantly larger supermarket was proposed for Bungendore.

Emma opted to manage the accounts and purchases associated with the deli and grocery lines while Tony took over sourcing and purchasing quality, fresh produce, including some organic lines, and grass-fed cattle products for the store. "Grass fed beef is renowned for its excellent texture and flavour." Tony sources products from local suppliers whenever possible.

Emma stressed that their apples are gas and wax free. "Cold storage gas-free fruit remains fresher longer. Sprays can be washed off wax-free fruit but not off wax-covered fruit."

For fresh fruit sourced locally, research shows that buyers report the taste seems sweeter, the crunch crisper, and that juices explode in the mouth rather than being muted.

Offering things the supermarket doesn't, and hosting community events

In taking over the business, Emma and Tony decided that it would be more profitable for them to provide non-supermarket lines that complement rather than compete with the local IGA.

The Booths also decided to provide for people with special dietary needs, gourmet lines such as local truffles, and trees and other plants associated with food lines. Their eggs are from authentic, free-range local suppliers. They also expanded their café and added Toby's Estate Coffee to their barista service.

Food Lovers supports the Bungendore Community Foundation and other local groups by hosting fund raising events. It recently hosted a benefit night for People in Need over Winter. ■

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MIKE KELLY *from p1*

How he beat Hendy

I suggested that Dr Hendy's appointment as economics advisor to the Prime Minister may have been offered prior to the election, explaining his low-profile election campaign. Kelly thinks that it was Hendy's strategy all along to make himself a small target, pushing the focus to national, rather than local issues. If that was the strategy, it backfired spectacularly.

Kelly's strategy, on the other hand,

was to go to the grassroots. He attended all but one of the candidate forums during the campaign, and for the one he missed he arranged for (Labor MP) Sam Dastyari to attend on his behalf. His visibility around the electorate [and his grassroots volunteer support], gave voters a clear indication that Kelly meant business.

There's a lot on his plate for the coming term of office, but Mike Kelly, with six years of parliamentary experience and a long career of military service is taking it all in his long stride. ■



The Baker at Sutton has opened with baked goods, coffee and more. Touring bicyclists will be delighted. Owner and baker Nick Smith behind the counter.

CWA calls for better internet connection

"It's well beyond annoying" by Graham Franklin-Browne

THE COUNTRY Women's Association of NSW's Queanbeyan Evening branch is raising awareness about the impact on rural communities of unreliable internet and telecommunication connections. Local association president Vicki Hodges says a lack of connectivity goes "well beyond annoying".

"It severely hinders people's ability to conduct business, as well as access education and healthcare — specifically mental health services — and can contribute to higher crime rates in regional and rural areas," said Ms Hodges.

According to the University of Canberra's 2015 Regional Wellbeing Survey, only 37 percent of rural and regional Australians felt they had good access to high-speed internet, with regional NSW the worst affected.

"It's vital that we bridge the gap between the country and the city — and basic access to the internet is the first step towards

achieving this," said Ms Hodges.

Healthcare is proving one of the key areas affected by a lack of connectivity. "The demand for online rural health and support services is ever increasing. Unfortunately with conditions such as drought, we're seeing a rise in depression and suicide and we need to be smarter in how we deliver services to support these patients," said Ms Hodges.

Families moving so their kids can complete education

"Poor internet connectivity frustrates children's learning to the point many fall behind their year level. We're seeing families having to make the difficult decision to relocate to a town or even the city while their children complete their education — something which is hard to believe in this digital age," said Ms Hodges.

"Living in communities such as Queanbeyan has many positives, but unfortunately at the moment proper internet and

Council Watch with Peter Marshall

Pool operations early test of QPRC approach to wider council area

(Peter Marshall is a former Palerang Councillor and a resident of Captain's Flat)

IN EARLY August, Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council released the agenda for a council meeting on the 10th. Unnoticed by most residents was a proposal about the operation of the former Palerang swimming pools this coming summer.

The staff report recommended trimming the opening hours and season length of the Bungendore pool. More substantial changes in Braidwood reduced it to just 5 days opening per week, down from 7 days. Inexplicably, Captains Flat pool was to remain open 7-days-per-week, but with a season length reduced from 4½ months to just two months.

Administrator Tim Overall adopted the staff recommendation. As news filtered out, there was understandable and predictable outrage in Braidwood and Captains Flat. Council staff engaged in a rapid process of consultation with the two communities, and put together a new report and recommendation to the Administrator.

The revisions were adopted. The pool season and opening hours remain trimmed, but the opening days and season in Braidwood and Captains Flat would be the same as Bungendore.

Looking back, someone, unidentified, had initiated a review of the three pools. The timeframe meant community consultation was nigh impossible, so there was none. With no elected councillors, there also seems to have been no involvement of the Local Representation Committee.

The review identified numerous issues which the new council administration seemed to believe were intolerable, although they had been tolerated by Palerang Council for years. Some issues required capital expenditure, but QPRC is not short of operating capital, having been gifted \$15 million by the NSW Government as compensation for the interruption of local democracy.

Staffing the remaining issue

Officially the review was said to be about improvements in safety and amenity. The main issue was the new administration's opinion that two paid staff must be on site at the pool at all times. In short, the management method of Queanbeyan Council's all-year aquatic centre had been imposed on the rural communities of Palerang, with their seasonal pools. The near-doubling of operating costs was being offset by a reduction in the season and hours.

Can QPRC recruit sufficient staff to provide the coverage it wants? Palerang struggled to staff its pools at one supervisor per pool, and the struggle was one of recruitment, not funding. QPRC staff are optimistic, so we'll see.

Captains Flat parents, already involved in trying to stop the loss of their preschool, felt the potential loss of more than half the pool season like a kick in the teeth. There will be those who praise the Administrator for reversing his rushed decision, but there should never have been a rushed decision to reverse. ■

reliable phone services in the region are a downfall." ■

Events

The CWA awareness raising activity will be held at George Forbes House in Queanbeyan on Saturday 17 September.

Next meeting: Interested new members are welcome to roll up to the next meeting on Tuesday 13 September at the Queanbeyan Ladies Bowls clubhouse, next to the tennis courts, or join the ladies for dinner before the meeting at 6pm at the Queanbeyan Bowling Club in the club room across the road.

Contact Queanbeyan Evening Branch of the CWA of NSW, Nicole Lyons on 0409 323 569 or via email: cwaebsecretary@gmail.com

NSW rebuffs latest rezone push for Jumping Creek in Queanbeyan

Subdivision linked to Ellerton Drive Extension approval

A DEVELOPER bid to build on ecologically sensitive land at Jumping Creek estate close to the Queanbeyan River was rebuffed by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment in August.

Googong developer CIC Australia wants to build around 280 homes on lots up to 1,000 square metres on Jumping Creek estate, behind Greenleigh. CIC has been lobbying Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council about a parcel of land that the NSW

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Letter to the Editor...

TAFE: troubling numbers and govt 'reforms'

IN QUESTION Time in the NSW Parliament on Wednesday August 24, an interstate observer might have believed NSW TAFE was doing fine when, in response to a question regarding 'National Skills Week,' the Minister for Skills John Barilaro said:

"Not only is TAFE NSW the largest provider of vocational education in the nation, my goal is to make TAFE NSW the best provider in every industry, in every course for every student."

"Today I will update the House on enrolments for 2016. In 2015, 429,000 students enrolled in TAFE. As at the end of July 2016 we had already surpassed 2015 enrolments... in the next few days we will surpass our

student enrolment forecast."

Yet according to the NSW Department of Industry, NSW has lost half its students in the past three years, down from 539,146 students in 2012 to 255,781 in the 3rd quarter of 2015.

The truth is that during the reign of the O'Farrell and Baird Governments 5,500 TAFE teachers have been axed. And under Mike Baird's TAFE Smart & Skilled Program the fee for a Certificate IV in engineering has shot up to an eye-watering \$20,000 while the fee to do a trade course is \$11,830. Not surprisingly 95% of TAFE colleges are not running Certificate IV courses in engineering. The Baird Government also is planning on selling off 27 TAFE colleges of which 21 are in the country.

In July this year the Baird Government closed the Electrical Trade training centre at Petersham TAFE College, forcing the

apprentices to do battle with get-rich-quick shonky private providers.

To relieve this pressure on young people and to ensure the high standards of Australian tradespeople is maintained, all Certificate III courses (Trade Courses) should only be run by TAFE colleges nationwide. Only

then can the public have the confidence that when they engage a plumber, electrician, builder, motor mechanic, or other tradespeople, their services will be of a high and safe standard. Mr Barilaro can then stop playing with the figures. — **Tony Morrissey**, BSc (ENG) UNSW, Chifley, NSW

Privatizing TAFES, and public relations

SEAN NICHOLLS at the *Sydney Morning Herald* has reported that Member for Monaro and Skills Minister John Barilaro had plans to blitz the state with a public relations campaign to spin the TAFE cuts. A leaked tender document noted that the Skills Minister "is under pressure from the Premier's Office media managers to get the minister into the metropolitan news at least once a week" and to make the minister number four in visibility in the state.

The Fairfax story also confirmed that the NSW government's Smart and Skilled 'reforms' compel TAFE colleges to compete with up to 400 private colleges for funding. "This saw TAFE student fees jump by up to 22 percent last year, and enrolment figure fall by 41,000 since the start of 2015 ... and more than 2,000 TAFE teachers lose their jobs."

<http://www.theherald.com.au/story/4137456/make-the-minister-number-4-tafe-plotted-strategy-to-counter-negative-media/>

Two community-funded solar projects soon to shine *by Jenny Goldie*



ONE TENTH of all Canberra homes have roof-top solar panels. It was hard, however, for people renting or living in apartments to reap the benefits of the solar revolution. Now, with the ACT government leading the way, everyone has the opportunity to pool their resources and fund large-scale solar projects.

On 29 June, 160 people crowded into a theatre at ANU to hear more about being part of this new movement: community-funded solar power. It's new in Australia but not in Europe or the US where such projects have been going for at least a decade.

Australia can boast a couple of community-owned wind farms: the Hepburn one near Daylesford in Victoria, and the other at Denmark in WA. There must be something in a name, because the country Denmark is the leader in the field, with more than half

of its renewable energy production (mainly wind) run by the community.

400 people have promised to invest between \$50 and \$10,000 each in SolarShare Community Energy Majura Solar Farm

As for community solar farms, however, Australia is in catch-up mode. Nevertheless, people are keen to sign up. Even before the June meeting, 400 people, promising anywhere between \$50 and \$10,000 each, had registered to invest in SolarShare Community Energy Majura Solar Farm.

While the Royalla solar farm on the Monaro Highway is much bigger, this will be Australia's biggest solar farm actually owned by members of the community. Two thirds of the \$3 million project will be fund-

ed by equity and the remainder by a loan from the Bendigo Bank.

Located on a three-hectare site owned by Mt Majura vineyards, and situated between the old Majura Road and the new bypass, the solar farm will produce enough power for 250 Canberra homes, abating 1,600 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year.

"The feed-in tariff funded by the ACT government will provide 20 cents per kilowatt hour (20c/kWh) for 20 years," SolarShare's project leader Lawrence McIntosh told *The Bulletin*. This is slightly more than the 18c/kWh that Canberra homeowners pay for electricity. Profits from the sale of electricity – around \$360,000 a year – will be returned to investors.

"We now have the initial approvals and are about to enter the fund-raising stages, the first next week and a major one in September. We will have the final documents to the ACT government by the end of this year and hope to begin building in April, with completion in the third quarter," says McIntosh.

Goulburn regional solar farm getting underway, spell out advantages of community energy Meanwhile, Clean Energy for Goulburn (CE4G) has submitted a development application for a 1.2 MW solar farm on the outskirts of Goulburn. The Chair of CE4G, Peter Fraser, is envious of the seed funding awarded to SolarShare by the ACT government.

"The ACT government can see the advantages of community owned energy, but apart from a few encouraging words from government ministers, the NSW government seems unable to even understand what this innovation might mean for energy generation," says Fraser.

In setting up a community-run energy project, you first need a feasibility study. Goulburn launched it in style on 4 June with Dr John Hewson, academic, economist and well known political commentator. He launched CE4G's feasibility study in front of over 150 people who had come to hear him give advice on the subject of energy finance.

According to Fraser, there is a big payoff for governments in supporting community energy projects because they take pressure out of peak demand and thus reduce the need for further large-scale generation and distribution.

"The advantage in this kind of distributive energy is that it reduces the need for significant government investment in infrastructure. Governments can leverage off the work of volunteers at a very low cost," he says. ■

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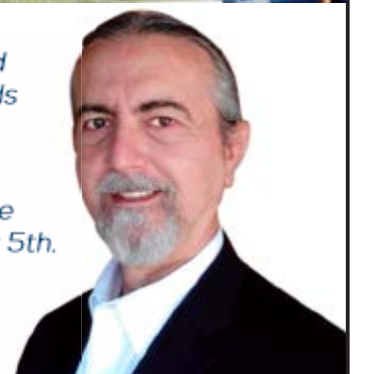
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A day at the footie

Book Reviews by Nick Goldie

From the Outer
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(Black Inc 2016)



SOME OF THE best writing, and certainly some of the best photography, is hidden away on the sports pages. Hidden away, that is, if you are not a sports fan. If you are a sports fan, are you also a fan of good writing?

Mention a writer called 'Flanagan', and your average reader will reply: "Ah yes, Richard Flanagan, the Tasmanian novelist!" – but the one I mean is Martin Flanagan, his brother, a newspaper columnist who happens to write brilliantly about Australian football.

I'm not a footie follower, but I always enjoy Flanagan's writing, and I was pleased to note that he was acknowledged as one of "a huge range of literary folk" who assisted in some way in the writing or editing of *From The Outer* (Black Inc 2016), an anthology.

Indeed the story by Nick Cadle, *Footy Dreams in Struggle Town* almost had me persuaded that Australian Rules is truly THE Australian sport, not just a Victorian oddity. He has an ingenious theory involving the Indigenous sense of place, which translates into the free-flowing formlessness of AFL.

There's a lot in this book, much of it from writers who are not obviously footie fans. To start with, Chelsea Roffey, who isn't really on the Outer as she was the first woman to be appointed a professional AFL umpire, and umpired the Grand Final in 2012.

Then Miriam Sved, who wasn't interested in football at all, but fancied – her word – "a funny, small intense woman, another Pies supporter" whom she subsequently married (in San Francisco) and who got her into the game. Another view is from the Purple Bomber, Jason Tuazon-McCheyne, a footie fan from way back, who through sheer persistence persuaded Essendon Football Club to establish a LGBTI supporter group. Other clubs have followed suit.

Jason was particularly incensed when someone behind him started abusing the umpires, shouting: "Poofters! Faggots!" Very bravely, Jason, who describes himself as not a confrontational or antagonistic

People's Choice winner of Regional Art Award loves where she lives

GUNDAROO resident Meg Hof's acrylic work 'A Capital Scene' took out the People's Choice Award in the 2016 Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Art Award.

The award is valued at \$500 and was judged by the public over the duration of the exhibition which concluded on 26 August. Meg Hof's work was the clear winner.

As a first time contributor, she was pleasantly surprised by the win, describing it as "super exciting because I have never entered a competition before and put myself out there like this". Speaking about her winning artwork she said she drew inspiration from the place she lives, the local region. Meg said the prize will go to "making the studio a little bit cosier with a new heater."

Also winners for 2016 were Sally Simpson, winner of the Overall Regional Art Award for 'Objects for an Unknown Future Museum'; Highly Commended winner Sharon Field for 'Landscape II: Over endless plains, stumbling in cracked earth' and Leah-Kate Hannaford who won the Form Studio & Gallery Award for Professional Practice for her work 'A Closer Look'.

"It has been an exceptional exhibition for the region and certainly shows the abundance of talent found in the area," said Georgia Perri, Cultural Development Officer at Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council. ■



person, caught the guy's eye: " 'Look,' I said quite calmly, 'I'm gay and this is my husband. Can you please not use the words poofter and faggot? They're really offensive.' He didn't say a word for the rest of the game."

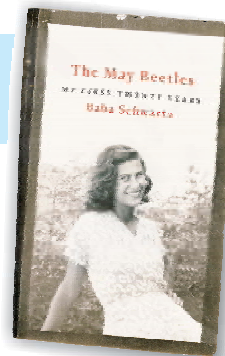
This is a fine varied collection of essays, with a couple of poems, remarkable for its variety, and given the place that footie occupies in the plumb centre of mainstream Australia, remarkably non-mainstream: gay couples (of both sexes), dedicated young girls out-marking their brothers; Indigenous heroes and Indigenous unknowns, but according to Carlton supporter Rebecca Lim not many Chinese. (Is this true of other codes? Local rugby names like Ah Wong come to mind, but perhaps this is Chinese by way of the Islands.)

Thirty writers contribute to the book, so inevitably there is some unevenness of tone. Stan Grant, for example, whose serious piece on the booing of Adam Goodes first appeared in *The Guardian*. But there's nothing which attempts to fly over the boundaries, even Catherine Deveny's characteristically spirited iconoclasm. ("Melbourne is the love of my life. But I hate football.")

"How did I ever think this code was chaotic?" asks Pommie import Alan Duffy, now a Hawks supporter. Up there, Cazaly! Grand final day is the highlight of the year. ■

Twenty years of survival: a poignant memoir

The May Beetles
Baba Schwartz
(Black Inc 2016)



IN AN INTERVIEW, songwriter Leonard Cohen explains that his quite jaunty song *Dance Me to the End of Love* was written when he learned that a string quartet had been pressed into service to play classical music, as Jewish camp inmates were herded into the gas ovens.

This horrible story was in the back of my mind as I read *The May Beetles, My First Twenty Years*, by Melbourne writer Baba Schwartz.

In a small town in eastern Hungary, in a time of innocence, Jews and Christians lived amicably as neighbours. Young Baba and her two sisters were part of a warm, loving and cultured family, faithful in their observance of Jewish customs, keen on reading, writing and music: good citizens in a peaceful community.

This was in the 1920s and 1930s. Baba



Braidwood goes Balkan

LOCAL SINGER

Moya Simpson discovered she could sing at the tender age of 35. And what did she sing? Balkan traditional women's songs, of course. As you do.

Since then she has made her living as a singer as half of the duo Shortis and Simpson, who specialise in political satire and Australian history through music.

But her heart remains in the Eastern European singing tradition, and she is going back there in Braidwood on 11 September. Everyone is welcome, singers and non-singers alike, and in four hours Moya will help you explore the bent rhythms and spine-tingling harmonies of Bulgaria and Georgia.

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was born in 1927, attended kindergarten, a Jewish junior school and a non-Jewish high school. By this time Hungary had already passed laws prohibiting Jews from attending university.

In 1944, when Baba was sixteen, the Germans were in Budapest, and ferocious endemic Hungarian anti-semitism was unleashed. The family was sent first to a featureless rural ghetto, then a three day northward train journey into Poland, crowded into cattle-trucks, destination Auschwitz.

"What I did not know, what I could not have known, was that we had come to the gates of hell."

Surprisingly, Baba and her mother and sisters survived, though their father died in the gas chamber. The little party of four was transported hither and yon, from one camp to another, and on a terrifying death march to keep ahead of the advancing Russian army. They survived even this, and after the first wave of horror, managed to achieve a sort of security working for the Red Army as seamstresses and medical orderlies.

Three thousand Jews were taken from their town in Hungary – one hundred and thirty-three returned.

In 1947, Baba married a handsome young Hungarian Jew called Andor Schwartz, and in 1948 gave birth to her first son, Moshe. It was Moshe who became Morry Schwartz, who writes a postscript to the book. He is today the publisher of *The Quarterly Essay*, *The Monthly*, *The Saturday Paper*, and the manager of publishing company Black Inc.

It was in 1949 that the Schwartz family decided to leave Hungary, and – with the aid of people smugglers – walked under cover of night, through the forests, to the Czechoslovakian border. From there, by way of Austria and Italy, they sailed to Israel, and in 1958 to Australia.

The book finishes with a poem to Baba's father: "Father, do you hear me? / I am here to greet you, a content old woman, / By my side my husband of fifty-seven years ..."

And, chillingly, pages of photocopies of family documents found at Auschwitz and Buchenwald. ■

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Majors Creek Festival

Singer songwriter Neil Murray to headline this year

FOR MORE than 20 years, some of Australia's finest folk/roots, bluegrass, Americana, Celtic and alt-country musicians have loved performing at the Majors Creek Music Festival and to mingle with fellow folk musicians and enthusiasts in a charming, laid-back, gold-rush era village.

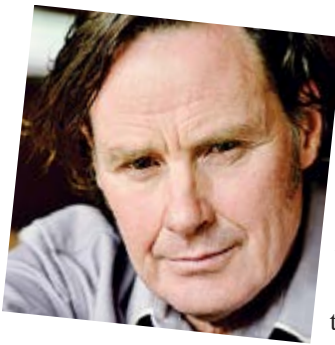
This year, the Majors Creek Festival is on 11–13 November in venues in and around the Recreation Ground. 2016's impressive headliners include new artists to the Festival and old favourites.

In terms of prestige, it's hard to top having your song played at the Sydney 2000 Olympics, and that's exactly what Neil Murray achieved with *My Island Home*. A founding member of the pioneering Indige-

nous group the Warumpi Band, Murray's songs have also been recorded by Mary Black, Jimmy Little, Missy Higgins, Powderfinger and Christine Anu.

Hailing from Melbourne, the award-winning Americana foursome Raised by Eagles are true storytellers. Having won Best Country Album and Best Emerging Artist at the Age Music Victoria Awards, the fellas were even invited to the prestigious Americana Music Festival in Nashville Tennessee.

Speaking of folk cred, it's little wonder the daughter of celebrated poet Tim Thorne would turn out to be such a striking



songsman. Described as a "folk singer ... through the prism of Beth Orton or Joni Mitchell", Melbourne artist Lucie Thorne is teaming up with the much-loved 'rhythm king' from Sydney, Hamish Stuart, for the Festival gig.

The Joni Mitchell thread continues as one of Harry Hookey's cited inspirations. This Aria-nominated singer/songwriter from Gippsland has likely played almost every town in Australia in true troubadour tradition. Giving up a life as a would-be lawyer, the roaming musician puts his music "somewhere between James Taylor and Nirvana".

Meanwhile, the music of Australian-Fijian singer-songwriter Andrew Kirwin is a rich tapestry woven with soul, funk, gospel, hip-hop and blues. The Sunshine Coast indie artist has played all over Aus-

tralia and is one of our most up-and-coming musicians.

And returning this year are Festival favourites from 2015, The Timbers. Their thumping rhythms of folk, roots and "Celtic bushman brassy punk" are guaranteed to make the audience swing.

This is one of the few Festivals where you could easily find yourself in a late-night, campfire sing-along with any of these or other favourite artists.

Festival-goers can also enjoy music and dance workshops, themed concert performances and quirky craft stalls. Kids will be kept busy with all-day activities, while food vans and pop-up watering holes satiate the punters and to top it off the camping is FREE! ■

Early bird tickets are now on sale!! For more information, go to www.majorscreekfestival.org

Shows coming up at The Q – powerful and exhilarating

Mother

MOTHER, a one-woman play written for acclaimed, award winning actor Noni Hazlehurst (*City Homicide*, *A Place To Call Home*, *The Heretic*), is the newest work from Daniel Keene (*Boxman*, *Life Without Me*, *The Serpent's Teeth*) directed by his long-time collaborator Matt Scholten.

Delving into the significance of our primary relationships, this provocative performance will leave you haunted with understanding and sympathy for those living on the farthest edges of society. There but by the grace of God go we...

Christie (Noni Hazlehurst) has found herself at the fringe of the world. Homeless, aging, living on the outskirts of suburbia, she

attracts the curiosity of the locals with the story of her colourful, troubled life. In *Mother*, award-winning Australian playwright Daniel Keene explores the concept of homelessness as a metaphor for disconnection.

Christie's story is part truth, part fiction, and even she is no longer sure which is which. Beneath her wild exaggerations and fantastic tales of loves lost and struggles overcome, there are haunting truths that she would rather forget. ■

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ACT wildlife management

Condemning orphan joeys and endangering humans

by Frankie Seymour

SINCE ANIMAL protection activists began their nightly vigils on and around the reserves where the ACT government conducts its annual kangaroo slaughter, they have observed dozens of dependent kangaroo joeys, unattended by any adult kangaroos, lining the nearby roadsides. Most of these joeys will never be claimed by their mothers because their mothers have been shot.

The fate of this multitude of unclaimed young animals is death in most cases due to myopathy, hypothermia, starvation or car-strike.

The Code of Practice requires that dependent young be killed rather than left to die. However, because dependent young are not permitted to be included in the shooters' 'kill counts', there is no incentive for the shooters



Joey's not much bigger than this and in and out of the pouch, face grim future alone after mother is killed. Photo: Carol Lynn

to pursue and kill fast-moving joeys, code or no code.

The Animal Protectors Alliance (APA) was compiling a complaint to the ACT government about the way government officials were failing to prevent or alleviate the suffering of these thousands (counted over seven years) of joeys, when a new and equally serious failure by the government's kangaroo killers suddenly emerged: the dangerous and unlawful shooting of kangaroos on unleased public land.

In June 2015, members of the public protesting the kangaroo slaughter at Wanniasa Hills Nature Reserve (WHNR) noticed that kangaroo shooting was taking place on the adjacent horse paddocks (the Rose Cottage Horse Paddocks, RCHP), close to the Centenary Trail.

This is public land that remained open to the public night and day throughout the shooting season, while the WHNR (like other Reserves of the Canberra Nature Park) was closed for shooting. No public announcement was ever made that shooting would take place on the RCHP and no signs were erected. This shooting occurred while protestors, cyclists and dog walkers were within 100 metres of the shooters.

The shooting near the Centenary Trail was observed to occur on 23 and 24 June 2015. FOI material obtained later revealed that on these dates no licence had been issued to permit shooting on this part of the RCHP. The day after the illegal shooting was reported to

the police, an existing licence was extended to include this area.

On 24 June, believing the shooting outside the Canberra Nature Park to be illegal, one protestor, Chris Klootwijk called the police. The police arrived in the company of a government ranger who assured Chris (and had, presumably, already assured the police) that the shooting was legal.

[Dr Klootwijk was later arrested and found guilty by a magistrate for obstructing a government official by blowing a whistle. His arrest was overturned on appeal in July 2016 when the Supreme Court found that the ACT failed to have a legal license for its shooting activities in both 2015 and 2016.]

FOI documents show history of government buck passing and use of privacy protocols to mask public endangerment near shooting sites

The APA has spent a year trying to get to the bottom of the shooting on the RCHP, and redress the suffering of the orphaned joeys. The dossier of their correspondence with government officials reveals a story of utter laziness by some government officials, buck passing by others, and use of privacy protocols to excuse public endangerment by others.

Without any form of censure for 2015 illegal behaviour, government kangaroo killers went from bad to worse in 2016. At Isaac's Ridge Nature Reserve in both May and July, kangaroos were shot within 30 metres of Muga Lane where protestors stood outside the fence watching them, and hundreds of cars drove past, most of them on their way home from work, never realising their danger.

A dossier assembled by APA shows a triple betrayal: betrayal of thousands of baby animals left to die of myopathy, hypothermia, starvation or car-strike; of numerous human bystanders whose lives were put at risk without their knowledge or consent; and threats to democracy itself as every government review process declined to even acknowledge, let alone try to right an obvious wrong revealed by the government's own documentary evidence. ■

Colour me heritage

Braidwood Rounds with Jill McLeod



DURING August I have been fascinated by several letters printed in Braidwood's local paper. The letters respond to the bubbling controversy caused by the colours used for a fresh paint job on one of the town's well known heritage buildings – the Albion Centre.

The Albion was built on the corner of Wallace and Duncan Streets in 1872 by Roderick MacDonald and Sons. Its reputation grew and it was considered the grandest hotel in town.

Indeed, its reputation was such that in 1885 the *Town and Country Journal* described it as the favourite hostelry in Braidwood. The Albion was fitted out with "numerous bedrooms and suites of private apartments, in addition to several private apartments, all of which are comfortably furnished".

But it is the exterior of the building that has fuelled the fire in the belly of the letter writers. The light grey walls and the black and white trims have been deemed not to be heritage colours and one writer believes that Braidwood has failed to appreciate the importance of its heritage commitment. Presumably this is in reference to our NSW State Heritage Register listing.

The Albion's vintage is betwixt and between the Georgian and Victorian eras.

British historical paint consultant Patrick Baty has issued a sheet offering advice on painting Georgian buildings. The Little Green Paint Company Ltd and Dulux have excellent paint colour charts which can be accessed on the web.

The new Albion colours are displayed for all to see on the colour chart.

It is not just the paint job either. Reference is made to the poor choice of replacement verandah rails which, apparently, on good authority, were not actually the originals. And, of course, building codes have changed over the years since 1872 and the safety of adventurous children has to be considered.

To digress a little I must mention that owners of federation era houses can be very particular when restoring or conserving their bricks and mortar. In the 1970s my sister and brother-in-law bought a delightful house in Sydney's northern suburbs. It had been built in 1910 and it was showing its age.

I was visiting my sibling and on arrival spied my beloved and intrepid sister on the top of an extension ladder scraping paint



from the fascia board at the two-storey end of the house. The complete exercise yielded a total of five colours, all of which she incorporated in the rejuvenation project.

Back to Braidwood's paint colours – I understand the concern of those who believe that Braidwood may become a very ordinary village if too many members of our community or the QPRC fail to control the development of a lazy attitude to the maintenance of our unique heritage status.

But we must avoid allowing ourselves to proliferate the use of boring cream and green. While most of us might agree that, for example, Beechworth is a pleasant town to visit I believe we should be a little more adventurous and take advantage of different and permissible colour elegance and style. ■

Whistleblower's conviction overturned

ACT failed to have valid license to shoot wildlife

DEFENDANT Dr Chris Klootwijk's response to his acquittal: "It's great! I've been promoted from 'crim' to 'pest'." Klootwijk had been charged with interfering with a public official when he blew the whistle on public land next to the kangaroo shooters in 2015.

The appeal ruling that saw him acquitted – that the 2015 killing licence was invalid – did not stop ACT parks from killing nearly a thousand kangaroos under the same licence in 2016.

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A LOCAL WILDLIFE advocate group, Regional Friends of Wildlife, have learned that in the past two years at least, and arguably for much longer, the ACT Conservator of Flora and Fauna has been handing out some 80 licenses to rural lessees and other undisclosed recipients (citing privacy legislation) as well as to reserve managers, to annually kill about 20,000 kangaroos (a 'protected' native species). This begs the question whether the ACT's underlying agenda is kangaroo eradication – to please a certain viewpoint that the countryside belongs exclusively to domestic stock, and possibly to please the insurance industry? ■

News, grants from Infigen for the Capital Renewable Energy Precinct

PALERANG WINDFARM operator Infigen Energy wishes its local community sponsorship committee Happy Birthday as it turns three this month.

During this time the committee has approved over \$130,000 worth of sponsorship grants to community projects in the region, including grants to the Bungendore Pony Club, Bungendore Community Foundation, and community organisations in Tarago.

A further round of sponsorship grants will be considered this month.

If individuals or community organisations wish to submit an application for sponsorship please visit, www.infigenenergy.info/sponsorships.

Run with the Wind – Run for fun amongst the windmills

MEET THE celebrity lifesaver from the popular television show Bondi Rescue, Andrew Reid.

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This year at least \$5,000 from the sale of tickets and merchandise will go towards supporting the Bungendore Community Foundation, Tarago Country Women's Association, and volunteers of local community organisations.

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Sugar cane for green fuel

THE BULLETIN editor recently visited central Queensland where the sugar industry is coming to the fore again as coal mining declines, jobs evaporate and people leave towns like Mackay and the region. Mackay residents told us that 10,000 people had left the town in recent years.

The Mackay Daily Mercury reported a really exciting prospect in mid-August with the signing by the Queensland government of a statement of cooperation with the US Navy that may see sugar-based biofuels help power the world's largest navy.

Mackay with its cane industry and port is well placed to be a refuelling stop.

The paper reported: "Sourcing Queensland biofuels would help [the navy] create the Great Green Fleet, a US Navy commitment to source 50% of fuel from renewable sources by 2020."

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Town and Country Gardening

with Penny Evans, Pendon Farms

Mulch garden beds and more with cardboard!

WITH SPRING not far away, it's time to mulch the garden paths, garden beds and trees with cardboard. Cardboard is fantastic for gardens as the worms love it, moving between the corrugates while being protected from birds and other predators.

For paths, I use a Stanley knife to cut to shape, then cover it with mulch. If you don't have mulch to spare, hold the cardboard down with tent pegs. Please be careful with the Stanley knife. I have a large scar on my thumb to attest to my loss of concentration whilst wielding one.

With the beds and trees I sprinkle well-rotted manure, blood and bone, dynamic lifter and clay breaker on the bed. No need to weed first as the weeds will die off and provide extra food for the worms.

Then in spring, you can pull the cardboard off if you want to plant crops like lettuce. For bigger plants like tomatoes or zucchini, I cut holes into the cardboard and plant direct into the bed.

Make sure the cardboard is not laminated and remove as much plastic tape as possible. Laminated cardboard does not rot down. For more information, I have a short video on my Facebook account. Search **PenDon Farm Wamboin**.



Gardening tip for broccoli or the like

It's been a wet winter and one unexpected result is rotting in the centre of my broccoli plants. This happened after I had harvested the main broccoli head and found water pooled on the top of the stalks causing them to rot. To avoid this, cut the main head off at an angle, higher up the plant. This allows the water to run off and, hopefully avoids rot setting in.



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Working with weeds field day

WEEDS ONLY tell part of the story when considering the management of rural properties in Australia. The October field day (details below) from the Small Farms Network Capital Region is more than an information session about controlling weeds. It's about giving land managers the tools to think about weeds in positive ways and to understand the processes that may contribute to weed establishment.

The keynote speaker is Alison Elvin, co-director of NaturalCapital Pty Ltd and also a local grazier who is passionate about creating productive, resilient and adaptive agricultural systems that are based on healthy soils, high-quality water and biodiversity conservation.

"With a wealth of practical and theoretical knowledge from both personal and professional experience, Alison has developed a deep respect for weed species and the stories they can tell us about our land management," says Alex James, the Small Farms Network Capital Region Coordinator.

The topics that will be covered during the day include what is a weed; what conditions and land use may have contributed to the problem; identifying key weed species; integrated weed management; weed biosecurity; and emerging weed target species. There will be a paddock walk and 'hands on' session in the afternoon and an opportunity for landholders to develop their own weed management plan for the future.

Alice McGrath, Natural Resource Management Land Services Officer with the South East Local Land Services, based in Goulburn, will be launching the Preparing a Whole of Property Weed Management Guide, with plenty of copies for participants to take home. ACT Rural Services will be available to discuss farm biosecurity and weeds to watch.

The Small Farms Network is supported by funding from the Australian Government and this event is made possible by in kind support and contributions from the South East Local Land Services and the ACT Regional Landcare Coordinator. The Palerang Action Network for Sustainability provides voluntary support for our work in this region. ■

Numbers are limited and bookings are essential. For more information and bookings see www.smallfarmscapital.org/events-workshops.

Date: Saturday 22 October 2016

Time: 9am–3.30pm

Location: Majura ACT (property address provided on booking)

Cost: Free (lunch and morning tea provided)

Wildcare looking for baby bird carers this Spring

WILDCARE is always on the lookout for new recruits to help rescue and rehabilitate injured and orphaned wildlife, but in Spring there is a special challenge – coping with an expected influx of orphaned baby birds. Baby birds can be great fun – in the way they demand our attention to be fed regularly during the day, become silent and go to sleep overnight and grow amazingly fast to young adult stage before being released back into the wild.

As Wildcare's Bird Coordinator, Maryanne says "With many Wildcare members working full time, there is a need to find additional volunteers at this time of the year who are available during the day. If you care about our native birds, looking after baby birds can be a very rewarding experience. Full training and support is provided and we may also be able to help with cages and enclosures.

"On a related topic, many of the baby magpies that come into care each Spring probably don't need to be 'rescued'. Fledgling magpies tend to spend some time on the ground when they first leave the nest, while they are learning to fly – with mum and dad on guard nearby.

"Of course if they are injured or in imminent danger, we should help. But one option is to place the fledgling on a branch out of danger – or even better in a bucket, with leaf litter in the bottom, and hang it from a nearby branch – and watch to see if the parents return. If in any doubt – please call Wildcare on 6299 1966." ■

If you have time to help out, or if you want more information about caring for baby birds, please call Maryanne, the Wildcare Bird Coordinator, on 0411 422 897.

More information is also available at www.wildcare.com.au.



Support veterans and Legacy for families

WITH A MEMORIAL week for Vietnam veterans just passed, the Commonwealth is urging citizens to support Legacy and its work for women and children.

"Legacy is a non-profit organisation established by the ex-service community that is well known for the comfort it provides grieving families," said Minister for Veterans' Affairs Dan Tehan. The program is said to support some 80,000 widows and 1,800 children, with services such as counselling, special housing, medical, advocacy and social support.

"Legacy has made a real difference to the lives of thousands of families who have lost someone who served our country. It is important work and another way Australia honours the service and sacrifice of the men and women who defend our country," said the minister.

Donations help support educational activities for children through contributions to school fees, books, uniforms and other activities.



LANDCARE PLANT SALE

Saturday
17 September 2016
(9–12noon)

At the Wamboin Home Produce and Craft Markets Community Hall, Bingley Way, Wamboin.

Wide selection of native tube stock and plants, information about Landcare NSW

PERFECT FOR SPRING PLANTING

For more information on Legacy, including where to buy a badge, to donate or volunteer to collect, call 1800 534 229.

Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (VVCS) can be reached 24-hours-a-day across Australia for crisis support and free and confidential counselling. Phone 1800 011 046 (international: +61 8 8241 45 46). VVCS is a service founded by Vietnam veterans. ■

QPRC and NSW host sport development forum 2016

QUEANBEYAN-Palerang Regional Council, in conjunction with Sport and Recreation, is conducting a Sport Development Forum on Saturday 15 October from 10am to 3pm at the Riverside Oval at Queanbeyan.

"Everyone involved in organising sport will

GET READY WEEKEND

We can help you to get ready for the fire season!

Do you know what to do if....

- there is a grass fire on your property?
- there is a large bushfire 50km away?
- the fire danger rating is Severe, Extreme or Catastrophic?

Have you got a plan for...

- what to take with you if you are evacuated from your home due to bushfires?
- what to do with your pets / horses / livestock in the event of nearby fires?

Have you...

- discussed plans with your family?
- written your plan down and practiced it?
- prepared your property?

Come to the Boro/Mt Fairy Fire Station, 419 Mount Fairy Road, Mount Fairy

Saturday 10th September from 9am–3pm for a cuppa and a chat about your fire plan.

We will have copies of the **Bush Survival Plan** and displays of things from around the home that you can use if you need to protect your property. Kids welcome.

Are you new to the area? Do you know, in our area we have

- about 140 houses
- 2 tankers carrying 4,500 litres of water
- 12–15 active fire-fighters

We need your help to protect your family and property

benefit from this Forum," said Mr Paul Keemink, Development Officer, Sport & Recreation.

The Forum consists of four sport development workshops as well as an expo of industry exhibitors and includes networking opportunities.

The workshop topics are:

- Running your Club – Sports Administration
- Modern Sporting Club Management
- Grant Writing
- Social Media and Sports

The Forum is in response to the identified need for more training and advice on corporate governance practices and procedures for sporting organisations.

Booking numbers are limited. For more information or to enrol, phone the Sport and Recreation Head Office on 131302 or visit the website <https://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/event/sport-development-forum-2016>. ■

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For Saddle Camp details contact Helen Faulkner: 0417 456 093



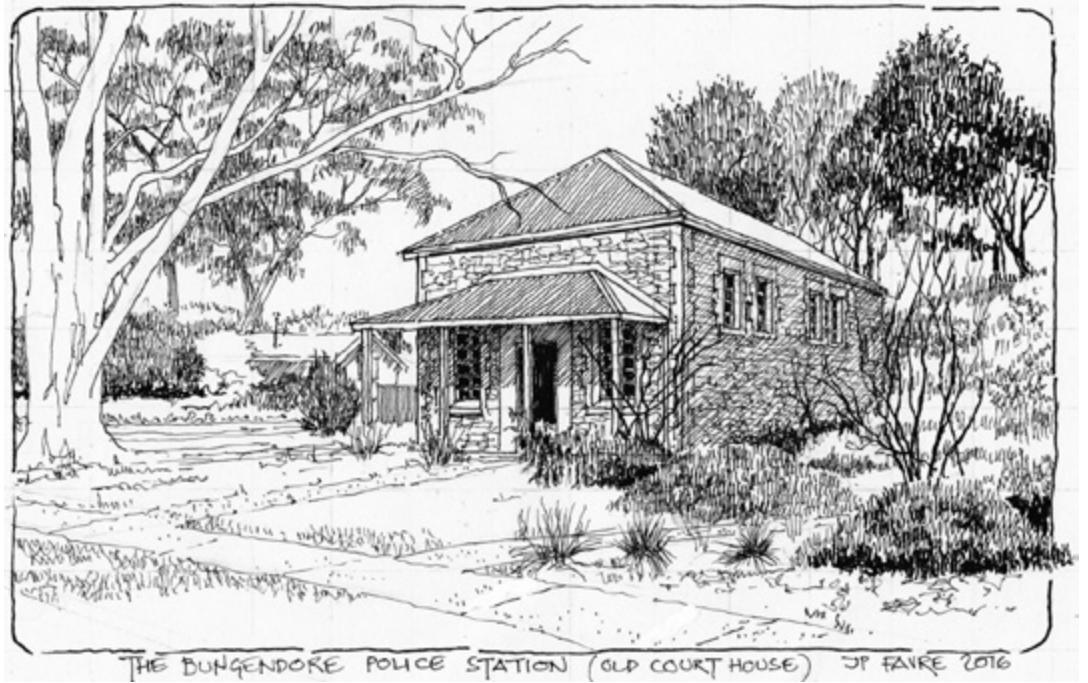
Once a year, we often have an Australian Pacific Heron visit. This time I sighted two... and they were acting differently, landing to roost in a tall eucalypt tree. They are very shy. Sneaking up quietly, I managed a glimpse through the tangle of branches. As Spring is around the corner, perhaps they are looking to nest somewhere.

— Carol Lynn

:: Star Search ::

STAR SEARCH's Dr David Weldrake is on leave and will return later in the year ... check out his website at <https://sites.google.com/site/weldrakeplanetary>.

For an update on what's happening in our skies during September, have a look at *September sky guide: a galaxy, star cluster, three bright planets and a faint lunar eclipse*. This article, with images can be found at <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-09-01/september-sky-guide/7789430>. ■



Bungendore Police Station (above)

Sketched by Bywong retired architect, broadcaster and community volunteer John-Pierre Favre. JP, as he is known to his friends and neighbours, is completing a series on Bungendore historical buildings that may develop into a calendar. And who knows? Braidwood and Captains Flat could be next. "I spend most of the time doing the vegetation, the buildings are a piece of cake," he commented.

Your say...

#HashTag Census Success

by Graham Franklin-Browne

IT IS NOW early September, and the census tidal wave has receded ... somewhat.

The website is still up, the ABS is still in business, and although some field officers may be still out there collecting data, most of the country has decided that filling out the census is a worthwhile activity.

Most people have completed their forms, either on line, or on paper – without having to be reminded. The rest of the country, apart from the extremely angry, or the politically insane, are getting around to it.

In the aftermath of the data tsunami which hit one of the world's leading statis-

tical agencies, I have been reflecting on what the census means to me.

Hand on heart, you should know right now, I am a self-confessed census 'tragic'.

Having worked on the program in various capacities over the past 30 years I am of course extremely biased.

I love the census, and in company with my tragic mates, believe that counting people and things, is one of our country's more noble activities. Setting aside warfare, chopping off of heads, and prostitution, counting things is also one of the world's oldest professions.

So what does it all mean to me?

It is not just about needing to know where we put our schools and hospitals.

It is definitely not about how we carve up our country into political fiefdoms.

Nor is it about the elegance of numbers, standard deviations (or their raunchier cousins, the non-standard deviations), or even the

arcane and magical craft of turning data into intelligible and free sources of information, which ordinary people can tap into, and use in their daily lives and businesses.

For me, taking a census is evidence that we are lucky enough to live in a country that (mostly) cares about its population, and wants to know more about itself.

So if you are still out there clutching your census form, looking nervously for Big Brother behind the CCTV cameras, don't worry, be happy, and fill out your form.

Nobody, apart from those wanting to create services for you and your family, is terribly interested in where you were on census night, or how you choose to describe your religious universe, or how many cars were parked in your driveway.

By the way, if you are still worried that somebody devious might find out where you were on census night, be comforted by the fol-

lowing statistical revelation – half of us get up and move between each census anyway – and we won't know which half until we take the next census.

You might also be comforted by a very old statistician's saying, once told to me by a very young statistician, "an interesting statistic is very often wrong". ■

JUMPING CREEK from p4

government deferred a rezoning decision on in 2012.

In a letter to the council dated 24 July 2016, the department declined to agree to the land in question being designated as an 'urban release area' in the Queanbeyan Residential and Economic Strategy 2015–2031.

Instead, the department said the land should be designated as 'future investigations land', requiring further analysis of its 'urban suitability and capability' before the area could be considered for urban development.

It is understood a further report on the bid to rezone what is known as the deferred portion of Jumping Creek estate was tabled at the council's meeting on 24 August in Bungendore.

The council recently confirmed that, contrary to earlier statements, the proposed

EDE is very clearly linked to proposed housing development on Jumping Creek: "The design of Ellerton Drive Extension includes the provision of a water main connection as well as conduits under the road for future services (eg electricity, telecommunications) to a potential subdivision."

The NSW Government had earlier agreed to rezone two parcels of land at Jumping Creek estate, stipulating construction of the proposed Ellerton Drive Extension as a pre-condition for the estate to be developed.

The NSW department's letter regarding the latest Jumping Creek parcel is in the council business paper for 10 August 2016. See item 9.2 and the letter in Attachments. <http://www.qcc.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Meetings/Ordinary-meeting-documents-2016>

The land in question is the third parcel that was unresolved when the previous

Queanbeyan City Council recommended in 2012 that the NSW government approve a zoning change to allow housing on Jumping Creek.

This was one of several 'spot rezonings' considered at the same time as the Queanbeyan Comprehensive Local Environmental Plan. Jumping Creek estate was not part of the strategic land release plan for Queanbeyan before that time.

Urban development of Jumping Creek estate, an old farming property with numerous remnant native tree species protected under NSW and Australian environmental law, appears to critics in the community as little more than opportunistic rather than thoughtful and necessary development in a city with a new town projected to house around 17,000 people (Googong).

To date, no development application to build anywhere at Jumping Creek has been lodged with the council.

Asked about the push to rezone and build on this so-called 'deferred' portion of Jumping Creek estate, the council provided the following response to July Public Forum questions:

"A rezoning application (planning proposal) for the remaining areas of Jumping Creek has been lodged with the Council and is currently being reviewed by staff. A number of statutory steps are required to be undertaken prior to the exhibition of any draft plan for the area. This includes reporting the proposal to the Administrator and seeking a formal Gateway determination from the NSW Department of Planning & Environment (DPE) to progress the draft plan. Due to this process, it is difficult to advise of a potential timeframe for exhibition with any certainty. Council is happy to provide additional advice about this matter when, and if, it receives a formal Gateway determination from DPE."

— Queanbeyan correspondent



A rare event ... Lake George filling up with water thanks to all the massive rain we have had. Photo: AK Wein

What's On: September 2016

Go to www.districtbulletin.com.au for our weekly / monthly calendar of events

Until end Oct

Claybodies exhibition. Wood Works Gallery, 22 Malbon St, Bungendore. See ad p10.

Sat 10 Sept

Get ready weekend. Preparing for the fire season. Boro/Mt Fairy Fire Station, 419 Mount Fairy Rd, Mount Fairy. 9–3pm for a cuppa and a chat about your fire plan. More details in ad p10.

Gunning Fireworks Festival. Gunning Show-ground, 3–9pm. \$10 / \$5 / \$25. www.gunning-fireworksfestival.com.au

Sun 11 Sept

Braidwood goes Balkan. Brag Hall, Wallace St, Braidwood. 10–2pm. \$25 / \$20. Bookings essential 6238 1827. moyajohn@shortisand-simpson.com

Fri 16 to Sun 18 Sept

Exhibition by Embroiderers Guild ACT Inc. 10–4pm at the Albert Hall, Commonwealth Ave, Yarralumla. 2pm Saturday presentation by Victoria Pearce, Director of Endangered Heritage: how to keep your treasures safe from damage; details on storage and display options. Contact 6262 8035 or www.embroiderersact.org.au



Sun 18 Sept

Araluen Gold Concert Series. 5–9pm at the Araluen Federal Hall, Araluen. Listen to Scotland's premier fiddle ambassador Alasdair Fraser and talented

Californian cellist Natalie Haas. Delicious local food by Araluen Gold Organics. BYO drinks welcome. Bookings through www.stickytickets.com.au/41977. More info aralengoldmusic@gmail.com or 0434 993 973.

Tues 27 Sept to Sat 1 Oct

Mother. Starring Noni Hazlehurst, see review and ad on p7. The Q, Crawford St, Qbn. Box office 6285 6290 or see www.theq.net.au

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LOCAL MARKETS:

1st and 3rd Saturday of every month

Braidwood Farmers Markets — National Theatre, main street of Braidwood, from 8am–12.30pm. www.braidwoodfarmersmarket.org.au

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

Southern Harvest Farmers Market — Anglican Church Hall, Gibraltar St, Bungendore, 9am–Noon. www.southernharvest.org.au

1st Saturday of every month (ex-January)

Captains Flat Country Markets — Community Hall, Foxlow St, Captains Flat, 9.30–1.30pm. Enquiries to Maggie on 0473 113 398.

**3rd Saturday of every month
(ex-July, August)**

Wamboin Home Produce & Craft Market — Wamboin Community Hall, Bingley Way, Wamboin, 9–12 noon. Fresh locally-grown produce, home baked cakes and pies, native plants, jewellery and craft. Excellent cafe. Kids playground. Contact Lance and Meriel Schultz 6238 3309.

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 + more. Bob Shaw 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.

5th Saturday (30 July & 29 October)

CAPS Market In Tarago — (Craft, Art, Produce Seasonal = CAPS.) Town Hall, Tarago. 9–2pm. Contact: 0429 200 456 or CAPSmarketln Tarago@gmail.com.

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