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BRAIDWOOD LOCAL and *Bulletin* columnist Angela Backhouse was crowned 2017 'Business Woman of the Year' in the Canberra Women in Business Awards at a gala ceremony in August.

Angela writes our Property and Legal column and her firm Backhouse Legal has established offices in Bungendore and Braidwood as well as Fyshwick.

Hailing originally from Araluen, Angela says she learned from a young age that it takes hard work and dedication to make a business work. She credits her parents, Stan and Margaret Wiseby, who owned a peach farm and the Araluen Hotel.

The CWB awards are open to business women of all ages. The 'Business Woman of the Year' is awarded based on the individual's ability to show leadership, tenacity, compassion, encouragement, pursuit of excellent, be a role model for other business women, implementing positive new initiatives in the workplace, and employment opportunities. The word 'visionary' appears as well.

After practicing law for eight years, Angela felt ready for her own practice so when the opportunity presented itself in 2014 she jumped at it – purchasing what is now Backhouse Legal from Rod J. Barnett & Associates. She has since worked tirelessly to build the business with now 15 staff and the three offices.

Her goal she says is to become the leading commercial and property law firm in Canberra and surrounds. *The Bulletin* asked her to share a few insights behind her business success.

### What advice would you give someone thinking of starting a business?

**Angela:** Always follow your heart; I live by the quote by Eileen Caddy that starts

*Set your sights high, the higher the better.*
*Expect the most wonderful things to happen,*
*Not in the future but right now.*

You need to expect that it is going to be challenging but you need to look at it, one day and challenge at a time and it's the little wins that count the most.

[But] without the love and support of my husband and family, helping me juggle two small boys and work commitments nothing would be possible. You do need to have a good support system – surround yourself with people that believe in you and your vision. And love what you do and the work.

### What does your success say to others?

**Angela:** I think what I have done as a role model is to prove to any young business woman that it is possible to be a mother, a wife and be successful in business. If my children can see that I am as dedicated to my work as I am to them then they will learn to appreciate hard work.

It is also important for people to realise that whatever your background anything can be achieved. **>>p7**

## Seniors under shadow of wrecking ball

**by Graham Franklin-Browne**

QUEANBEYAN SENIOR citizens were dismayed to learn last month that they may have become the first casualties of QPRC's planned redevelopment of the Queanbeyan CBD.

In July the Queanbeyan Senior Citizens Group received official notification from council that it would have to move from its purpose-built centre off Crawford Street by September 26 and relocate to Letchworth, near industrial east Queanbeyan.

Although the group had heard rumours of how the project would impact them in January this year, its 41 members are upset that it has taken the council so long to officially inform them of their fate.

For many it will be the end of an era. Although council has indicated they will be able to return in 2019 after completion of the project, current members are concerned that the group will split up.

According to the president, Rhonda Winnett, a number of members have already indicated that they will be unable to make the transition to outer suburban Letchworth and will choose not to return.

"We are grateful for the offer of the Letchworth Centre, and it is very nice, however it is just too far out for a lot of our members," said Mrs Winnett. ***Cont'd p6***

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# Getting the most out of your vote on Sept 9

***Robin Tennant-Wood explains***

WITH 80 individual candidates having put up their hands for election on September 9, it is crucial to know how to get the most 'bang' from our voting 'buck'.

Electoral history shows that most voters choose to vote above the line, and in these cases candidates are elected from the top of the list, with only the top two, or maybe three, with a realistic chance of being elected.

It is for this reason that all but three of the 80 people lining up for QPRC are members of teams. A good many of the candidates have agreed to support their lead and second candidates by putting their names forward.

The ballot paper you will be given when you front up to the polling booth, having negotiated the how-to-vote crush at the school gate and partaken of the traditional Democracy Sausage, will have 11 groups, designated A to K from left to right, with the teams' candidate names listed below the line and with three ungrouped candidates at the end. (See what the ballot looks like, p4.)

**a quota to elect a councillor will be about 2,500 votes**

## Vote above OR below the line

You will be instructed to place your vote either above the line, for the (whole) group(s) of your choice, or below the line, if you wish to vote for individual candidates.

Above the line, if you vote for only one group, by placing a number 1 in their box your entire vote rests with that team of candidates. Once all the quotas for that team have been allocated (in this case, a quota will be about 2,500 votes) your vote will exhaust.

**Apply your own preferences.** If you number 1 in the box of your first choice, you can also indicate your preferences and have your voting power flow to your second and subsequent choices. If you wish your vote to transfer (preference) to another group once the quotas in your first choice are filled, you must indicate this on your ballot paper by marking a second choice with a 2 and so forth through as many groups as you choose.

If voting below the line, you must number at least six boxes in order of preference. That's the minimum requirement for a valid vote. You can, however, maximise your vote beyond that requirement.

Below the line, once a candidate receives a quota, he or she is declared elected and any votes received beyond that point are distributed to the next preference you have indicated.

However, former Palerang mayor, Pete Harrison, points out in his blog (http://qpcommunityvoice.org.au/blog/?p=9), that in the last two council elections, "eight of the nine Palerang candidates elected have been those with the highest vote after the first preference count." Therefore, when casting your vote, ensure that you are numbering candidates in the order in which you would like them to be elected as once your first choice receives a quota, any votes surplus to that quota will flow to the second preferences.

## Allocating your own preferences is key to getting the most out of your vote

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Editorial...

# Time for democratic change at QPRC council

HEADING OUR August issue, we editorially endorsed a number of experienced candidates and groups for your consideration at the 9 September council election. They appear again in this issue.

A number of people have asked me why, and why these people? It comes after watching both councils on frequent occasions during the past 5–10 years. I am basing my recommendation on performance in the public interest; on the process of their previous local government including community engagement; and, on values we share that are manifest in the *Bulletin's* coverage.

Here's another perspective compared to simply judging 80 candidates on what they say on a 'vote for me' card or at a forum or in gratitude for one-off state money dispensed in the past 18 months.

## Endorsing experience and problem solving in the public interest

Both former councils had their good points and their not-so-popular interactions with the public, as any backyard chat demonstrates. We just offer an informed view on candidates we know have previously acted with integrity in the public interest.

The new council will be faced with unusual challenges with amalgamation and the budgetary framework. We want them to do the best for ratepayers' basic services (roads, rates and rubbish) and for ratepayers' hip pockets, rather than for new downtown development dreams in the first three years.

At the same time we seek leadership on business development including tourism, new transport solutions, innovative energy policy at the local level – along with advocacy for community needs from roads to senior centres to swimming pools throughout QPRC.

So on this occasion experience, and a track record of problem-solving for the community on either previous council is more desirable than perhaps would be the case otherwise.

We hope for a majority working harmoniously for us. Majorities, as we know, are important in our political systems. We also considered that these candidates have a reasonable chance of getting elected, heading up groups.

Political parties come as groups, but so does almost everyone else. Local election history has shown most voters select groups above the line. Usually the top one or two, possibly three members of any group are likely to be elected. Many of the 80 people below the line are supporting players in one group or another. Full disclosure: including myself, as a supporter of 'Frank and Fearless' Winchester Group F.

There are some good ungrouped candidates like Braidwood's Paul Cockram, but it's an uphill challenge for them.

**On p3 Robin Tennant-Wood offers a primer on this local government voting system (that many people find confusing). She explains 'how best to make your vote count'.**

The August issue provides more discussion in the editorial p4 followed by details on the endorsed candidates. Now on **our website www.districtbulletin.com.au.**

## SOME CAMPAIGNS FOR COUNCIL: WHAT THEY STAND FOR

### Group E Community Voice: what we stand for

THE QUEANBEYAN-Palerang LGA comprises a unique mix of rural, rural residential and urban settlement that is not seen anywhere else in NSW. Our new council will be defined by the way in which we address the needs of this diverse population.

The Community Voice team, which includes three former Palerang councillors, former Mayor Pete Harrison, Deputy Mayor Belinda Hogarth-Boyd and Councillor Keith France, remains committed to serving our communities through active engagement on >>p5

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<< issues of concern. With our experience, we are well-placed to quickly pick up where we left off when our council was dissolved.

While the $15m NSW grant to assist merging councils has provided immediate benefit throughout the region, we must not lose sight of our underlying financial situation. We need to continue to manage our finances conservatively until it is clear that we are living within the means of the new council.

Council is not like other levels of government. There is no government or opposition as such, only a group of people who must work together cooperatively to guide the delivery of services to our community. Our record of open and respectful debate will provide a valuable foundation for a cohesive new organisation. ■

### Group F Kenrick Winchester team: what we stand for

KENRICK WINCHESTER has assembled a strong group of passionate local community leaders on his 'frank and fearless' Group F ticket.

Kenrick is a 34-year-old father of three, and was a Queanbeyan City Councillor from 2012 until the merger with Palerang. Outside his day job, he has been kept busy since that date as the President of the Queanbeyan East Public School P&C.

"Some may say that public education is a state issue and therefore not relevant to council. I think the health and ongoing success of our schools is vitally important to the overall strength of our region, and if we can have well-functioning schools, community groups, and a well-run council, then we are certainly headed on the right path," he says.

Other priorities for the Group F team are representing the whole of QPRC – from Googong through Queanbeyan to Wamboin, Bungendore, Braidwood and beyond; improving facilities for youth and seniors as well as recreation and sports facilities for all; transport and roads; reviewing the budget for ratepayers' interests; and supporting good environmental and development policies. Working positively with like-minded councillors is the best way to serve our communities. ■

### Group G Sue Whelan team: what we stand for

SUE WHELAN OAM has 33 years of experience in local government and has a long history of working with the community. While she now lives in Queanbeyan, she grew up in Henty NSW and has an understanding of issues facing rural communities as well as the larger urban areas.

Her team includes people with a range of useful experience reflecting the breadth of the expanded local government area. Jason Webb lives and works in Queanbeyan and has played rugby union for the Queanbeyan Whites. Tanya Davis grew up and has worked in Queanbeyan and now lives in Wamboin and has children at Sutton Primary. Katie Whelan works with young people in the region. (See ad p3 for a further introduction.)

"Our team has a vision for the new council as a strong united community that forges its own destiny where services are provided to all in a planned and financially responsible way. This is a very important transition time for our communities and we need councillors who are prepared to work together to achieve outcomes for all," says Sue.

Other priorities for Group G include stewardship for the natural environment and for heritage and support for the identity and historical richness of the Palerang and Queanbeyan communities.

Effective consultation is a top priority and Sue has a track record on this score. "We have been out listening to the community and will certainly consider those views when making decisions." ■

### Group J The Greens: what we stand for

THE GREENS have long stood up for honesty, ethics and integrity in politics. We put the community first and ensure that council is transparent, accountable and fair to all.

Greens councillors will support development that protects our local environment, village and town character, and cultural heritage. More local jobs and services keep money circulating in towns and avoid commuting, freeing up time to do other things.

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We will develop a better transport plan to deliver a more effective roads network (not the proposed Ellerton Drive Extension), improved public and community transport, and more cycleways.

We will also ensure rates, charges and spending are fair and affordable. ■

All candidate groups appearing in this issue of *The District Bulletin* had the option of providing a statement on 'what we stand for' in addition to the information on their advertisements. *The District Bulletin* has a campaign advertising policy open to all.

## YOUR SAY...

*Paul Cockram from Braidwood is an (ungrouped) independent candidate and former Palerang Councillor. He cut to the chase with an amusing talk at one of the recent 'meet the candidates' forums – brought to you here slightly shortened.*

# Musings on the Administrator's 'Santa sack' and the road back to democracy

GOOD EVENING good people of Wamboin and Bywong. This is the third time I've come before you to solicit your support. At least I now know the way. When I drove here in 2008 I rang my family to get better directions. "What dya mean keep going I said. I'm nearly in bloody Queanbeyan". And what dya know, now we are.

Palerang was not a bad council. It didn't suffer from neglect or maladministration. It was put down by the state government for being surplus to their requirements. Sure, we could have used a bit more money. And, what do you know? The money became available after we were swallowed by our larger, state government-friendly neighbour.

However, when you look into the pan at an omelette, to wish you still had two eggs is a bit futile. I certainly don't support a plebiscite to look at de-amalgamation. We don't do government by plebiscite in this country, or we shouldn't anyway, we do it by democracy at voting time.

So who to vote for? That is the question. And what an assortment we have tonight. We have Liberals, young Liberals, once were Liberals, we're not Liberals and alternative Liberals. But even if you've voted Liberal since Bob Menzies set the joint up as a bulwark against the Bolshevism of giving workers better wages and conditions, I wouldn't vote for them in local government.

There's also three brands of Labor, official Labor, used to be Labor, and too new to be Labor. Then there's the Greens and a few odd bods like me.

So it's easy really. You vote for the home team, your very own community group [And a few extras you'd like to see acting on your behalf – see how to make your vote count p4] Luckily Section 44 of the Constitution does not apply to local government, and even if it did, it says nothing about extra-terrestrial heritage. So my mate Pete, our illustrious ex-mayor should be cool even if, as we suspect, like Mr Spock, he has some Vulcan in him. "That does not logically compute, Captain".

As we've just seen for the last year and a half you don't even need councillors to run a council. If you've got a big enough Santa sack, just one person swanning about dispensing largesse at will is enough to keep many people happy.

Ten million smackeroos to hand out before the new council could have a say. But of course, as the Administrator [and now candidate, Tim Overall] pointed out in a recent newspaper article, this gave him no electoral advantage because, and I quote: "All potential candidates have had opportunities to be fully engaged with the community over the same period". I have to say one more thing about the >>p6


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## SENIORS UNDER SHADOW

*from p1*

The Queanbeyan Senior Citizens Group moved into their purpose-built Crawford Street centre in 1976, and its members were very happy back then to have a central place in Queanbeyan which they could easily reach using public transport or mobility devices.

Over the last three years the group estimates that it has spent over $40,000 upgrading the centre, and is dismayed that members will no longer be able to simply drop in.

"Members were able come into town by bus, do a bit of shopping, attend medical appointments etc, then drop into the centre for a cuppa, and some company. For many of us, it was a lifeline," said Mrs Winnett.

"It will not be possible to just drop in if they have to travel all the way out to Letchworth," she said, "and this will be sad for many of our members."

Council has offered part of the group space in the Queanbeyan library for their activities, however members feel that this will serve to further split them up.

QPRC election candidate Katrina Willis supports the group's concerns.

"Council has displayed a lack of transparency, and has not given sufficient consideration to the needs of senior citizens. The group will also lose income as a result of this move, because some of the available space has in the past been rented out to other community groups," she said.

Mrs Winnett said that her group will talk with the new council in the hope of finding another location closer to the CBD. With the elections so close, Queanbeyan's senior citizens will be looking very closely at the candidates and what they have to offer them. ■

*FROM left: Beryl West, Olwyn-Anne Cook (Secretary), Rhonda Winnett (President), Edith Jones, Rita Baddeley, Matilda Hellyer.*


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## Rural residential dog attacks raise alarm

***Kangaroos the victims this time – some had survived the February Carwoola bushfire and were in a Wildcare enclosure. Next time could as easily be sheep or alpacas.***

**by Jenny Warren**

FROM WEDNESDAY 16 to Monday 21 August, two cattle dogs – a red female and a blue male – left a trail of death and injury in Wamboin. Their first victim, a young male kangaroo, was chased, caught, bitten on the rump and neck and died from myopathy.

These dogs had tasted blood and weren't done.

They discovered a Wildcare enclosure with 1.8m fences containing 11 rehabilitating kangaroos. By Monday morning six of those 11 animals were either dead from direct attack or subsequent euthanasia, injured, or missing.

While there wasn't much left of her, one victim was identified by her ear markings as 'Ember', rescued from Carwoola after the bushfire in February. ***>>p7***

## PAUL COCKRAM *from p5*

period of administration, not to be mean, but because it really irks me. This again is a quote from the Administrator in the same newspaper article:

"It is my view that the decisions that have been made on major projects would have reached the same result with an elected council." That surely is an industrial-strength example of hubris…

I suppose you want to hear a policy or two. Actually that is why you need councillors and diversity of opinion.

For instance, planned development – rather than ad hoc developer-driven estates. You want to be careful or you'll wake up and just over there there'll be a new housing estate with a swanky name.

I once asked Pete what the future held and he said, "the future is solar" and it surely will be. Council needs to get in on the act, either with its own plans or at least to provide support to community groups taking the future into their own hands. We need to be wresting the debate from the problem deniers and stooges for multinationals.

I could go on but if you want more you can ask me. ■

## :: Council Watch :: with Peter Marshall*

### First review of savings forecast for amalgamation

# Heavy borrowing on the agenda

SPRUIKERS OF THE forced amalgamation of Palerang and Queanbeyan councils have been highlighting the savings achieved by the merger. Except there haven't been any. Nor will there be.

A report on the first year of operations, tabled at the council meeting of 23 August compared the projected savings over 10 years as calculated by the KMPG report for the NSW Government, with council staff's own projected savings.

It should be noted that the KPMG report remains secret, as does the methodology they used. KPMG estimated savings of $17m over 10 years. Council staff project savings of $13m over 10 years.

In a budget of around $170m, this represents a saving of around 1%. Any number of factors could result in this saving not being achieved, but let's accept it at face value.

The trouble is, the NSW Government granted QPRC $5m to assist with the costs of the merger. In addition, the government granted QPRC $10m in untied funds to sweeten the merger.

Rather than spend those funds replacing aging infrastructure, such as worn out roads or crumbling bridges, which could have had a good effect on council's bottom line, the Administrator has allocated most of it to new stuff. New stuff has to be depreciated and maintained, and the effect on council's bottom line is unknown.

Perceptive readers also will have noticed that the $15m given to QPRC by the NSW Government exceeds the $13m projected savings. So there is projected to be a net cost to the NSW taxpayer of $2m. Over 10 years, in a budget this size, that's a trivial amount, but gives the lie to the claim of savings.

During the period of Administration, the council also seems to have committed to extensive borrowings, for the Ellerton Drive Extension, an extension to the indoor sports centre, to buy land for a cemetery, and for the new council headquarters. How committed council is to each of these and other major projects remains unclear, as the administration has been reluctant to say.

As well as borrowing, the Administrator also seems to have committed council to selling large amounts of council land in Queanbeyan CBD. Details of this and other projects remain vague, subject to claims of being "commercial in confidence". No doubt they are, but in the absence of elected councillors scrutinising them for value for money and probity, the voting public would be right to be suspicious.

* Peter Marshall is a former Palerang councillor (and therefore knows about looking at council finances). He is a Greens candidate for QPRC council.


**ELLERTON DRIVE EXTENSION (EDE):**
**It's not over until its over.** The Queanbeyan Conservation Alliance urges a conservation/fiscally responsible vote on 9 September.
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<< The blue dog was apprehended and returned to the owner. The red dog evaded capture and simply returned home.

Over the next three days, three animals were successfully returned to the enclosure where they are receiving treatment for their new injuries and myopathy. At the time of writing, two are still outside and unprotected.

Bungendore Police and the QPRC Ranger have attended the property and/or had numerous conversations with witnesses and full reports will be compiled for all relevant authorities.

Dogs that appear calm and friendly can turn feral, especially after they have killed. The dogs' owner's assurance that this is the first time these dogs have escaped and done anything like this is irrelevant and a poor response.

The wildlife carers and other witnesses are asking that these dogs be declared 'dangerous or menacing' by council, a legal designation that can lead to their euthanasia.

The Wamboin/Bywong Facebook discussion board has been busy with 'my dog got out' posts and helpful suggestions from others for more effective enclosures on rural residential acreage. Knowing what different dogs are bred to do and choosing an appropriate breed for living in the country with other animals also helps, along with training. ■

## ANGELA BACKHOUSE *from p1*

My home town has about 200 people in it and my parents were farmers and the local publicans, they showed me that if you are willing to work hard anything is possible.

I also want other business women to know that we are all human, we don't always get things right the first time but as long as you continue trying and continue believing in yourself, the doors are never closed.

**How do you manage all this?**

**Angela:** The short answer is by never giving up and never taking 'No' for an answer. The long answer involves lots of sleepless nights and travel, living in Braidwood means I travel 2 hours a day.

I am upfront about everything and I involve my staff in all aspects of the business. It is essential that each member of the team know that they play an important role in the organisation. I live by the saying "If you treat your staff like they make a difference, they will". ■

# Nissan LEAF takes on the Mongol Rally 2017 – 16,000 kms

**by Graham Franklin-Browne**

AS A NISSAN Leaf commuter for over two years, and having already put over 24,000km on our wonderful electric flivver, this news has really put a smile on my face.

This year's famous Mongol Rally began in July at England's Goodwood Racing Circuit, and will finish in the town of Ulan-Ude in the Republic of Buryatia later in August 2017 (or September, or October).

Trundling along in the choking dust with the rest of the overlanders will be the first electric vehicle to take part in this annual event.

Chris Ramsey, founder of Plug in Adventures will enter the rally in a 30kW Nissan LEAF. The electric vehicle is fairly bog-standard, although Chris admits that the back seats have been ripped out, the suspension raised a bit, and a skid pan and a roof rack added.

Ramsey will cover about 145km a day, stopping overnight to charge from standard outlets he has already identified in even the most remote towns and villages along the way (easier to find than petrol). He also plans to use fast chargers where available in the less remote parts of the route.

Plug in Adventures was born out of a combined passion for adventure and electric vehicles. Based in Scotland, its aim is to run self-funded adventures in electric cars, and engage with the public in unique and different ways, to champion the use of electric vehicles.

The Mongol Rally is a noncompetitive event with a journey time of six to 8 weeks and covering over 16,000km. It was started by an organisation known as The League of Adventurists International Limited who ran the first event in 2004. This year there are

over 330 entrants in various petrol and diesel vehicles.

Not surprisingly it is a very tough rally with no marshals, or backup support. In fact there are no set rules, routes or timelines. Competitors have to make their own way, and only about 70% of the vehicles get through. Those that die on the side of the road, or the track, are usually sold to the locals (or shot?). Participants are not allowed to simply abandon their vehicles, and will forfeit their deposit if they do.

Chris aims to demonstrate that a production EV can complete this long, grueling challenge. "We want to dispel the myths and challenge people's notions about electric vehicles," he said.

For more information, and to follow Chris's progress **www.fullychargedshow.co.uk/plug-in-adventures-mongol-rally-1/**

## Focus on Energy and Innovation

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# Infigen welcomes North Queensland renewables plan

INFIGEN ENERGY has welcomed the announcement by the Palaszczuk government in Queensland that it would invest $386 million into the Powering North Queensland plan.

The plan is intended to unlock a wave of energy projects to power the North Queensland economy and support 5,000 jobs.

Infigen owns the Forsayth wind development project in the region where the development of strategic transmission infrastructure is to be undertaken under the plan.

It currently has a planned capacity of 75MW, which was limited by the existing transmission infrastructure. This investment will allow Infigen to assess the opportunity to significantly increase the size of the project.

Infigen's Managing Director, Ross Rolfe said, "It is pleasing to see the State of Queensland investing in infrastructure that can unlock its substantial renewable resources. There are many other renewable resources across the country that could benefit from similar strategic investments. I applaud the Palaszczuk government for its leadership in this area."

Further information Marju Tonisson, Manager, ESG & Investor Relations Tel 8031 9902

# Calling for local talent to service Infigen windfarms

INFIGEN, OWNER of the now familiar Capital and Woodlawn wind farms has recently announced new service and maintenance agreements with Vestas for maintaining its local windfarm operations, coming into effect 1 January 2018.

Vestas is currently recruiting local talent for the Capital and Woodlawn wind farms located on the shores of Lake George and 50 km south west of Goulburn, NSW. Vestas are looking for trade-qualified people in the following areas (see advertisement below):

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# September's big music happening at Café WoodWorks

**by Stan d'Argeavel**

THE TED VINING Trio with Ted on drums, pianist Bob Sedergreen and bassist Barry Buckley, first got together in the late 1960s, and played around the world as a highly sought-after rhythm section.

They played with a combined intensity, as if they were of one mind, settling into a perfectly synchronised groove, continually throwing ideas at each other, without anyone ever being caught off guard.

In the mid-1970s the trio were one group among many that I listened to at a jazz festival held at Sydney's famous, now extinct, Trocadero Ballroom in George Street. They played on the bill with the likes of Galapagos Duck, Don Burrows, George Golla, Col Nolan and the cream of the Sydney jazz scene at that time.

I have never forgotten the power and strength of purpose of Ted's drumming – ranging from the gentlest of beats through to the most powerful and effective drumming that is still part of the guy's kit bag.

He's a recognised cornerstone of Australian Jazz, a drum colossus and has been a cultural force for over half a century. And he's toured with US jazz greats Dizzy Gillespie and Nat Adderley among others.

Since the mid-1980s he's been co-leader of the group BLOW that also features fellow jazz legend Bob Sedergreen (piano and keyboards) who is widely recognised as a Living National Treasure, Peter Harper on sax (who, according to *Sydney Morning Herald's* John Clare, "produces some of the strongest and most beautiful saxophone sounds you will ever hear"), Ian Dixon on flugelhorn/trumpet and young ex-Canberra musician Garreth Hill on bass.

Don't miss BLOW's unique sound and artistic vision in a world-class performance at Café WoodWorks this September 23. ■

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