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Gundaroo tops the bridge timbers auction!

Gundaroo's public spaces are soon to be enhanced, following the very successful auction of timbers from the old Gundaroo bridge.

Enthusiastic participation by 40 serious bidders from Gundaroo and environs on Saturday 6 July saw the purchase of every stick of timber on offer, raising just under \$19,000.

These funds, supplemented by other contributions, will be used to construct the various enhancements proposed for Gundaroo – street seating, village entrances, and other public facilities and features – using the bridge timbers and steel already set aside for this purpose.

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These enhancements will add to what is already being done by Gundaroo's community groups, which had 'first dibs' on the old bridge timbers.

Project coordinator, Ron Miller, told *The Gundaroo Gazette* that several factors led to the auction's success.

He said these were "the set-up work of a group of locals who spent many hours lotting and labelling; the helpers on the day, especially in the 'office'; the professional skills and entertaining style of our volunteer auctioneer, Bill Frew, of Delta Rural in Yass; and the very willing bidders on the day.



Ron expressed a very big thank you to St Joseph's – for the use of their hall and their 'back yard' for the auction and for months of timber storage.

And, of course, to Gundaroo Men's Shed for the well-patronised sausage sizzle and barista coffee – the first 'commercial

Festival volunteers, come on down!

Gundaroo Music Festival needs volunteers! 'Festival Corner' (p 6) tells you more about how you can become involved over the Festival weekend, and especially on Saturday 26 October – 'the big day'.

Join the happy band of helpers (with benefits).

If you can spare a few hours over the weekend, especially on Saturday, go to www.gundaroomusicfestival.com for a volunteer form, or grab one at the pub, store or café.

Help make the 2019 festival the best yet!

outing' for the Shed's well-used coffee machine.

"It's not a proper auction without a barbecue," he said.

Those who bought a piece of the bridge are asked to let the team know what they used the timber for (with photos, when the work is done). The plan is to document the history of the bridge from its construction in 1902 to where it is now.

One of the first completed private projects appears to have been at Tallagandra Hill Winery, which used the timbers for several features. The most public is in a courtyard seating space (pictured).



Quote for the month

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Dr Maya Angelou (1928–2014)

American author, poet, singer, memoirist, civil rights activist

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LOCAL NEWS

A big start to August

The last month of winter opened with two local events on the same Saturday night – and each event ‘played’ to a full house!

Curry Night filled the Soldiers’ Memorial Hall with 94 paying guests, and Gundaroo Emerging Musicians Heat III packed out the Gundaroo pub.

Curry Night goes to Sri Lanka

Curry Night is the Hall Committee’s annual event to raise funds for the ongoing maintenance, improvement and insurance of the Hall. Once again, the event didn’t disappoint.

As has become customary, costumed staff welcomed the patrons to a Sri Lankan restaurant (pictured) – created on Friday by Esther Robinson, Wayne Kotzur, the Helens Gardner and Curtis, and Sue McIntyre.



Esther ran the front-of-house, guiding Helen Gardner, Wayne, Victoria Dolphin and Jed Johnson, who served an ambitious representative menu that displayed the culinary skills of Gundaroo’s amateur chefs – Colin Lee, Jon Lewis and Ian Price – working with kitchen director, Liz Lynzaat.



The impressive menu offered three entrees, six mains and one dessert, enjoyed and acclaimed by the diners.

Throughout all this epicurean pleasure, Fran Dove, Marion Thorne and Sylvia Gleeson kept the kitchen clean.



Waiter and Hall Committee President Wayne Kotzur sitting down on the job.

A ‘silent auction’ was running in the side room during dinner. This was followed later by the ‘loud auction’, led by Chief Auctioneer Kevin Curtis, supported by Jed, under the watchful eye of Helen Curtis, who organised the auction and found some very generous donors.

The two auctions raised around \$5,700. Combined with the net revenue from the food, the total raised looks to be around a very healthy \$10,800. These proceeds will pay for insurance, upgrading the Hall lighting and emergency exits, and landscaping the grounds with climbers on the new pergola.

The Gazette was asked to publicly note the Hall Committee’s appreciation of the generous contributions all the sponsors, diners and volunteers made towards such a successful evening.

GEM Heat III

Heat 3 of the Gundaroo Emerging Musicians (GEM) contest attracted four talented acts – as have the two previous heats – and packed the pub.

Gundaroo Music Festival Event Director, Scott Harding, estimated a crowd during the evening of around 150. (Your intrepid reporter certainly found it difficult to move around the ‘concert hall’!)

Two of the very popular attractions for Heat III are well-known to regulars at the pub and restaurant – Beth Connor and Jasmine Millard (pictured). Both were supported by enthusiastic and



loud cheer squads, several wearing black T-shirts emblazoned with ‘Team Beth’ or ‘Team Jazzy’.

After a great night’s entertainment by all four acts, the only voting that was done and announced was for the ‘People’s Choice’ – conducted by mobile phones connecting to the pub wifi.

This vote was overwhelmingly in favour of Jasmine (pictured), who was invited to take the stage again for a popular encore.

Jasmine continued the trend set by the ‘People’s Choice’ winners from GEM I and GEM II. Both were won by very young female solo acts – Kiara Jana and Maddy Kate, both from the Gundaroo suburb of Canberra.

Judging by the professionalism and potential of the acts so far, it appears that GEM has been an outstanding initiative by the Gundaroo Music Festival organisers.



‘The Winter Games’ cats

Another significant event in July, on Saturday 27th, was an all-breeds cat show, promoted as ‘The Winter Games’. It was organised by a local team of cat lovers and cat breeders, under the auspices of Australian National Cats (ANCATS).

It was the first such cat show in this region for 12 years, pushed by Bengal breeder, Kristina Smith and her family, moving to Gundaroo after 20 years in Canberra.

A total of 52 cats were entered by 22 exhibitors – from Gundaroo, Murrumbateman, Canberra, Sydney and Melbourne.

According to the exhibition booklet, the entrants (the cats and kittens, ‘entire’ male and female, and ‘altered’) represented multiple breeds in five classes, four of them pedigree and one ‘companion’ and part-pedigree. At least, your novice reporter thinks that’s how it seems.

Despite Kristina Smith’s sterling efforts to explain, your reporter found that the classification and judging rules remained ‘elusive’. What is certain is that the four judges scored each cat, ranking each class, and in the afternoon, they came together to narrow the field to 20 (four judges, five classes), and then choose each judge’s



Ist (Supreme) and 2nd (Reserve) prizewinners – a total of eight ribbons. Follow?



The Hall was well set-up and full – cages in rows, judges' tables, displays by the very generous sponsors, plus owners, judges, helpers, and a steady stream of visitors, including many families with children – Kristina estimated about 50. It was a good day for a first go in an unfamiliar venue, and a novel event for quite a few Gundaroo residents. (Full results can be found at www.petassist.com.au/OnlineShowEntries/WNCAResults.aspx.)

Changes at the Inn

Gundaroo Colonial Inn has been making changes, with more to come. The first and main initiative is that, since late July, Crowe's Restaurant is now Rolling Hills Kitchen, and is run by award-winning chef, Bella Jakubiak, formerly at Tallagandra Hill.

Bella and her team are still 'settling in', and are asking patrons to be patient while the new menu, computer system and equipment are put in place and are functioning smoothly.

There is more news to come in the lead up to a formal 'grand opening'.

New arrangements for trading days and hours, and for bookings and contact details are listed in the 'Eateries in Gundaroo' section on page 23.

Proposed solar farm on Tallagandra Lane

The *Gundaroo Gazette* is still awaiting any communication from the solar farm proponents, Renew Estate, about progress with their required 'response to submissions' to the

public consultation in September 2018 – a year ago at the end of this month.

Meanwhile, Sutton Solar Action Group has continued its research, has created and populated a website: <http://suttonsolaractiongroup.com>, and has taken part in a NSW Farmers Forum in Wagga Wagga on large-scale solar energy development, where SSAG attendees were able to speak directly with senior representatives of the NSW Dept of Planning, Industry and Environment and meet with other rural groups facing similar contentious proposals.

For much more detail, archived articles and research, and to keep abreast of developments, interested readers should visit the SSAG website.

News from our State MP

Four new announcements in the past month by the Member for Goulburn, Wendy Tuckerman, could be of interest to Gundaroo residents and community groups. They offer financial grants or call for submissions and nominations.

2019 Grandparents Day celebrations

Grandparents Day falls on 27 October, and has three supporting statewide programs to celebrate the day.

Detailed information can be found at www.grandparentsday.nsw.gov.au.

Grants – A share of \$200,000 is available to community organisations, small businesses and local councils to host celebratory events.

Applications close at midnight on Sunday 18 August.

Photography Competition – This aims to foster relationships between younger and older generations by capturing special moments together. **Entries** close at midnight on Sunday 15 September.

Grandparent of the Year – Members of the community can nominate an extraordinary individual they know for the 2019 Awards.

Nominations close at 5pm on Friday 20 September.

Country Transport Infrastructure Grants Scheme

Councils, transport operators, schools and community groups in rural NSW can apply for a share of \$3.2million to improve public transport in their regions.

Applications close at midday on Monday 30 September. Go to: <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/operations/community-transport-operators/country-passenger-transport-infrastructure-grants-scheme>.

2020 NSW Woman of the Year Awards

Any citizen can nominate a woman who has demonstrated excellence in business and society or made outstanding contributions to her community.

Nominations close on Friday 25 October. Go to: www.women.nsw.gov.au.

Before and After School Care (BASC)

Parents in the regions can 'have their say' about the provision of childcare services via submissions to a new 'expressions of interest' page. **Grants** are also available for schools and service providers from the Infrastructure Fund.

Applications and Submissions are open until the end of 2019.

Go to: www.service.nsw.gov.au/basc.

News Shorts

URGENT! Vote for Gundaroo's community grant project ... NOW

Voting closes on Thursday 15 August !

Our Gundaroo Park project is one of five finalists in the 'My Community Grant' program. Winning a \$50,000 grant will enable construction of a shade roof over the Park playground that incorporates solar panels and battery storage, offering multiple benefits and cost savings for user groups.

You can vote online only, at mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au.

You must be 16 years or over, have a valid Medicare card, live in the Goulburn electorate, and have or create a MyServiceNSW account. Call 13 77 88 for help.

In Gundaroo, contact Greg Garrett on holden05@optusnet.com or Ron Miller on jolly_miller@bigpond.com.

Don't delay!

Mulligans Flat Road re-opened

The sealing and bridge reconstruction on the remaining unsealed two kilometres of Mulligans Flat Road was completed by the weekend of 20–21 July. As well as making travel easier and faster to and from Gungahlin and the north of the ACT, the removal of the previous 10-tonne load limit is expected to improve freight movement around the district.

Back Creek brigade bonfire on 16 August

Back Creek Rural Fire Brigade invites its members, families and their neighbours to its second Mid-year Community Bonfire on Friday 16 August. It will be held from 6pm to 9pm at the Back Creek Fire Shed, 1769 Murrumbateman Road. Plenty of hot soup, savouries and marshmallows, quizzes, games and performances. BYO extra food and drink, comfy chairs, musical instruments.

RSVP by email to backcreekrfs.community@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Gundaroo Soldiers' Memorial Hall Management Committee Inc

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 14 August 2019, 7:30pm

The Gundaroo community is encouraged to attend the Hall Annual General Meeting. Learn about progress with the Hall in the last year and consider nominating for a position on the committee. New members are welcome to help run this lively part of Gundaroo's history.

Agenda

1. Annual reports to the open meeting
 - a) Presidents report
 - b) Treasurers report
 - c) Booking Officers report
 - d) Film group subcommittee report
2. Election of Office Bearers
3. Meeting close

Colin Lee, Secretary

'Protected and productive environments'

National Landcare Program

Tuesday 13 August 2019

Vanessa Whelan and Sue Bestow will talk with Sutton Landcare Group about working in the Department of Agriculture and with their colleagues to deliver the \$1 billion National Landcare Program (NLP).

At the **Sutton Primary School from 7.30pm.**

Discussion will focus on the agricultural component of the NLP, and will include:

- landcare's achievements over 30 years and the next phases
- the two main components of the NLP – Regional Land Partnerships and Smart Farms
- examples of landcare work being done locally
- other work relevant to the Sutton area.

Supper will follow the discussion, with an opportunity for further discussion with the speakers and others from our community.

For more information on Sutton Landcare Group, please contact our secretary on sutton.landcare@gmail.com.

Arnold Dekker, Coordinator, Sutton Landcare Group



Concert at the Courthouse

'Brighter Than The Sun'

by I Progetti

Saturday 31 August, 3.00pm to 4.00pm

St Mark's Anglican Church, Cork Street, Gundaroo

The Gundaroo Arts & Culture committee announces the next fundraising concert in St Mark's Anglican Church (aka the old Courthouse). I Progetti will be back for their third Concert at the Courthouse!

I Progetti Chamber Choir presents *Brighter than the Sun*, a concert themed around the Assumption of the Virgin, a Catholic festival traditionally observed on 15 August. Whilst the programme features some works specifically composed as tributes to Mary, our performance extends this motif to transcend both religion and spirituality, as we celebrate the universality of love, the miracle of birth, and the redemption possible through kindness, morality, humility, and forgiveness.

All profits go toward maintenance of the Old Courthouse.

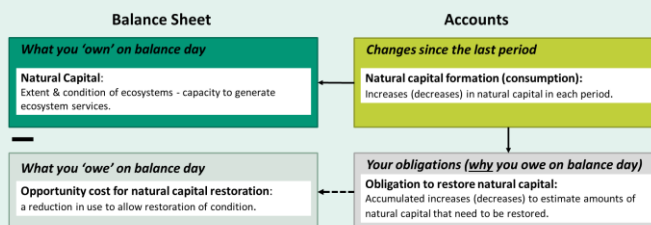
Tickets are \$20, and can be booked at www.trybooking.com/BEASI or paid at the door.

Seating is limited, so book early!

email: gundarooartsculture@gmail.com
or call Maartje at 6236 8104.

Fireside Chats Presents ... 'Natural Capital Accounting'

Accounting: what you own and what you owe



Net natural capital available for production this year

The accounting premise: ecological capital maintenance, a requirement to maintain the condition of the ecosystem at or above a level specified

Sue Ogilvy has just finished a PhD on Natural Capital Accounting. Natural capital refers to the soil, water, plant and animal systems found in landscapes and in the sea. Natural Capital Accounting is an emerging formal system for helping people to understand the goods and services provided by nature, whether we have enough of them and whether they are being managed sustainably. Sue will talk about the development and adoption of natural capital accounting by corporations and governments around the world.

All ages welcome – free event

4pm to 5pm

Saturday 7 September 2019

Gundaroo Colonial Inn

Email: gundarooartsculture@gmail.com

GUNDAROO COLONIAL INN

Chris 'Choppy' Connor welcomes
staff inquiries

Call 6236 8155, 0490 031 271

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Help Protect Your Gundaroo Film Society

You've all seen the copyright warning when you play movies at home. That warning has two purposes – to make sure people know the rules, and to demonstrate in court that offenders knowingly cheated.

Gundaroo Film Society does not have an expensive commercial licence to show films to the public. So if we do admit members of the public to our screenings, we can be fined hundreds of thousands of \$\$\$\$ (and your committee members would face criminal charges).

The Federation of Film Societies has negotiated far cheaper copyright fees for us, provided that our screenings are viewed **only by registered members**, and members' guests **"on their way" to becoming** members (i.e. they can briefly be tyre-kickers). Tickets to individual screenings are not permitted in this discount arrangement.

To meet both our legal responsibilities, and to be able to show that we do so (or at least try hard to), all Society members must register their attendance **on entry** to the hall. Members must also register the **names of their guests**, so that the legal requirements allowing us to operate can be followed (and potentially audited).

A full-year member can invite THREE GUESTS OVER THE ANNUAL PROGRAM. A half year member can invite ONE guest.

We do pay a high commercial screening fee for our opening premier film, so that the general public can come freely and get a sense of what it would be like to come to our screenings.

Gundaroo Film Society provides a great local social event, and your continued help to avoid threats to its existence is important.

So remember: **Register on entry to every screening.**

Wayne Kotzur

Gunning medical services – 4845 1166

(phone for bookings and more information)

Doctors

Dr S Muralitharan (Principal Doctor) – Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays

Dr Lisa Opie – Fridays every fortnight – Female GP

Dr Cawthorne – Wednesdays and Fridays

Allied health services on different days

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Dietitian	Pathology
Physiotherapist	Podiatrist
Psychologist	Hearing Test Ultrasound

Gunning Pharmacy – 4845 1339

Monday to Friday 9.00 to 5.00pm

Saturday 9.00pm to 1.00pm

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Mulligans Flat Official Opening

On Monday, 29 July, Wendy Tuckerman MP and Yass Valley Mayor, Rowena Abbey officially opened the bridge replacement and final sealing of Mulligans Flat Road. Council thanks all community members who came out to celebrate the official opening, and for their patience during the construction period.

Under round 3 of the NSW Government's Fixing Country Roads Program, Yass Valley Council was successful in securing \$940,000 for the road reconstruction and bridge replacement, with Council allocating a further \$360,000 to the project.

General Manager

Recruitment for a new General Manager is under way. A recruitment agency will be advertising the position and conducting interviews. Councillors will then interview the shortlisted candidates.



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The position is for a minimum of two days per week, primarily on weekends.

Please forward applications and enquiries to Sara:

corkstreet@gundogestate.com.au

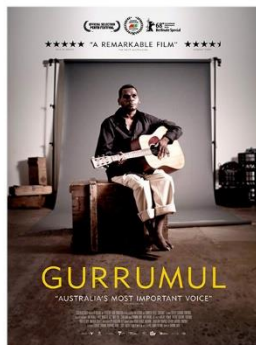
From 'The Desk'

Please join me in thanking, once more, **our regular and occasional writers** (some welcome extras in this edition!), all our **advertisers** (past, long-term and new), our tireless **PO** and **RMB distributors**, the ever-helpful **DR Print**, my back-up team (Elona and Mick), and yourselves and your fellow **readers**, far and wide – your comments and suggestions are always welcome. It makes publishing The Gundaroo Gazette a rewarding task.

Your editor/custodian

Gundaroo Film Society

Saturday 24 August, Soldiers Memorial Hall



Screens at 7pm

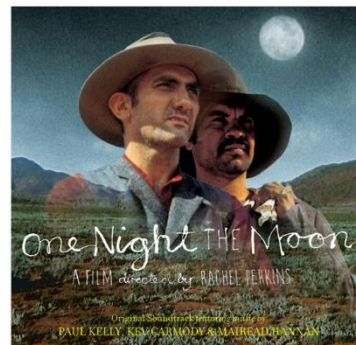
Gurrumul (PG)

GURRUMUL is a portrait of an artist on the brink of global reverence, and the struggles he and those closest to him faced in balancing that which mattered most to him and keeping the show on the road.

One Night the Moon (M)

Inspired true story of tracking a lost child in 1932 in the Australian outback.

An ensemble piece featuring the music of Paul Kelly, Kev Carmody and Ruby Hunter



Screens at 9pm

Doors open at 6pm

BYO wine and dinner including glasses

Due to our copyright obligations we have rigorous membership and attendance rules. This means you need to be a member or the guest of a member to attend. Half-yearly membership is now \$30.

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FESTIVAL CORNER



VOLUNTEERS!!

for the 2019 Gundaroo Music Festival
Saturday 26 October from 10am to 10pm

This is Volunteer month at GMF Headquarters.
We need you!



'WHERE GOOD FRIENDS MEET'
Coming events

AUGUST

Sat 17th – Live Music Heat IV GEM

Sat 31st – Live Music Semi-finals GEM

In the semi-finals, six top acts from the four GEM heats in July and August will perform. Three acts will be selected to 'play off' on-stage at the Gundaroo Music Festival on 26 October.

Whatever your skill set, the Gundaroo Music Festival is a place where you can do more for our community. This memorable event is staged every year by dedicated individuals who show that music really does bring people together. We can't do it without the efforts of our whole community, and we thank you so much for volunteering year after year.

Lots of different shifts are available – so you can help out and also have time to enjoy music from our local and emerging talent as well as our big headline acts like the Black Sorrows and Chasing Giants.

There are many ways to be involved – set up on Friday, help manage the event on Saturday, direct traffic and parking, run community stalls and displays, help out in the VIP marquee, staff the ticket-sales caravan, pack down on Sunday. Rest assured, there is a job for you!

Best of all, volunteers get fed and watered on the day they're helping, and if you help on Saturday you also get free entry to the event!

You can download the **volunteer or membership forms** online at www.gundaroommusicfestival.com, send an email to volunteering@gundaroommusicfestival.com, or sign up in person at the shop, café or pub – where you can pick up a hard copy of the application.

Many thanks, as always ... from the GMF Organising Committee #GMF2019.

Welcome back to Term 3! It's hard to believe we've now crossed the half-way mark of the year already. We have an exciting term coming up, with plenty happening in the first five to six weeks. Thankfully, after that we should manage a few 'quiet' weeks before the craziness of Term 4 sets in.

District Athletics Carnival

Big congratulations to our fantastic competitors at the District Athletics Carnival held in Queanbeyan last term. 32 talented athletes from Gundaroo joined hundreds of others to compete against the district's best, and did an outstanding job! Along with many PB's on the day, we had some fantastic results. Special congratulations to Carla S, Joyce B, Matilda S, Gwen W, Lois T, Dylan B and Lochie F-B who all made it into the 100m final for their age. Along with this, we must also congratulate Sarah M, 3rd in Junior Girls Shot Put, Tom M, 2nd in Junior Boys 1500m, Lochie F-B, 1st in 13 Years Boys 100m, and Gwen W who came away with a swag of ribbons – 3rd Junior Girls 800m, 2nd Junior Girls 200m, 2nd 10 Years Girls 100m and 1st Junior Girls Long Jump.

Premier's Spelling Bee

Another successful Premier's Spelling Bee took place at School on Thursday 25th June, with a record number of students taking part. After many nervous rounds we managed to find a first and second place for the Years 3-4 section and the Years 5-6 section. Congratulations to Rohan M (1st) and Jade M-S (2nd)

from Year 3-4, and Matilda K (1st) and Rose S (2nd) who will now compete at Bungendore in the Regional Final.


District Performing Arts

The children in Years 4-6 are busily putting the final touches to their item for the Queanbeyan District Performing Arts Festival to be held at Canberra Theatre on the 6th & 7th of August. Mrs L Harris and Mrs Green have been busy with choreography, music and costumes to make sure Gundaroo continues its tradition of stealing the show! With the theme 'Out of the Blue', Gundaroo has used ideas from the children's book 'The Very Blue Thingamajig' to piece together a performance about acceptance and inclusion. It's sure to be another great event!

Annual Quiz Night – *Everything Old is New Again!*

Plans for the P&C's major fundraiser are well under way and we are sure to put on another fantastic Quiz Night for all to enjoy. Funds raised this year will further supplement last year's efforts, with money going towards the refurbishment of the old GOSH room to create a new multi-purpose space for science, cooking and art activities. We're so fortunate to have such amazing support from the community and I look forward to seeing many of you there for another fun night!

Nigel Trethowan
Principal



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Gundaroo Rural Fire Brigade

Get-Ready Weekend 2019

It's that time of the year again when we invite all residents to our Get-Ready day at the Fire Station. On **Sunday 15 September** you can drop in between 10am and 2pm to our fire sheds in Cork Street, Gundaroo. Across NSW, many Rural Fire Brigades will be opening their fire shed doors and conducting the Get-Ready Weekend to provide residents with information to help them prepare for the upcoming Fire Season. You can speak to us about your Bush Fire Survival plan plus any concerns, check out the trucks and equipment that we use, and landholders are welcome to bring your firefighting pumps in for a check-up and minor repairs (prime and test). We want you to take away valuable information to help you and your family be prepared in the event of a bushfire.

All Gundaroo residents – **Save the date** and **GET READY FOR THE UPCOMING FIRE SEASON.**

Can you help? – Gundaroo Rural Fire Brigade will be assisting at the following important events and is calling for volunteers from our community to help. Please contact Scott Shearer at scottandlisa@gmail.com. You don't have to be a Brigade member.

Sunday 8 September – Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings

Saturday 19 October – One day at Murrumbateman Field Days for catering assistance

Saturday 26 October – Gundaroo Music Festival in aid of Motor Neurone Disease
for catering, parking, community education and hands-on display.

Auditor Wanted

The Brigade is looking for an auditor. Please contact Treasurer, Peter Laudenbach on 0402 725 375.

Hazard Reduction

The Brigade is seeking landholders with acreage who are interested in assistance to conduct a hazard reduction burn on their property. Contact Gundaroo Captain, Michael Cliff, on 0428 494 403.

Winter Days

Winter is still present, and we remind you to keep doing your Winter Fire Safety Checklist. Visit www.fire.nsw.gov.au.

Donations

Thank you to our community for continuing to contribute to the Brigade's Donation Hat at the Gundaroo Shop, and to the following residents for their recent donations:

David Zemel, Danny O'Brien and Sue Ogilvy, Ben Potter, Julie Gowronski, Rick and Judy Andrews, Susan Adams and Toni Keen.

Incidents – Our Brigade Captain, Michael Cliff, reported one incident since our last report: 2 July – MVA Shingle Hill Way.

GRFB Training – Training is held on the last Wednesday of every month, commencing at 7pm at the Fire Shed. The next scheduled training date is on Wednesday 28 August. Rug up, wear your full PPE and be prepared for a night of fun and learning.

Deidre Robinson – Publicity Officer

GUNNING FIREWORKS FESTIVAL

Monster Fireworks Finale
approx. 8pm

Saturday 7th September 2019

Gates Open from 3pm to 9pm

Stalls

Food and Market as well as Amusement Rides

Cost

Adult - \$10 Child - \$5 (under 16)
Family - \$25 (2 adults and 2 children)
Tickets at gate

Location

Gunning Showground, Gunning

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General Earthworks

Everything old is new again!

By Emma and Liz*

Are you Gundaroo's next Quiz Night champion?

For 38 years the Gundaroo Public School Quiz Night has been an event not to be missed in the village's social calendar. This year is no different!

Quiz Night 2019 will be held on Saturday 7 September, with the theme of 'Everything old is new again'. The teachers of Gundaroo will be the quizmasters and will be taking us back to the future with a retrospective look on life.

Over the years, the 'theme' has become an integral part of the fun and frivolity of night – participants have sailed away on a fabulous cruise, headed back to the 1980s, and strolled the red carpet. The 'best dressed individual and table' are always highly sought after, with some memorable past winners demonstrating amazing originality.

Quiz Night started in 1981. The venue was the old schoolhouse, which now houses the School Library, and 48 people crammed in – not really knowing what was to come, but all eager to have some fun. The princely total of \$200 was raised that night from fines and auctions. The fines had to be thrown to the front of the room, because it was too crowded to walk around and collect them. There were some very sore arms the next day!

In those days, \$200 was one quarter of the school's budget – a magnificent effort.

The following year, Quiz Night was moved to the Soldiers Memorial Hall to accommodate more people – and it did (pictured).



Quiz Night continues to be an amazingly successful fundraiser for the school. The money raised has been used for significant projects such as a stage with lighting, microphones and sound equipment, ipads, and tennis court refurbishment.

Fundraising from this year's event will build on last year's efforts to further support the school's plan to

develop a multi-purpose space for cooking, art, and science experiments.

It is only with the very generous support of local businesses and members of the community that we are able to offer a chance to grab a bargain at the loud and silent auctions, as well as fabulous prizes in the raffle and throughout the night.



Ron Miller (pictured, being Ron) and Kevin Curtis have been staunch supporters of Quiz Night for many years, and always manage to get us a few extra dollars in the auction. All donations are greatly appreciated and are a great way of

showcasing businesses to the community.

If you would like to make a donation, details are shown below.

So come along and make Quiz Night whatever you want it to be. If dressing up isn't really your cup of tea, you can simply come to let your inner trivia buff shine. Or you can just make the night a chance to have a laugh with friends.

But a warning to those who like to win – second place is the true champion. Why? Because the winner's table must take the quizmasters place in 2020!

Here are a few questions to warm you up for the big night. (Answers on page

1. Which Australian singer sang 'Everything old is new again'?
2. What years were the original *Mad Max* and *Mad Max: Fury Road* released?
3. Which of the following songs are 'covers':
 - a. Girls Just Want to Have Fun – Cyndi Lauper
 - b. I Will Always Love You – Whitney Houston
 - c. Red Red Wine – UB40
 - d. Achy Breaky Heart – Billy Ray Cyrus

What you need to know to attend

\$15 per person for tables of eight. Organise a table, or just come along, join a table and meet others from the village. BYOG and nibbles, and (most importantly!) bring cash for the raffles, fines and games, and a card for the auctions (EFTPOS will be available). Contact the school to book your tickets at gundaroo-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or call on 6236 8115.

If you would like to make a donation for Quiz Night's prizes, please contact Liz Harris at the school or on 0413 136 360.

* Emma Shadbolt and Liz Harris (as if you didn't know!)

Aboriginal places on farms

by Jane and Sam Vincent

In May and June this year, two important ceremonies furthering reconciliation were held in this district. At 'Millpost' farm, Bungendore, an ancient axe quarry was officially gazetted as an Aboriginal Place. There are more than 65,000 Aboriginal heritage sites – from middens to missions – registered in New South Wales, but officially there are only 11 Aboriginal Places on private property. These are recognised and protected by the Minister for Planning, as they are declared to have or to have had "special significance with respect to Aboriginal culture".

The 'Millpost' axe quarry is the most important archeological find in the Canberra district for 30 years. The Watson family has always felt the hill where it is located was a special place, so when renowned Indigenous archeologist Dave Johnson visited their property, they were eager to show him this area. At the time, in 2016, Dave was working for the Office of Environment and Heritage in Queanbeyan, and he had the brief to look for signs of Aboriginal history on local properties. He declared it had been a place of great regional significance, where Aboriginal people had been making stone axes for thousands of years. It is now officially known as Millpost Axe Quarry.

More recently, an ochre quarry, named Derrawa Dhaura (Ngunawal for "yellow ground"), was declared an Aboriginal Place at 'Gollion', the cattle farm we run in Westmead Lane, Sutton. When Dave Johnson conducted an archaeological survey at 'Gollion' in 2016, he identified scar trees, scatter sites, and most importantly the ochre quarry, with yellow, red and purple pigments found on what our family had called Bald Hill. This ochre would have been used by the local Ngunawal, Ngambri and Ngunnawal people for ceremonial purposes for thousands of years.

With the support of our family, Dave invited Traditional Owners to visit the site; Ngunawal elder Wally Bell, Ngambri elder Auntie Matilda House, and the late Ngunnawal elder Carl Brown all supported to a joint proposal with us, to have the ochre quarry listed as an Aboriginal Place. This was particularly desirable to the Traditional Owners, as several such sites around Canberra have been lost to development. When Carl Brown came to 'Gollion', he told us the last time he'd been on a white farmer's land, he was a little boy, near Yass, hunting rabbits. This white farmer had chased this little black boy off the farm, on horseback.

Wally Bell and Matilda House in particular have both been instrumental in the protection of Derrawa Dhaura ochre quarry as an Aboriginal Place. They have both led walks across 'Gollion', for Sutton Landcare Group and Sutton Primary School. Through this, the community is gaining a better understanding of local Indigenous history and a connection with people who care deeply about this country.

Derrawa Dhaura has been used by Ngunawal, Ngunnawal and Ngambri people for thousands of years. It was part of the regional network of ochre quarries that includes the red ochre quarry Gubur Dhaura, in what is now the Gungahlin suburb of Franklin. By the time our family moved to 'Gollion' in 1983, it had been a while since yellow ochre was collected here. But not that long. When Sutton celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2017, we came across an article from *The Canberra Times*, written in 1979, about the district's first European settlers.

In it, Lyall Gillespie, a well-known member of Hall community, recalled his great-grandmother telling him, when he was a little boy and she an old woman, of the huge corroborees she saw growing up at Tallagandra, a few kilometres from the ochre quarry. "Another farmer's wife," Gillespie told the *Canberra Times* reporter, "was also scared of the Aborigines. But her

husband used to take care of the problem whenever the tribe appeared on their land. He used to call the chief in, hand him some tobacco and tell him 'Get your mob to move off'."

Thankfully, times have changed. Through our shared interest in protecting the ochre quarry, we have become good friends with the Traditional Owners. We always learn so much from Wally Bell's cultural knowledge, and we now supply Auntie Matilda with kangaroo skins, which she uses to make ceremonial cloaks. We save a few kangaroo tails to give her too. We think this is great little practical connection we have now, and a side benefit of having an Aboriginal Place – although it's always a bit disconcerting seeing those roo tails sticking up in the freezer!

However, even with the addition of the Millpost Axe Quarry and Derrawa Dhaura to the NSW register, there are still only 13 Aboriginal Places on private property across the state.

At the two gazettal ceremonies, it was emphasised to other private landholders that there is no danger under the Native Title Act that they will lose their land if Indigenous sites or artifacts are found. At 'Gollion' and 'Millpost', the owners retain the property title, access to the Aboriginal Places, and the right to graze.



Matilda House with the Vincent family

By virtue of his friendship with our family, as well as with Harry Watson of 'Millpost', Dave Johnson conducted archaeological surveys on our two farms while working at OEH, and found two sites worthy of gazettal as Aboriginal places. However, we do believe if Dave went to any farm he would find fascinating sites – it's just a matter of farmers 'opening their gates' to find out about the ancient history of this country.

As non-Aboriginal landholders, we have an opportunity to take meaningful grassroots action in what we think, at a national level, has become a stalled project – reconciliation. But the reality is that there are thousands of such sites across this continent that don't have the good fortune to be located on farms owned by friends of Dave Johnson. We hope the listing of these two sites as Aboriginal Places, and all the good that has come of it for all parties involved, prompts white farmers elsewhere to not be *scared*, but to be *inspired* as we have been.

We do not want this Aboriginal Place listing to be superficial or merely symbolic. In giving Derrawa Dhaura a name, Wally Bell has indicated that the Aboriginal cultural significance of this yellow ochre quarry does not belong to the past. We are here to facilitate Wally's return to this place, and Matilda's, and their children and grandchildren.

Farmers interested in having their farms surveyed for Aboriginal heritage should contact Barrina South, who is Senior Team Leader, South East Regional Heritage Operation, Community Engagement, Department of Premier and Cabinet. Barrina is based in Queanbeyan and was instrumental in engaging Dave Johnson to survey 'Millpost' and 'Gollion'.

Going solar in 2019?

by Anne Pellegrino and Michael Brown*

Considering solar in 2019?

Thought about going solar before, but were waiting for prices to come down? Frustrated about high electricity prices? Concerned about blackouts?

More Australians are embracing the benefits of solar energy and battery storage than ever before, with more than 20% of Australian households now benefiting from rooftop solar. However, it is becoming more difficult to find a reputable solar retailer and quality components. That's why it's more important than ever to do your research so that you are confident about what you're buying, and about the suppliers you're buying it from.

What benefits do solar houses provide for residents of regional NSW?

There can be significant financial and environmental benefits from installing solar panels and battery storage on your home. This is particularly the case in remote and regional NSW, where users can pay up to 50% more for their electricity than ACT households. The cost of electricity has become a major concern for individuals and families, with prices doubling over the last decade. That's one of the main reasons for the significant growth in the uptake across Australia, aided by a range of new state rebates and incentives coming on-line, with more planned for the future.

If you get your solar system installed in the next few months, you'll be up and running in time to take advantage of sunnier spring days and to reduce your summer air conditioning costs.

Three tips for solar shoppers

1) Choose a solar retailer approved by the Clean Energy Council (CEC)

CEC Approved Solar Retailers follow industry-best practice, meaning you get a quality solar solution that is bespoke to your situation and built to last. These retailers follow certain guidelines and procedures that protect you from false and misleading advertising, ensure reputable warranties, and more. To find CEC Approved Solar Retailers in your area, you can visit: www.approvedsolarretailer.com.au

2) Do your research

As with any big-ticket purchase, shopping for a solar panel installation takes a lot of research. Be wary if someone is pushing you to sign too quickly before you're fully informed about the system you're purchasing.

For a lot of family homes, a 6.6kW solar system will cover the bulk of your usage, producing approximately 24kWh per day on average. However, in rural areas, larger systems up to 10kW are more common. For a typical system of this size, the price ranges from \$5,500 to \$10,000, depending on the quality of installation, the products, and the retailer you're purchasing from.

Quality panels such as Jinko, SunPower and Trina sell in high volumes within Australia, which means you can be more confident in the longevity of the

company, the quality of the panel and the strength of the warranty. If you choose a relatively unknown brand, the longevity of the manufacturer or importer could be questionable, leaving you without support when you need it.

3) Stay local

The first sign that a company isn't going to give you proper service and advice is if they don't perform a site assessment. This can mean they are either too far away, don't have enough knowledge for a site visit, or are simply too lazy.

Some will ask for a photo of your meter box over the phone, and then send you a blurry image of your roof with an incorrect panel design. They may offer very low deposits and reduce their pricing aggressively to push you to sign up quickly. Be wary. If these companies can't come to you to provide a quote, they won't be able to give good after-sales support.

On a site inspection, a reputable retailer will examine your meter box and roof, make sure you have an earth stake, look at potential shading and more. They will examine your electricity bills, discuss your usage patterns, and usually only then suggest a system size.

It is critical to design a system properly, because the Feed in Tariff (FIT) you receive from selling power back to the grid is often much less than what your retailer is charging you to buy it. Ask your retailer about the difference between a gross meter and net meter, and about optimising the amount and timing of your consumption.

Local solar companies are most familiar with local electricity supply rules and know which electricity retailers pay the highest feed-in tariff. Therefore, the local solar installer will be able to give you the most up-to-date advice.

How much can you expect to save?

The amount of money you can save with a 6.6kW solar system will depend on a number of factors, including how much energy you produce, use, and export. The more solar power you use during daytime, the greater your power savings are likely to be. However, on average, a quality 6.6kW solar system can save you around \$1200 per year with a return of 3–5 years depending on your situation.

If you want to read more about installing solar on your home, here is a list of a few useful resources:

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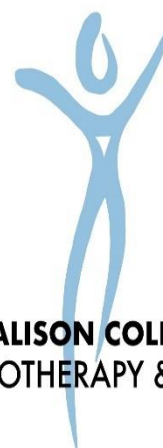
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Beyond impossible?

In recent years, a lot of vegan 'meat alternative' products have appeared on supermarket shelves. Out of curiosity, we recently spent a few weeks trying out all the burgers available at the Cruelty Free Shop in Braddon for dinner.

The thing to note about these vegan burgers, as opposed to, say, equally vegan lentil burgers or falafel, is that they try to emulate the taste, the nutritional value, the 'mouth-feel' and even the cooking experience of a meat burger. To achieve this, these burgers do not contain vegetables as such, but ingredients like soy protein concentrate or pea protein isolate. These are not 'veggie burgers', and they don't aim to be.

Our personal experience was that none of the above objectives were fully achieved, although they were certainly more meat-like than a lentil burger. Regardless of that, we liked some of the burgers, others not so much. That's personal taste for you, and on that topic, the best vegan burger I ever ate was a black-bean burger in a road-side motel in the middle of nowhere in Utah. Go figure. I am still trying to find a recipe that gets close to that!

You know what to expect from this column, so what are the environmental aspects of all of this¹? Two well-known products, the Impossible Burger and the Beyond Burger, have been subjected to formal Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) and the results have been compared to LCA results for a beef burger. A beef burger produced in the USA, to be precise, from cattle from average conventional USA production systems.

The Impossible Burger (soy-based) was found to have 8 times lower water use, to use 25 times less land, and to have a 9 times lower carbon footprint than the equivalent amount of beef. The Beyond Burger (pea-based) was found to have 118 times lower water use, to use 13 times less land, and to have a 9 times lower carbon footprint than beef.

You may be tempted to compare the two burgers, but this would not be valid, as the two studies have used different methodology choices. Nevertheless, they convey a similar message: the vegan products reduce carbon footprint, water and land use by an order of magnitude. Compared to US beef, that is.

And that is worth thinking about a bit more, because a) we know that beef has relatively high environmental impacts compared to e.g. chicken and pork, and b) in the USA, feedlot finishing is very common. Grass-fed beef from more extensive grazing systems may have quite a different environmental profile.

This is where another carbon footprint comes in – of beef from regenerative grazing at White Oak Pastures in Georgia, USA. That study includes the effect of carbon sequestration by the soils underneath the pasture (and some nice manure) and finds a negative (!) carbon footprint for the beef.

So beef from regenerative grazing is better than vegan burgers? Not necessarily, because the effect of carbon sequestration in cropping soils is not included, so the comparison isn't fair. In Australia, we know there may be some carbon sequestration in cropping soils in certain regions.



Righto...!?

One thing is clear: LCA wars are raging! Vegan proponents say that (extensive) regenerative or extensive grazing can never meet the global demand of protein. This is probably true, but does it have to? What if it meets 5% of global demand and in the meantime sequesters a shitload (pun intended) of carbon dioxide?

Maartje Sevenster

July 2019

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Sherry ... most versatile

Dr Edgar Reik was one of a group of CSIRO scientists, working mostly independently of each other, who made the first serious plantings of grape vines in the Canberra area in the early 1970s. Using cuttings from a nursery in Merbien, on the great Murray River, they were intent on testing which varieties were best suited to the Canberra climate. Edgar planted first in his garden in Ainslie, then on a block in Sutton, finally on some land on the western shore of Lake George. His plantings flourished there on a gently sloping block with great exposure to the morning sun. In 1973, Captain Geoff Hood planted vines next door to Edgar, which was to become Lake George Winery, now a flourishing winery, restaurant and Cellar Door. Edgar's original block adjoins the southern end of the Lake George vineyards.

I wasn't to meet Edgar Reik until almost forty years later, at a Fortified Wine Conference in Melbourne, finding ourselves seated next to one another, tasting glasses in hand. It was a surprise encounter for me as I had always assumed Edgar was a Shiraz and Riesling man; an exponent of the two hero wines of our region. We quickly established that we were both long time enthusiasts of that great Spanish wine style – Sherry.



Edgar revealed to me that, although he was originally testing the conventional grape varieties in the seventies, he really wanted to make Sherry, and was always hopeful that the great Sherry grapes – Palomino (pictured) and Pedro Ximenez – would grow in our region. But the *terroir* of Jerez, the namesake town of the Spanish Sherry industry, is about as unlike our region as you can get! Long, hot ripening summers,

and strong cooling winds coming in from the Atlantic coast, are essential components of the Bodegas and their *solera* method of gently fortifying and age-blending the precious barrels of their world famous wine.

As Edgar must have done in the past, at the end of a hot day on our Gundaroo vineyard, a cold glass of dry Sherry in hand, I fantasise about the lost possibility of our own locally produced Canberra District Sherry.

Like many of my generation, I grew up in a household where wine was seldom served, but there was always a bottle of Bristol Cream or McWilliams Sweet Sherry in the sideboard, which would be brought out when elderly relatives dropped in over Christmas or on other name days. My personal Sherry epiphany, like many others at the time, occurred whilst legging it around Andalusia as a young long-haired traveller. The cheap and delicious bar snacks, *tapas* to the locals, sustained me well, and the small tumbler of accompanying local *Jerez*, was totally seductive.

Subsequently I have always kept a small selection of Sherries to hand (being a fortified wine, they last forever after opening). However, I must admit to not having much

success trying to convince my family and friends that the very best way to indulge in a few slices of Spanish *Jamon* is by washing it down with a dry Sherry, chilled or at room temperature, depending on the season.

I am delighted to be able to report that I was right about Sherry all the time; some of our most fashionable bars and trendy restaurants are now featuring a range of Sherries on their drinks and cellar lists. I believe this resurgent interest in Sherry is due to the popularity of new, casual Spanish bars and restaurants, especially Frank Camorra's 'MoVida' establishments in Melbourne and Sydney. On my last visit to Frank's bar in Hosiers Lane in Melbourne, there were six Sherries available by the glass. Here's an indulgent Sherry tip: on your next early morning flight back to Canberra from Sydney's Terminal 2, arrive early enough to have a quick breakfast at the tiny MoVida café – you may choose *sardinas tostadas*, possibly accompanied with a small glass of *manzanilla* or *oloroso* Sherry!

Increasingly, the number of Canberra restaurants with *tapas* style menus are expanding their Sherry choices as well. A recent US book about Sherry includes 44 recipes for cocktails, all with Sherry as their base.

The production of Sherry is complex, elegant and very difficult to describe in brief. There are, however, a few descriptors that are important to know when buying Sherry.

For a wine to be called Sherry it has to be grown and produced within a relatively small triangle in Andalusia, southern Spain, bounded by the towns of Jerez de la Frontera, Sanlucar de Barrameda, and El Puerto de Santa Maria. Three grape types are permitted: Palomino, Pedro Ximenez and Moscatel.



Australian makers of 'Sherry', the best in my view clustered around Rutherglen, can no longer use that name following action by the Spanish government to protect the Xeres DO (Denomination de Origen). Officially, Australian Sherry is now labelled and sold as 'Apera' (pictured), which, because it infers the wine is an 'aperative' and therefore not suitable as a table wine, seems to me to be poorly conceived.

There are five dry Sherry styles: fino, manzanilla, amontillado, palo cortado and oloroso – in order from lightest to fullest. There are two sweet styles: pedro ximenez (PX) and muscatel. These wines can be blended, resulting in the descriptors: pale cream, cream, medium and amoroso, which refer to the wine's structure. The label may also mention 'Flor', which refers to the layer of yeast that forms on the surface of the wines as they mature in their individual barrels. It is an important indicator of the quality of the wine and its method of production.

As well as drinking the gorgeous stuff, I really like to use Sherry in cooking, as it can be totally transformative to many dishes. Here are three of my favourites (page 15).

Bon appetit!

Recipes with Sherry

French Onion Soup

Prepare your favourite version of this classic soup and make sure it has a large floating crouton on top smothered with melted cheese. As you serve the dish to its lucky recipient, carefully lift one side of the crouton with a fork and slurp in a healthy spurt of dry Sherry, straight from the bottle. Make sure the Sherry is no colder than room temperature or it will spoil the soup.

Beef Cheeks in Pedro Ximenez Sherry

Rich and delicious. Based on a recipe by Frank Comorra. Serves 4.

1.5kg beef cheeks (8 pieces, fat trimmed) — 125ml olive oil — 3 roughly chopped carrots — 1 garlic bulb, halved — 1 large onion sliced
500ml Pedro Ximenez Sherry — 1 bottle medium-bodied Shiraz — 3 bay leaves — 3 tbs thyme leaves — 1 tsp sea salt

In a deep, heavy saucepan or casserole, heat half the oil and brown the cheeks on high heat for 2 or 3 minutes per side and remove from pan.

Add remaining oil, and saute carrot, garlic and onion over high heat until browned.

Stir in sherry, shiraz, bay leaves, thyme and sea salt.

Reduce heat as low as possible, add beef cheeks, cover and cook for 3–4 hours until the cheeks are ready to fall apart.

Remove cheeks and keep warm while reducing the remaining sauce over high heat until syrupy.

Strain reduced sauce, pour over the beef cheeks and serve with potato or other vegetable mash.

Zarzuela de Pescado (Musical comedy of seafood)

This beautiful humble fish stew is taken to another taste level by its Sherry and Cognac sauce, which marries the seafood components superbly. Serves 4.

12 plump mussels, scrubbed — 24 clams or pippies — 400g firm fish, eg Ling, thinly sliced — 300g squid, sliced into rings — 12 large cooked king prawns — 400g medium green prawns, shelled — 150–200ml olive oil — 1 medium onion, chopped — 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped — 1 sprig parsley, finely chopped — 200g tomatoes, finely chopped — salt — 2 tsp lemon juice — 6 peppercorns — 6 tbsp dry Sherry — 1 tbsp Cognac — 1 tbsp stoned black olives

Put mussels and clams in pan over gentle heat with a small amount of water (or white wine) until the shells open. Remove. Discard empty half-shells.

Put about 150ml of oil into the pan. Add the onion, garlic, parsley, tomatoes. Cook at low heat about 15 minutes. Frying should be gentle and light.

Sprinkle the fish slices and the squid rings lightly with salt. Fry them, covered, in a large fireproof earthenware casserole over a low heat, using a little olive oil, and adding a little lemon juice.

After about 10 minutes, when the fish and squid are cooked, add the mussels, clams and green prawns and the fried tomato mixture. Season with salt and leave to cook, covered, over a gentle heat for 15–20 minutes. Add peppercorns, Sherry and Cognac (flamed if desired), and remove from heat without delay. Add the stoned black olives, arrange the cooked king prawns on top and serve with crispy fresh bread and a salad, if desired.



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Winter gardening

Yeah, okay, I get it. It's not gardening weather. Even the most tenacious gardener is not excited by the sideways wind we've been experiencing in recent weeks. And the lack of rain certainly doesn't arouse excitement for the future of our gardens.

But there are still a few of us who brave the elements, pull on our big-girl pants and head out to attend to some wanting need in the garden.

Roses still need pruning, orchards also require their winter prune, and the veg garden should be prepped for the spring.

Whether you're a new veg grower or an old hand at growing your own, a few tips and tricks will help you get your beds ready and give you a flying start.

1. **Don't over-fertilise.** This is an easy mistake to make. More does not guarantee better yields. In fact, it will reduce your production considerably, and even cause stunted growth and burning. Fertiliser should be applied only at the recommended rates and only to nutrient deficient soil. Plants use only the nutrients they require, leaving any residue to be leached into the soil and wasted. Excess fertiliser has a greater effect on flowering plants, as they are likely to direct the extra nutrients into the growth of their foliage at the expense of flowers and fruits. If you want to enrich your soil, try compost or manure.
2. **Avoid synthetic fertilisers.** If you aim to produce organic produce, do not use synthetic fertiliser. They may be cheaper, but are potentially harmful. When buying fertiliser, always double check the active components to determine whether it is appropriate for your garden. You can make your own organic fertiliser with manure, which is a fertiliser and a soil conditioner.
3. **Avoid planting in shade.** Sometimes you're restricted by space and the location of your veg garden. But a shady spot is not the answer. Some vegetables, such as peas and lettuce, can cope with less sun, but most need a minimum of six hours of sunlight. If you have a spot that gets morning sunlight, that is at least better than nothing.
4. **Improve your soil.** Add a compost to your soil every year (in between crops). This will produce a healthier and more productive crop of vegetables. Soil can be improved with plenty of organic matter and compost, throughout the seasons. You can never 'overdo' organic matter in your garden. So load it on and watch your garden thrive.
5. **Don't over-water.** With our low rainfall, it's easy to make the mistake of over-watering

your vegetable garden. Too much water can cause the roots to rot and the plants to drown. Just keep in mind that the soil should be moist but not drenched. An easy check is to stick your finger in the soil. If it's moist, that's good. Check most days as an indicator. To help maintain moisture around the plants, spread an organic mulch such as lucerne hay or pea straw.

6. **Don't plant seeds too deep**

or too shallow. A good general guide for planting seeds is the size of the seeds. The larger the seeds or seedlings, the deeper they should be planted. Follow the plant-depth guidelines on the seed packet and ask your nursery. Planting too deep will lead to disappointment and poor germination. Planting too shallow will cause your plant to dry out quickly and die.

7. **Don't plant too closely.** Crowding can lead to competition for sunlight, water and nutrients. Again, follow the spacing guidelines – imagine the size of the mature plant for optimum spacing. I do tend to err on the side of overplanting as not all seeds/seedlings germinate or survive, and I want as many veg as possible. If you really have overplanted, young carrots and beetroots are delicious when they are little.

8. **Don't go too big.** Growing your own produce is awesome, but don't be tempted to go too big. Start out small and work your way up, experimenting with different veg and varieties. Start with tomatoes, lettuces and a few herbs such as chives and basil. Once you have mastered a few vegetables and gained some confidence, then you can go nuts.

9. **Reduce or eliminate pesticides.** Some bugs can wipe out your veg garden while you sleep, so keep an eye on your growing veg. The best solution for your health is to use no chemicals. Many bugs and caterpillars can be hand picked and squashed, so be vigilant and peruse your patch daily.

Have fun experimenting. You will have so much fun growing your own food.

Lisa Walmsley

August 2019



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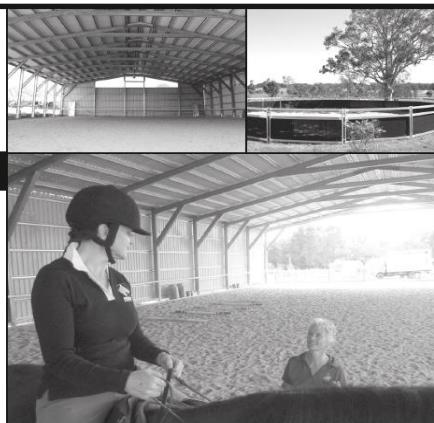
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Wildcare's Tiger in the Lounge Room

As you may know, over the cold months our scaly reptilian friends go into a long sleep called 'brumation'. They do this so that they can wait out the cold winter; their body temperature drops; and all functions slow down so that they don't need to eat. You might come across a curled up shingleback while gardening, or a sleepy snake hidden beneath something. Eastern long-necked turtles also go into brumation over winter, and will bury themselves in the mud in dams etc.

Occasionally Wildcare receives a snake that is so badly injured that we need to keep it in care over winter. This can be a challenge, as the snake knows it is winter, but if it goes into brumation, healing will not occur – so it needs to be tricked into thinking it's still summer. In care, the snake is artificially heated with lamps and mats so that it can heal from its injuries, which can take a long time. The snake will also be fed a (frozen, but thawed out) mouse every couple of weeks. Naturally the rehabilitation of highly venomous snakes needs great care, and they are held in a secure, locked, box to ensure family and public safety.

One such snake was rescued at the end of summer by two of Wildcare's experienced snake handlers (see photo). It was a challenging rescue, as the snake needed to be cut out, using an angle grinder. Another snake that wasn't so fortunate had died in the same entrapment. As Wildcare reptile carer, Frances Carleton, said, "it completely knotted itself in one hole. The snakes had become trapped in a metal wok ring with vent holes, which was being used as part of a plant stand in a garden".



The lucky survivor, covered in ants when found, earned the name of Sugar Ray. He had constriction wounds and a lot of scale damage, but his biggest threat was the ant poisoning. Sugar Ray didn't eat for a few weeks, but drank a lot of water and dipped into the water to soothe his pain. He is now eating and enjoying a warm daily bath, while being kept warm at all times and continuing to heal; and will be released

as soon as spring arrives. Frances explained that his "raggedy" appearance is due to shedding "one scale at a time".

Reptiles will occasionally emerge from their brumation in winter and move around, sometimes for a drink of water or to enjoy some warmth from the sun. If there are no obvious injuries or signs of illness or distress, it's best to let them be. Don't bring them inside to warm up (and keep well clear of a snake!), just place them somewhere safe, away from dogs and cats, and sheltered from birds. If you still see them a day or two later, please call Wildcare on 6299 1966 for help and advice.

Merran Laver
for Wildcare

Did I read that sign right?

Signs can sometimes confuse. They can also amuse.

Here's a small selection (claimed to be true) from a spam email that did the rounds a few years ago. (P.S. An editor would have prevented these embarrassments!)

On a toilet door in an office building:

TOILET OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW.

In a laundromat:

AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT.

In a London department store:

BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS.

In an office:

WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN.

Spotted in a safari park:

ELEPHANTS PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR.

In another office:

AFTER TEA BREAK, STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD.

Notice in a farmer's field:

THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE. BUT THE BULL CHARGES.

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Division 10 Bullocks level pegging



For the first time this season our division 10 team isn't on top of the ladder. We're sitting in second place, one win behind Burns FC but 5 points clear of third. Our place in the finals looks secure and Burns FC appear

to be the club we will meet in the grand final, play-offs all going well!

Brett Wagner is leading the Golden Boot scorer for Division 10 with 32 goals, but sadly Brett broke his collarbone playing against Belnorth FC in round 13 and will be out for the rest of the season. We wish him a speedy recovery, and he will be sorely missed from the forwards as we close in on the final games.

Our Division 3 team is holding 6th on the ladder, just one win away from equal fourth. Thomas Clancy has taken the Golden Boot lead, with 5 goals for the season from Rob Langan with 4. Again, injuries are hurting the side, and this is limiting our exchange players off the bench. Some Division 10 players are stepping in to fill gaps, showing great club support.

We would like to thank our sponsors for their support, and the Gundaroo community for supporting our regular meat raffles, which provide valuable funds towards resources for the club.

The meat raffles have been a little quieter than usual this past month. Perhaps the cold is keeping people indoors on a Friday evening after a long week at work.

Until the next Gazette – 'Go the Bullocks!'



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June / July match results

Round Eleven 06/07/2019

Division 10 Gundaroo FC – Bye round

Division 3 Gundaroo FC – Postponed, player injuries

Round Twelve 13/07/2019

Division 10 Gundaroo FC Won 14–2 Woden Valley SC

Division 3 Gundaroo FC Lost 2–3 Tuggeranong United FC

Round Thirteen 20/07/2019

Division 10 Gundaroo FC Won 5–3 Belnorth FC

Division 3 Gundaroo FC Won 3–2 UC Pumas FC

Round Fourteen 27/07/2019

Division 10 Gundaroo FC Won 3–1 ANU FC

Division 3 Gundaroo FC Draw 1–1 Burns FC

Greg Garrett

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Run Time – 'On any Sunday'

The Sunday Handicap continues to attract new runners to join the regulars; 65 people have run the 5.2km since we started on 7 January. At least two runners will have completed 20 runs by the time you read this. Fastest time to date is 21:40 (John Curnow), with the slowest around 45 minutes – the maximum handicap time.

We start the clock from zero at 16:00 and the walkers set off. Runners leave from their handicap time which is their average time deducted from 45 minutes. In John's case he would leave at 23:20 and arrive back at 45 minutes – in a close finish with everyone else. Handicaps are based on your average time for the previous twelve weeks. New runners can simply make an estimate of their time for their first start.

The Handicap starts and finishes at the Colonial Inn and runs around the Common and the Park. The walkers take a shorter route, missing the Park.

Exercise is strongly correlated with reduced risk for a number of diseases, including bowel cancer and heart disease. It also makes you feel great, once it's over, especially when followed by good company and a 'cool drink'. New runners and walkers get a warm welcome, and there's usually a good crowd cheering you to the finish. Join us, any Sunday for a good run time.

Nick Drew – 0411 410 903 (nick@nidrew.net)



Ed's Soapboxx

If you think punctuation is irrelevant, check these out.

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What is this thing called, love?

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A woman: without her, man is nothing.

I collect silver, paper, hats and chairs.

I collect silver paper, hats and chairs.

I collect silver, paper hats, and chairs.

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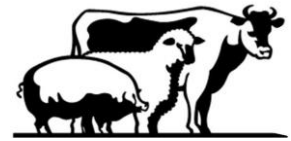
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Anglican

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Communion Service (first Sunday)

Family Service (other Sundays)

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Uniting

Gundaroo Community Church

(Cnr Lot and Cork Streets)

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Gundaroo Community Church (first Sunday)

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Ecumenical Services

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