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GEM semi-final decided: three young Festival finalists for the big stage

After four heats and one semi-final, three 'emerging' musical acts have been selected to perform on 'the big stage' at the 2019 Gundaroo Music Festival.

In no special order, the three finalists are **Felicity Dowd**, **Levi Jackson**, and **Highland Light**. (All pictured here.)

All are from elsewhere – Felicity hails from Bega, and the other two acts are from the well-known Gundaroo suburb of Canberra.

Three other semi-finalists had been chosen from the four heats – Hawker College band **Baselines and Beartraps**, 'our very own' **Jasmine Millard**, and Canberra's **Kiara Jana**. Sadly, Kiara Jana had fallen ill and had to withdraw.

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That Kiara Jana had been selected at the advanced age of 13 was emblematic of the youthful potential envisaged for the Gundaroo Emerging Musicians (GEM) initiative. Only one of all the semi-finalists *The Gundaroo Gazette* spoke to was older than 20.



All the semi-finalists showed a professional stage presence in our friendly pub setting – a good foundation for moving to a larger stage.

All were skilled musicians or singers, or both. The singers sang like pros in their chosen genres. Speaking afterwards, several revealed they had been playing and singing since childhood – and in a couple of cases, writing and composing for years.

And they were all very different.

As always, our popular **Jasmine Millard** impressed us with her beautiful solo repertoire of covers, accompanied by Mickey Dee on guitar.



Baselines and Beartraps, four Hawker College Year 12 students, performed mostly originals, with Joey and Jemima sharing the powerful lead singing.

Mature beyond her years, **Felicity Dowd** has already

been noticed elsewhere as a very promising country singer on her own guitar without embellishment. A worthy finalist.

Levi Jackson's on-stage mastery of the 'loop pedal' technology to accompany his outstanding voice and guitar augurs well for a burgeoning solo act.

The never-still **Highland Light** entertained with tight self-composed high voltage 'grunge' pieces, aided by a scratch drummer sitting in for their unwell regular.

Event Director Scott Harding commented that "GEM has so far proven to be a great opportunity for young musicians to display their art. We're looking forward to the finals."

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Quotes for the month

"Without music, life would be a mistake."

Friedrich Nietzsche (1844–1900)

Influential German scholar, philosopher and cultural critic

"A room without books is like a body without a soul."

Marcus Tullius Cicero (106BC–43BC)

Roman statesman, writer and philosopher

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LOCAL NEWS

And still more music

As if the string of GEM 'heats' at the pub haven't been enough, especially the big semi-final on the night of 31 August, we were offered earlier that same day a concert of a very different genre – the Concert at the Courthouse, at St Marks Church, organised by the Gundaroo Community Association Arts and Culture committee to raise funds for the upkeep of this historic main street building.

There, in the wondrous acoustics of that space, an audience of mostly local citizens appreciated the transcending voices of Canberra's I Progetti Chamber Choir, who presented 'Brighter than the Sun' – a collection of mostly 16th Century sacred music.

The Gundaroo Gazette attended and soaked in the heavenly harmonies of these voices before also enjoying the GEM Semi-finalists later that evening.

Drought plan for the Common brought forward

The Gundaroo Common Trust is to bring forward its drought management plan for the cattle on the Common. This follows a request by the Trust to a senior large-animal vet for an inspection of the livestock, after concern was expressed by the community about the condition of the Common and the stock.

The inspection was carried out late last week, and the vet's report recommended that the Trust's destocking plan be brought forward and that owners be encouraged to provide supplementary feeding.

The cattle that were already scheduled to go to the Yass saleyards next week will be joined by others, depending on whether owners wish to sell them, feed them in the Common yards, or take them to other agistment.

Cows will be pregnancy tested and the owners of the cows that aren't in calf can also make the decision to sell or supplementary feed.

The Trust is currently talking to owners about these decisions.

Chair of the Common Trust, Helen Willett, said this wasn't the first time the Common had had to deal with drought conditions, but this has been a particularly bad time.

"There's little prospect of rain in the near future, and the likelihood of significant pasture growth in spring is low," she said.

"And grazing pressure has been made worse by a substantial number of kangaroos arriving on the Common each night and eating out the pastured paddock we'd been keeping aside for this eventuality."

The Trust will closely monitor the situation and review its plans after calves are born in the next month.

Weeds concerns worsen

Several Gundaroo rural landholders lodged submissions during the Council's consultation period on the draft *Yass Valley Weed Action Plan*. Most of the submissions are reported to be critical of elements of the Plan.

Not having read the document, *The Gundaroo Gazette* searched the Council's website for a copy, only to discover that the draft had been removed at the same time the consultation period closed.

Subsequent communications with Council led to the draft Plan being restored to the website, with a welcome commitment to, in future, leave consultation documents public until Councillors have considered the staff's reports and recommendations.

The Gazette is yet to investigate the issues local landholders have raised in their submissions, other than being aware of general criticism of the statewide change from the well-established 'noxious weeds' regime to a regional 'priority weeds' categorisation system.

Vocal critic of Council's management of **African Love Grass**, Sue Howieson, is concerned to increase Gundaroo's own capacity to identify and control this vigorous devastating weed before the option of elimination is completely lost. Council's one Weeds Officer, Brett Lees, told the Gazette that, as well as the undeniable threat from African Love Grass, the rapidly waking giant is **Chilean Needle Grass**, which is already posing a formidable challenge to private and public land managers, and causes serious livestock marketing losses for wool, meat and hides.

He said that he'd marked two Gundaroo sites where Chilean Needle Grass can be seen and learnt about – one on the southern side of the Faithfull St/Cork St corner, the other on the western (far) side of the Gundaroo oval.

Brett Lees will now consider the points raised in submissions. He told the

Gazette that the local 5-year Weed Action Plan has less than a year to run (until 30 June 2020), and that he'll be meeting with other members of the South East Regional Weeds Committee at the end of September to 'thrash out' a new South East Regional Weed Management Plan for 2010–2025, which a new Yass local Plan must be consistent with.

There is much more to learn and do about these issues, and Brett Lees is, in effect, the only resource available in the Council.

The Gundaroo Gazette shall monitor and report on developments, and attempt to strengthen relations and cooperation between Brett Lees and knowledgeable Gundaroo landholders. To this end, readers' comments would be welcome.

Solar farm silence ... still

The end of August marked one-year since submissions to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment closed on the proposed Springdale solar development on Tallagandra Lane.

Despite expectations and numerous inquiries, the proponents, Renew Estate, had still not lodged its 'response to submissions' – required as part of the consultation process.

Regular communications with *The Gundaroo Gazette* from Renew's Director of Engagement and Culture stopped several months ago. It had been agreed that Renew would be in contact when there was something to say.

A visit to the Renew Estate website reveals that the last newsletter (No. 4) was published in July 2018.

Sutton Solar Action Group (SSAG), by contrast, has continued its own research on several fronts, has continued to communicate with the NSW department (now named Planning, Industry and Environment), and continues to populate its website with its own documents and useful links, including to the DPI&E portal on this project.

According to the SSAG website (www.suttonsolaractiongroup.com), a DPI&E official recently told SSAG he didn't think it appropriate to contact Renew Estate about lodging their 'response to submissions'. *The Gundaroo Gazette's* experience with such government responses is that they raise questions about the integrity of the process supposedly being followed.

Such a question also arises with regard to a NSW Parliamentary Inquiry announced on 17 July, with submissions closing on 15 September.

The 'Inquiry into sustainability of energy supply and resources' includes renewable energy, but also includes the impacts and opportunities in regional communities.

So it is curious indeed that the inquiry committee comprises one Independent (chair), one ALP, and three Liberals – all from Sydney and environs. There is no MP from a regional electorate. (Wollondilly (Southern Highlands Sydney commuters) hardly qualifies as regional.) SSAG is preparing a submission.

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

In Living Memory launch

A new book celebrating two decades of our history will be launched here in mid-October.

In Living Memory – Gundaroo in the 1940s and 1950s, in a three-volume set, is a long-awaited milestone in the ongoing history of Gundaroo. Using painstakingly collected oral histories and around 500 historic photographs, Marion Meischke has created an absorbing document of daily life in the village and the valley during the middle years of the last century.

Avid followers of *The Gundaroo Gazette* will have read snippets of the book's chapters in the column 'In Living Memory', which Marion contributed to several editions last year.

For more information about the book and the public launch, on Sunday 13 October, turn to 'Community Noticeboard' on page 5.

Hall Committee 2019–20

The Gundaroo Soldiers' Memorial Hall Management Committee Inc held its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 14 August, and elected its members and office bearers for 2019–20. They are:

President: Wayne Kotzur
Vice-President: Ian Price
Secretary/Public Officer: Colin Lee
Treasurer: Sylvia Gleeson
General Committee:
Fran Dove
Helen Curtis
Kylie Martin.

Re-elected President Wayne Kotzur gave an informative report of the Hall's 2018–19 activities and improvements. You can read it on page 22.

News from our State MP

Relevant new announcements in the past month by the Member for Goulburn, Wendy Tuckerman, add to some that are still current from August. All could be of interest to Gundaroo residents and community groups. They offer financial grants or call for entries, submissions or nominations.

Community Road Safety Grants

Community groups are invited to submit ideas for local road safety projects in two categories – up to \$5,000 or \$30,000.

[*Traffic calming in Cork Street? Ed.*]

Applications close on Sunday 15 September.

Go to: <https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/aboutthecentre/communitygrants/>

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.

The Grants program closed mid-August, but two others are still open.

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.

2019 Community Building Partnerships Program

Local not-for-profit groups may be eligible for a grant to improve their infrastructure and facilities, such as playgrounds, accessible features, and equipment. Total available for the Goulburn electorate is \$300,000. Applications close at 5pm on Friday 27 September.

Go to: www.nsw.gov.au/cbp.

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 Friday 25 October.

Go to: www.women.nsw.gov.au.

Community War Memorials Fund and Anzac Community Grants Program

Community groups, RSL sub-branches, schools and councils can apply for grants up to \$10,000 to protect or restore war memorials, statues, honour rolls and memorial halls, and up to \$2,000 to recognise military service, educate a new generation or support veterans.

Applications close on Remembrance Day, 11 November.

Go to:

<https://veteransnsw.smartygrants.com.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

Gundaroo 'my community project'

Thank you to all who voted for the Gundaroo Park community grant project. *The Gundaroo Gazette* would have liked to report the results in this edition. But we were going to press at the same time the results were scheduled to be announced. To learn of our success (or not), you can go directly to: mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au.

Garage Sale Trail 2019

In 2018, the Yass Valley community finished in the top 10 in NSW for the most sales and stalls per capita. Mayor Rowena Abbey has said that she "knows we can do that again".

Sellers who have fun with names and marketing tend to be the most successful. Fun names have included 'Sale of the Century', 'The Almost-Deceased Estate Sale', 'It's a Divorce', and the 'Crap and Crepes Sale'.

A national multi-award-winning community and sustainability event, Garage Sale Trail is powered by more than 140 councils and more than 10,000 garage sales nation-wide.

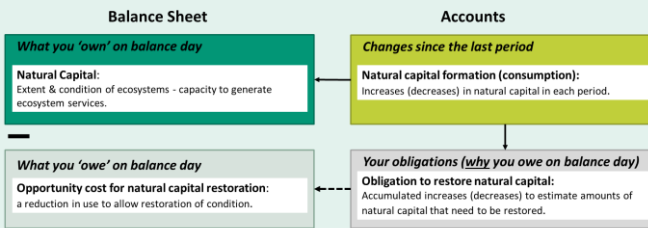
It is scheduled for the weekend of 19–20 October.

To host a sale or 'shop the Trail', visit www.garagesaletrail.com.au

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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 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

yass valley council
the country the people

Reporting dog incidents to Council

Council is currently investigating a number of incidents where dogs have attacked people, livestock and other dogs/animals around Yass Valley.

Dog roaming and attacks cause major problems in the community, including injury to people and domestic animals, as well as loss of livestock and wildlife.

If you own a dog, it is your responsibility to ensure it is secure on your premises. If your dog leaves your property and injures, kills or damages a person, animal (excluding vermin) or property, you as the owner are financially liable for all costs.

Council continues to urge all residents to report incidents by calling Yass Valley Council on 6226 1477 and asking to speak to the Ranger.

Please report all incidents, even if you can't identify the responsible dogs, as this helps Council to monitor and identify problem areas.

Reports must be made to Council during business hours. For serious matters after hours, contact the Police.

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From 'The Desk'

The Gundaroo Gazette offers local writers a space for their words on local topics of interest. This month we welcome **Elizabeth Kovacs** – a Year 12 student keen to become a journalist and creative writer. She has ideas for more stories.

As always, we're grateful to all our **regular and occasional writers**, 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.











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VACATION CARE IN GUNDAROO – GUNDAROO OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Gundaroo Outside School Hours Care offer Vacation Care during the school holidays. Children from all schools aged between 5 and 13 years are welcome to attend.

Week One	Monday 30 September Gundaroo Adventure 	Tuesday 1 October Messy Day 	Wednesday 2 October Reptile Chick Incursion  First Aid Training 	Thursday 3 October Disco Day 	Friday 4 October The Great GOSH Bake Off 
	Monday 7 October Public Holiday CLOSED	Tuesday 8 October Towers Everything TALL 	Wednesday 9 October Crazy Science Day 	Thursday 10 October Sports Carnival Day 	Friday 11 October Lazy Day (cards, games and Yoga) 

Bookings to gundarooqosh@gmail.com Meals included — Short and Long Day Options — Child Care Subsidy
Gundaroo Public School — Lot Street, Gundaroo



As I See It

An Exhibition of Photographic Works
by Sam Chapman

Cork St Street Café

24 Cork St, Gundaroo NSW

Open Thursday to Sunday for Lunch and Dinner
Saturday & Sunday for Breakfast too.

Ph: (02) 6236 8217 Em: corkstcafe@icloud.com

**Exhibition opens at 6.00–8.00pm Wednesday
11 September and runs until Sunday 6 October 2019.**

Sam Chapman is a young photographer with Down Syndrome and is studying photography in Year 12 at Dickson College. His photographs have been shown in six exhibitions at Cork Street Café. This is his second solo exhibition.

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(Phone for bookings and more information)

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Monday to Friday 9.00 to 5.00pm
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GUNDAROO COLONIAL INN

Chris ‘Choppy’ Connor welcomes
staff inquiries

Call 6236 8155, 0490 031 271

Book launch ... and you're invited!

*In Living Memory: Gundaroo in the
1940s and 1950s*

by Marion Meischke

Volume 1 – The Valley: focuses on the farming
community and the social settings of the time.

Volume 2 – Cork Street: presents a picture of the
main street with the shops, services and characters that
inhabited them.

Volume 3 – The Village: explores the side-streets of
residences, churches, the school and beyond.

Presented in a handsome slipcase, this
three-volume set weaves 470 pages of memories
into a fascinating, collectable memento of the
time gone by in Gundaroo.

**Sunday 13 October 2019
from 2pm**

**Soldiers' Memorial Hall
Cork Street, Gundaroo**

Please bring any of your family and friends who
would like to share in this local event.

Tea, coffee and cool drinks will be provided, but
please bring a plate to share.

For further information:

gundaroonlivingmemory@gmail.com

Gundaroo Film Society

Saturday 21 September, Soldiers Memorial Hall



Ladies in Black (PG)

Bruce Beresford's alluring and tender-hearted comedy drama about the lives of a group of department store employees in 1959 Sydney.

Geoff Burton will introduce ALLANAH ZITSERMAN, co-producer of *Ladies in Black*, as our special guest. In keeping with the theme of the film we will run a period dress-up competition with judging by Allana. Prizes donated by Gundoo Estate.

Screens at 7pm



So get into the swing of things and frock up.

Doors open at 6pm

BYO wine and dinner including glasses



Breath (M)

Based on Tim Winton's novel set in mid-'70s Australia about two teenage boys' unlikely friendship with a mysterious older adventurer whose impact is profound.

Screens at 9.15pm

Due to our copyright obligations our membership and attendance rules require you to be a member or the guest of a member to attend. Half-yearly membership is now \$30.

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FESTIVAL CORNER



2019 Gundaroo Music Festival
Saturday 26 October, from 10am to 10pm
(To support those living with Motor Neurone Disease)
You can help make it the biggest and best yet!



The Goulburn Toyota Gundaroo Music Festival is just weeks away and the organisers intend to stage the biggest and best festival weekend so far! Now it's time to ask for your support.

The festival started as a dream that local resident Scott Windsor had for a Music Festival in the Gundaroo. Sadly, Scott lost his battle with MND in 2015, but his legacy lives on. We have raised over \$150,000 for those living with MND in our region. We have supported and showcased local and emerging musical talent on a professionally staged platform with big Australian names like Daryl Braithwaite, the Superjesus, Russell Morris, Moving Pictures, and this year ... The Black Sorrows.

And we give back every year by drawing thousands of people to our village of Gundaroo and supporting local business and community groups over the whole festival weekend and showcasing all that Gundaroo has to offer.

As an all-ages, family-friendly event with a dedicated 'kidszone' and diverse music, food and talent, it is going to be a spectacular day on 26 October. Bring your picnic rug and your drinks and enjoy 12 hours of non-stop entertainment from 10am to 10pm!

And here are five easy ways you can help us this year ...

1. Become a 2019 Festival Partner and take up one of our sponsorship packages, starting from \$1000. Our partners get huge brand exposure through our online, TV and print marketing. Your brand is promoted all day on the big screen and on stage. You also get much-coveted access to our fully catered (lunch, dinner, drinks) Monaro Screens VIP marquee and access to all the talent! To find out more, message Adina Cirson on FB or call 0429 579 972.
2. Volunteer on the day! This is a great way to give back to help us stage the event by helping our team of volunteers deliver the event. You can download an application at www.gundaroomusicfestival.com
3. Make a weekend of it! We will have something for everyone from Friday 25 to Sunday 27 October in the village. Invite your friends, family and workmates. Camping is available in the village (need to book), and free buses will run from Gungahlin on the Festival day.
4. Buy your tickets early! It helps us immensely when you pre-purchase your tickets – which is easy to do through Ticketek. Prices start from just \$20 and kids under 12 are free.
<https://m.ticketek.com.au/events/GUNDAROO19/venues/GND/performances/EACT2019914>
5. Share and like our posts on Facebook @GMF4MND to everyone you know.

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

Term 3 is well and truly underway, and thankfully we are now past the busy part of term!

We of course are gearing up for the Quiz Night on Saturday 7 September, and are looking forward to another night of fun and frivolity. Again, a big thank you to all of the supporters of our wonderful little school. We certainly couldn't do it without you!

K-3 Dinosaur Museum and Arboretum

Our Kindy-to-Year 3 students were treated to a day amongst the dinosaurs on their annual excursion into Canberra. Following their visit to the Dinosaur Museum, they travelled to the Arboretum to explore the many rare and endangered trees from around the world. It's fair to say there were a few tired children (and teachers!) at the end of the day.



Governor General's Design Challenge

Katy, Matilda and Saskia had a wonderful time at Government House for the Governor General's Design Challenge. The Lunar Landing Module they created was designed incredibly well and withstood an array of forces, such as the freezing temperatures of liquid nitrogen, being flung from a catapult (see video on our facebook page!), smashed against a wall in a crash test, and spun at 46g in a centrifuge! Well done girls!



5/6 Parliament House Excursion

Years 5/6 had a fantastic day on Friday of Week 4 at Old Parliament House and Parliament House where the students engaged in role-play activities and tours to expand their knowledge of democracy. We were also lucky enough to have Mrs Sheehan come with us and share her wealth of knowledge with us in our own private, guided tour.



National Science Week

We had a wonderful day of experiments for National Science Week. Students rotated around different stations in their peer support groups participating in all things science, and having their minds blown by the amazing experiments that were led by teachers. One of the favourites on the day – sherbert making!



Book Week

Book Week has just been and what a week it was! With a dress-up day and Literary Lunch, followed by the Book Fair, the children had a wonderful time, and thanks to the generous parents, spent up big in the Library! Big thank you to Mrs Harris for her organisation of it all.



Nigel Trethowan
Principal



Gundaroo Rural Fire Brigade

Get-Ready Weekend 2019 – Prepare Act Survive

Gundaroo Rural Fire Brigades invites all residents and landholders to our Get-Ready day at the Fire Station. You can drop in to our fire sheds in Cork Street, Gundaroo on **Sunday 15 September between 10am and 3pm**. Come along and speak to us about your Bush Fire Survival plan plus any concerns you may have about your property. Learn about the use of fire blankets and disposable fire extinguishers on kitchen or stove incidents. 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 & test). We want you to take away valuable information to help you and your family be prepared in the event of a bushfire this coming Fire Season.

Bush Fire Danger Period 2019/20

The Southern Tablelands Bush Fire Danger Period (BFDP) is scheduled to commence on 1 October 2019. This date may be brought forward dependent upon local conditions etc. Any decision to change the commencement date of the BFDP will be communicated. If you are unsure, please ring our Gundaroo Captain, Michael Cliff 0428 494 403 or Senior Deputy, Ian Robinson 0408 625 429. You can also check our area online at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

We need help

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

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 displays)**

Auditor Wanted

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

Donations

Thank you to the following residents for their recent donations: *Rick and Fiona Martin, Marty O'Connor, Owen Kershaw, W. Hutton, and all who continue to contribute to our Brigade's Donation Hat at the Gundaroo Shop.*

Incidents – Brigade Captain, Michael Cliff, reported four incidents since our last report: 17 July – MVA, Federal Hwy at Lake George; 1 August – car fire, Federal Hwy; 2 August – MVA, Marked Tree Rd; 5 August – MVA, road at Lucky Pass, Currawang.

GRFB Training – Training is held on the last Wednesday of every month, commencing at 7pm at the Fire Station. The next scheduled training date is Wednesday 25 September.

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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The 1st Gundaroo Scout Group has enjoyed a productive start to Term 3. Winter is a good opportunity for the various sections to focus on learning skills that they'll be able to put into practice once the days get longer (and warmer). If you or your children are thinking of joining our group, there has never been a better time.

Our youngest members, the Joeys, are a delight and keep our Leaders busy. I really enjoyed seeing them building their own creations out of various timber offcuts (*pictured*). There was lots of excited sawing and hammering blocks of timber, with the odd sore thumb gained trying to hammer in nails.



The Cubs have been busy learning about core scouting skills such as knot-tying and navigation. You may see them using our orienteering kit around the oval as they learn how to use maps and find their marks. Our Scout Group purchased this kit with funds raised at our car-boot sale earlier in the year.



The Scouts are taking these skills to the next level, and are planning an overnight hike from the Lake George Escarpment back into the village. They have been learning not only about how to plan a cross country hike, but also other important skills like how to cook wholesome meals using a Trangia Stove, and how to set up small hiking tents. The Scouts are super excited about this hike and are looking to put their skills into practice (*pictured*).

In September, we will be hosting a group of Cub Leaders for a regional gathering. Our Leaders get the opportunity to meet with other section Leaders throughout the region each term. These opportunities allow us to share ideas and resources with other groups, and help us keep the program fresh and exciting for our youth members.

If you are interested in coming along or being involved, or can offer support with any of our activities, please let your Leader know, or talk to Group Leader Phil Gaden on 0413 137 761.

Phil Gaden
Group Leader

McGrath Community Giveback Program

Gundaroo Community Association would like to pass on a very big thank you to Chris and Virginia Dixon and all the folk at McGrath.

We have been a very grateful recipient of \$500 under the McGrath Community Giveback Program.

These funds are being used to upgrade the Gundaroo Community Defibrillator – in particular, to purchase new batteries and new adult's and kid's pads for the machine. And we will have some left over to assist with the next upgrade.

Thank You So Much!

Picture – Chris Dixon, with Gina Collins and defibrillator 'core responders' Cathy Stephenson, Dr Lisa Bell and Darren Schoevers.



A real GEM of a GMF idea!

by your resident music reporter

Based on the enthusiastic performances and audience reception so far, 'Gundaroo Emerging Musicians' (GEM) has become an overnight success. That is ... an overnight success preceded by several years of serious planning.

This new feature of the Gundaroo Music Festival – incorporated in the program for the first time this year – was an integral part of the Festival concept originally envisaged and discussed by Event Director Scott Harding and his dear friend and musician, Scotty Windsor, years ago. Scotty wanted the Festival to be his legacy, and a gift to Gundaroo and all those who support families struggling with motor neurone disease, which ultimately took his life.

Their idea for the Festival was that it should give young, enthusiastic and 'emerging' musicians an opportunity to display their art on a 'big stage', and thereby explore their potential to realise their music and performance dreams.

Scott Harding told *The Gundaroo Gazette* that the organising team had been deliberately patient and unhurried, so that when GEM was finally launched, they would "get it right first go".

Scott listed some of the many steps. These included: promoting the contest throughout the Yass Valley and beyond; calling for 'expressions of interest'; giving the applicants time to prepare and submit their auditions (usually a clip on YouTube or some other social media); organising the 'post office' to receive the entries and distribute them to the judges; vetting these entries (about 25 this year) and choosing the 16 for four heats; arranging and scheduling the heats at an appropriate convivial venue with a professional sound system; judging the performers and selecting the six semi-finalists; compering each event; selecting the three finalists, and offering them advice and guidance for their first 'big gig'.

All of this as well as organising the Gundaroo Music Festival itself! 'Exhausting' comes to mind.

Scott said: "We supported and encouraged the young performers throughout the entire process. Many of them saw it as a 'partnership', which they really appreciated.

"It's what Scotty would have wanted. 'Using music to bring people together', to use his words. It's all been a very positive experience."

Basslines and Beartraps, from Hawker College.

"I've been very fortunate to be joined on the judging panel by four musically literate, experienced and very committed judges. Our three regulars were Tahlia

Meischke, Dee Cole and Dina Tsakiris. Then Dave Page sat in for Dina on semi-final night.

"Our judges gave the performers constructive feedback on their performances – even the heat winners. And to their great credit, most of them took up and absorbed the panel's suggestions," Scott said.

The musicians who had successful auditions played at the Gundaroo Colonial Inn over four separate weekends in July and August to enthusiastic and appreciative audiences. 'Cheer squads' were not uncommon!

Here they are, in random order. Felicity Dowd, Azlan Bathwsha, Kiara Jana, Basslines and Beartraps, United Daylight, Alec Randles, Madison Cusick, Sanctuary, Jasmine Millard, Beth Connor, The Dirty Sunflowers, Highland Light, Jess Ferris, Prophecise, Levi Jackson, and Lisa Maps.

Scott said, "For me, youth, enthusiasm and passion for their craft were their defining features. And this was matched by musical talent.

"While some were a bit more 'polished', all had 'stage presence', sang with impressively mature, well-controlled voices, and were outstanding and tight with their instruments. And each band played together like seasoned professionals.

"We were surprised by the standard and depth of talent, and judging was certainly not straightforward. Bloody difficult, in fact.

"Now the semi-finals are behind us [*see front page*], we're looking forward to helping the three finalists make the most of their experience on a professional concert stage before many hundreds of people."

The music program for the Festival has three phases. The first is for emerging musicians, and the GEM finalists are scheduled to play from 12.45 to 2.00pm. The second is for more established artists. And the third, at night, is for The Black Sorrows and other 'headline' acts,

The GEM judging will be announced at 3.00pm. The prize for the winner? A valuable 10 hours in the Infidel Studios in Queanbeyan!

Scott said that even the 'losers' in GEM are winners. "They've been grateful for the experience and the feedback, which can help them on their musical journey. We may see some at future Festivals. Most would be keen to play again at the pub, and would be very welcome there.

"We would love GEM to continue to grow, like the Festival has. There is so much talent around. Needless to say, extra support from grants or sponsors would go far in helping these young musicians on their way – continuing to build on Scott Windsor's farsighted legacy."

Highland Light's bassist never stopped dancing.



No ‘plus ça change’ at the inn by a food and pub ‘pretend critic’

Just kidding about the ‘food critic’ bit. But they’re the ones who write about restaurants, aren’t they? And they usually manage to squeeze in a barb or two.

Well not here. This ‘critic’ hasn’t tried the new menu at ‘Rolling Hills Kitchen’ yet! But very soon. And if it’s half as good as Bella’s reputation, it will be worth the wait.

Isabella Jakubiak, late of ‘Bella’s at Tallagandra Hill’, is an award-winning chef, having come to national prominence by winning ‘My Kitchen Rules’ with her sister Sammy in 2011.



You can read a short intro to Bella on her webpage:

<https://bellasfeast.com.au/about-me/> (I pinched this photo), where you’ll learn about her Polish heritage, her long commercial kitchen experience and her television career in Sydney.

What’s important to us here is that Bella is now in our midst – not just in the district with her new husband James and their about-to-be newborn, but in the kitchen at the Gundaroo Colonial Inn. ‘Rolling Hills Kitchen’ to be precise.

Bella came to ‘the Inn’ from Tallagandra Hill winery after learning from her friend, Aaron, a previous Crowe’s Restaurant chef, of the opportunity to take over the kitchen. She hasn’t really left Tallagandra Hill either, as Bella’s Catering will continue catering for the wedding functions that the owners and hosts, Bella’s good friends David and Mary, are about to launch in October. [Look for a feature in the October edition of The Gundaroo Gazette. Ed]

Bella and sister Sammy are also the venue caterers at the new Kambri cultural precinct in the heart of the ANU campus. It is the Kambri team that will cater at Tallagandra Hill.

In a chat with Bella a couple of weeks after ‘opening’ Rolling Hills Kitchen, she told *The Gundaroo Gazette* how much she loves the region, its people and its produce.

“James’s family grew olive trees on their property on Shingle Hill Way (where we were married), and James and I are keen organic veggie gardeners and chook raisers,” she told me.

“Sammy and I are keen to use local fresh produce as much as we can.”

So what does all this change mean for ‘the Gundaroo pub’?

The French have a saying ‘plus ça change, plus c’est la même chose’. Loosely translated, it means ‘the more things change, the more they remain the same’, but the French tend to use it pessimistically to say the changes are merely superficial.

But here in Gundaroo, it won’t be thus. In concert with George and Choppy, changes are happening, and there are more to come. But much that is good will not change. We have an opposite and optimistic trajectory.

The menu is changing – no surprise there – but not as much as some might expect. One special focus will be to match the menu with the seasons as much as possible, but the core will remain, along with the favourite pub classics. Prices will remain competitive. Bella says, “they are the same or slightly lower than most other pubs”.

The dining and drinking spaces are being extended and refurbished, especially the outdoor spaces, to accommodate more patrons for longer languid afternoons. *The Gundaroo Gazette* has already seen the refurbished space pictured below full of happy patrons.



More landscaping is planned to cater for families and kids, and ‘out the back’ near the accommodation.

Bella and her ‘family’ are working closely as a team with Choppy and his crew. The restaurant will continue to complement and ‘blend’ with the pub.

The Colonial Inn will maintain its heritage and reputation as the local ‘drinking hole’ for farmers and villagers, and the place ‘where business gets done’.

All the team – the owners and lessees – are keen to ensure that Inn and Rolling Hills Kitchen together continue to provide a family-friendly ‘country pub’ venue that is relaxed, comfortable and welcoming for its patrons – especially the regulars – offering good food and entertainment.

Bella is fortunate to have her mum coming to stay after the baby arrives, and is determined to be back in action within a month or two. Watch this space (or Facebook) for news of an ‘official’ opening.





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Fresh blueberries anyone?

By Elizabeth Kovacs

Home to a small, niche, blueberry plantation, 'Bluefields' has been growing from a dream created more than twenty years ago. This dream became a reality soon after Nicola and Greg Kovacs moved to the district and planted their very first test bush.



Finding themselves covered in dirt and mud was nothing new for Nicola and Greg. As former geologists/soil scientists, they were able to test the soil to find the perfect patch for their new plants. Greg claims that the hardest part about growing berries is finding the right balance between acidity and alkalinity for them to thrive in.

When Nicola and Greg were looking for a farm for blueberries, the right pH was very high on their list of necessities. Too high or low, and the blueberries would not be able to absorb the nutrients in the soil. The real estate agent selling the property was somewhat shocked to find them testing the soil before even looking at the house.

The Gundaroo community has been very welcoming to the blueberry farm, with the use of social media promoting berry sales. The Kovacs family of five pick, sort and pack the blueberries by hand, and sometimes sell them that very same day. The berries are delivered to the buyer's door, and this offers the family a great opportunity to get to know the community even better.

The farm had a very slow start, suffering several setbacks. These included massive plant losses in the first few years of learning. One notable instance was when – close to production – a late frost wiped out the flowers, and there were no blueberries at all for that year. Despite this setback, the plants were able to grow some more, and produced a bountiful crop the following year. But then, recently, the family returned from a short trip to visit relatives to find that birds had broken through the nets and eaten most of the berries, thus ending another season.

But once more, the family refused to let this get them down, and they came back with renewed energy.

2018 was the most successful season yet for 'Bluefields', starting in mid-December and finishing late-February. Balancing off-farm work and blueberry picking left little room for much before Christmas,

and the work continued throughout the season, with all five 'workers' alternating between picking, packing and delivering.

"The best part of the deliveries," says Nicola, "are the smiles. Sometimes you just need to appreciate the small things in life. To have the ability to brighten someone's day with fresh fruit, be it for a pavlova, pie, smoothie or snack, is the best superpower. It doesn't hurt that the blueberries are rich in antioxidants."

Entirely chemical free, 'Bluefields' prides itself on producing fresh, sweet berries. The next season is expected to start in mid-December, depending on the progression of the current drought, and Nicola and Greg are excited to begin delivering again.

'Bluefields' also keeps bees in seven happy hives, and is now producing and selling blueberry-infused honey (pictured).



With appearances at different markets throughout the year selling bee and honey products, the farm is still at its busiest during the summer. Enquiries about blueberries or honey should be written to g_nkovacs@bigpond.com, where you can be added to the mailing list and be notified of each new delivery and when the season starts/finishes.

Nicola and Greg are also happy to chat about their enterprises and products.

Elizabeth Kovacs
August 2019



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

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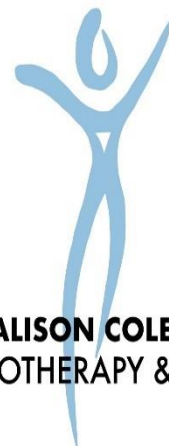
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It's the landscape, stupid

Enjoying a quiet week at home, I was gently contemplating what I might write for this month's column, when I got an email. Hardly an unusual event, except that this one jolted me from my reverie. It was a request to front up as a witness at a public hearing for a Senate committee dealing with 'Australia's faunal extinction crisis'. So instead of thinking 'Indumentum column', I jumped into a blurred few days navigating government websites that take you around in circles, extracting Hansard witness forms, and sorting terms of reference and other critical details. Then of course the important issue of what to say. The *modus operandi* of the public service is for their requests to be responded to now, or preferably, yesterday.

So after the rushed preparation, the hearing, and a bit of media attention, I feel like I have just been flushed out of a stormwater drain, quite unprepared to write something new in the next 24 hours. So since it is unlikely that you will be reading Hansard ...

The main focus of enquiry was the effectiveness of the Commonwealth biodiversity protection legislation. And, on the day, there was also plenty of interest in our ex-member Angus Taylor and his involvement with some destruction of Critically Endangered native grassland on the Monaro.

Is it an extinction crisis? In the sense of a crisis being a point in time, it seems that we are doing no more than business as usual. But even if we have been destroying habitat at the same rate for centuries, the loss is occurring at an exponential rate now (think compound interest in reverse), particularly in the agricultural regions. Our most important productive vegetation types, which once covered huge areas, are now sad remnants. The grasslands and grassy woodlands on high-quality soils in NSW and QLD originally occupied 10.5 million hectares. There are only 1.3 million left. That is 9.3 million hectares destroyed in less than a century. If you are a species reliant on grassy ecosystems on high quality soils, your options are limited and narrowing.

This is the nub of the matter in my view. It cannot be denied that if species are to survive, they need somewhere to live. The job of the ecologist is to determine specifically what that habitat might be, how much of it is needed, and where. This was my task as a researcher 30 years ago, working on grassy woodlands.

For nearly all native species, especially plants, habitat is not provided by a cultivated treeless paddock, or an emerald-green fertilised pasture. These are land uses from which much food and wealth can be reaped. But if not managed responsibly, soil can be depleted and waterways polluted. There's no doubt that birds use crops and rich pastures to forage. But they need some bush to provide the trees for nesting, and alternative sources of food when the seasons change.



Poplar Box grassy woodland of QLD and northern NSW. In the 1990s, graziers were jubilant that herbicides were developed to kill the trees aerially. In 2019, the community was listed as nationally Endangered. A similar decline occurred in Box-Gum woodlands in our region some decades earlier, through the use of fertilisers. They are now Critically Endangered.

While conservation reserves are very important, a range of other productive land uses can be at least partially wildlife-friendly and native plant-friendly. Unfertilised native pastures support a diversity of species, and are a healthy environment for eucalypts to grow and regenerate. Regenerating woodlands and forests provide stock shelter, firewood, and crucial alternative habitat for crop pollinators. Trees and perennial grasses protect and rejuvenate soil and maintain water quality. These native pastures produce less food per hectare, but their reliability is greater, and the investment risk is low. They cost little to maintain because the health of the system relies on not adding nutrients, pesticides or indiscriminate use of herbicides.

It seems obvious to me that unless we wish to drive the extinction crisis to a firm conclusion, there is a point at which we have to stop expanding our nature-obliterating land-uses across the landscape. Indications are that up to a third of a landscape cropped, fertilized, or run with chickens or pigs is probably OK. Any intensification beyond that looks unsustainable for biodiversity and for some aspects of production too.

My message concluded that we need good legislation to protect species and ecological communities, but it is not enough. What we lack is an overview of how entire landscapes and districts are faring, and when protections need to kick in to prevent the loss of integrity that occurs when intensification dominates. It sounds radical, but nature does not negotiate.

Sue McIntyre
September 2019

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'Ground covers' instead of lawn?

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Regular lawn is often disappointing. It requires a lot of irrigation, fertiliser and maintenance to perform at its best. While many of us are thinking about reducing our lawn area, it's worth considering all your options.

Many folk ask me what they can use instead of lawn as a walkable ground surface. Lawn is indeed the most robust. Plants in general don't like to be walked on. Having said that, ground covers can be used very effectively around steppers, along paths and in garden beds to create a lovely effect and to enhance other plantings and hardscaping.

Another point worth considering is how you plan to control weeds in your ground covers. Hand weeding is always an option, but most herbicides will kill your ground covers, making them difficult to maintain.

Here are a few ground covers worthy of mention.

Dichondra repens: (kidney weed). This is a lovely ground-hugging evergreen plant. It forms a dense sod in full sun and partial shade, and responds well to watering, fertilising and mowing. In our cold climate, it does shrink in size during winter but it recovers quickly in warmer weather.

Myoporum parvifolium: (creeping boobiolla). This is a native, low-growing ground cover that will spread as far as 3 metres. It has a few varieties, from broadleaf to fine leaf and from dark green to purple. All have a lovely flower in summer.

Trachelospermum 'Flat Mat': (star jasmine). This is a relatively new hybrid of the climbing star jasmine. Forming a ground cover, flatter and faster than the original form, it will spread as far as 4 metres and has the typical highly fragrant flowers in the summer.

Phlox subulata: (creeping phlox). this is an incredible plant when it's in flower; everybody wants one. An extremely cold-tolerant evergreen plant with needle shaped leaves that form a dense mat. Bees love it.

Ajuga reptans: (Bugleweed). There are dozens of varieties of this plant on the market, some green, some purple and variegated. *Ajuga* has big leaves and stands to about 20 cm tall, producing a spire of blue-purple flower in spring. Hardy in cold and hot climates and spreads to form a thick mat.

Thyme sp: (thyme). This wonderful herb has dozens of species and cultivars, and makes a tough ground cover for winter and summer gardens. Everyone should have at least one of these in their garden. Being disease and bug resistant, it is a fail-safe plant.

Juniper horizontalis: (creeping juniper). There are many varieties of ground cover juniper, with needle like evergreen foliage. This plant is incredibly tough, and not really useful to walk on, but fantastic on banks where it's too steep to mow or for soil stabilisation. Likes all climates and soils, and responds well to pruning.

Contoneaster horizontalis: (rock cotoneaster). This is one of my favourite ground covers (not to be confused with the regular cotoneaster, which is on the noxious weed list). Soft sprays of green leaves with a spring display of white-to-pink flowers followed by red berries in autumn.

These are just a few ground covers, and there are many more to choose from. Remember that none are really capable of replacing regular lawn. But they give you the opportunity to reduce your lawn space and use some of these brilliant plants to frame and enhance your lawn.



Lisa Walmsley
August 2019

Who dreams up these clever signs?

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On a plumber's truck:

We repair what your husband fixed.

On an electrician's truck:

Let us remove your shorts.

[These have all been doing the spam email rounds for years!]

On another plumber's truck:

Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber.

At a car dealership:

The best way to get back on your feet – miss a car payment.

Outside a muffler shop:

No appointment needed. We hear you coming.

In a veterinary surgery:

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[Same 'style' as Canturf signs along Majura Parkway.]

At an electricity supplier:

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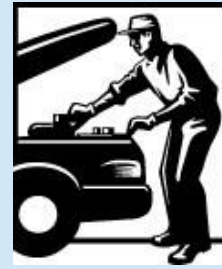
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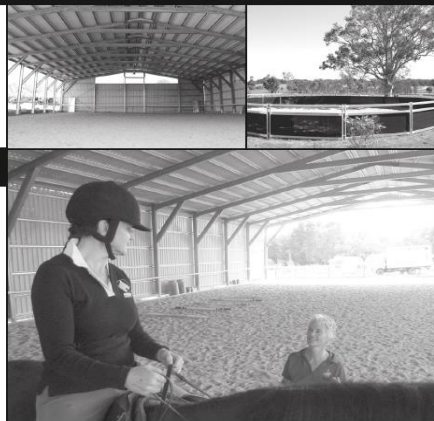
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Wildcare seeks special volunteers

Wildcare's role in rescuing and rehabilitating injured and orphaned animals is well-known, and hopefully everyone has the Wildcare helpline – 6299 1966 – in their mobile phone contacts list. Among our volunteers is a small group of specialists who we call upon to euthanase injured animals that cannot be rehabilitated. Especially when hit by vehicles on our roads.

It's illegal to harm native wildlife unless appropriately authorised. Wildcare volunteers are authorised to euthanase (harm) wildlife using a firearm, including in a public place, such as a road, because their NSW firearms licence is endorsed with "animal welfare" as an additional genuine reason. This requires successful completion of Wildcare's one-day firearms safety and basic rescue course.

Wildcare is seeking additional volunteer shooters throughout its operating area (Bredbo to Young and out towards Braidwood, Collector and Tarago). The workload is not onerous, and becomes even less so the more it is shared in numbers and geographic coverage. If you own a firearm, please consider volunteering. Even if you work in town, you may be able to help out after hours or at the weekends. Contact Wildcare's Firearms Coordinator at: firearms@wildcare.com.au.

In our urban fringe and rural areas, we can all do much more to stop animals being hit on our roads in the first place.

Most native animals have no instinctive or learned 'road sense', and, except for birds, have poor judgement about vehicle speed. At night, when blinded by headlights, their instinct may be to stop, not move, or move suddenly and towards the danger, not away from it. Wombats in particular will often stop to assess a danger (such as an approaching car), not scurry off to avoid it. Kangaroos and wallabies cannot move their back legs independently so can't move backwards or swerve easily. They may jump further into the road rather than off it, or hop in front of you rather than veer off to safety.

When driving at night in unlit rural areas, the 60–80–100 rule-of-thumb helps. Given the range of high-beam headlights, at 60km/h you are likely to see nearly every animal on or aside the road with enough reaction time to avoid hitting it. At 80km/h you will still have enough reaction time to miss most of them but still hit some. At 100km/h you are likely to hit most of them before you can otherwise react.

If you hit an animal, and if it safe to do so, please stop and check the condition of the animal. But be very careful because there is a danger to you of also being hit by an oncoming vehicle. No matter whether the

animal is dead or injured, please contact the 24/7 Wildcare number 6299 1966 so that help can be given. An injured animal may be treated or a pouched joey saved from a dead mother. Or it may be necessary to euthanase the animal.



When phoning Wildcare, we need your contact number and, especially at night, accurate location information. Include the name of the road, your direction of travel, the side of the road the animal is on, the nearest property number and/or the distance from the nearest junction or geographical feature. Tie a rag or shopping bag to a tree or fence if you have to leave before Wildcare can arrive.

Depending on the location, and the extent of any traffic hazard involved, you may also need to notify the Police.

Please consider volunteering to help Wildcare. And safe motoring.

Philip Machin
for Wildcare

The advertisement is for "Murrumbateman Turf & Horticultural Services". At the top, there is a circular logo with "MURRUMBATEMAN" at the top, "TURF & HORTICULTURAL" in a black banner across the middle, and "Services" in a script font below. The phone number "0403 594 933" is written in a circular path at the bottom of the logo. Below the logo, the text reads "Specialising in all aspects of turf & horticultural maintenance using industry leading equipment and machinery." A list of services includes: "Lawn aeration / coring / de-thatching", "Fertilising • Soil tests", "Soil penetrant surfactant application", "Scarab grub control", and "Selective herbicide application for summer grass, paspalum & broad leaf in lawns". To the right of the list is an image of a green lawn maintenance machine. Below the list, there are two smaller images: one of irrigation system components with the text "Irrigation system design and installation, now is the ideal time!" and another of a pile of wood chips with the text "Turn your green waste into valuable mulch/wood chips with our 7 inch wood chipper". At the bottom, a green banner lists "Pruning, trimming & hedging • Roses, fruit trees natives & exotics". Below this, contact information is provided: "P. Jeff Tarlinton 0403 594 933" and "E. jeffrey.tarlinton@bigpond.com", followed by "Qualified Horticulturist and Greenkeeper". A red badge in the bottom right corner says "30 years experience".

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BULLOCKS make GRAND FINAL

Our Gundaroo Bullocks Division 10 team is into the 2019 Grand Final, after having an unbeaten run through August.

With big wins against Brindabella and ANU, we entered the qualifying finals. A great 4–0 win against Gungahlin gave the lads a fortnight’s break before going into the preliminary final against Weston Molonglo.

The preliminary final was a hard-fought affair, with much of the first half spent defending our goal, a task the defence stood up to well, and we went into half-time at nil-all. The deadlock was broken in the second



half, when Joel Rivers scored the deciding goal and the boys held on for a 1–0 win, earning us a place in the grand final match on Saturday 7 September.

For those wanting to support our team in the grand final on Saturday, kick off is at 9am at Kambah Oval, which is located at Laidlaw Place. It would be great to have some support in what will be a high-stakes clash between the two top-of-the-table teams this season.

Sadly, our Division 3 season is over. The boys finished 6th on the table and didn’t make the playoffs this year. Better luck next year.

Our end-of-year function and presentation night will be held at the Gundaroo Colonial Inn on Saturday 28 September, when we hope to be able to return the grand final trophy to its place behind the bar.

Until next Gazette – Go the Bullocks!

August Match Results

Round Fifteen: 03/08/2019

Division 10 Gundaroo FC won 8–0 Brindabella Blues FC

Division 3 Gundaroo FC won 3–0 Monaro Panthers FC

Round Sixteen: 10/08/2019

Division 10 Gundaroo FC Won 3–0 ANU FC

Division 3 Gundaroo FC Lost 2–6 Brindabella Blues FC

Qualifying Final 1: 17/08/2019

Division 10 Gundaroo FC Won 4–0 Gungahlin United FC

Preliminary Final: 31/08/2019

Division 10 Gundaroo FC Won 1–0 Weston Molonglo

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'Heavenly' Concert at the Courthouse

By Justin Barwick

One of the great legacies the Christian Church has given society over centuries is beautiful music, principally for choir and organ. Mind you, the theatrical atmosphere that such music creates has had a tendency to turn the essence of worship into a concert.

On Saturday 31st, an audience of locals and visitors at St Marks Anglican Church were treated to a delightful presentation of a series of sung religious texts to coincide with the Christian feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

I Progetti Chamber Choir, from Canberra, captured the spirit of joy, exaltation and harmony that this feast represents.

The concert, named 'Brighter than the Sun' was arranged by Gundaroo Community Association's Arts and Culture group, and raised funds to help maintain the historic courthouse building.

Initially, I was a little put off by the positioning of the choir (in a circle where half of the eleven singers had their backs to the audience), but this was quickly forgotten as I absorbed the wonderful choral sound and technical excellence of the unaccompanied voices.

While I have always been a fan of Giovanni Pierluigi Palestrina's renaissance music, the knockout piece of the day for me was Tomás Luis de Victoria's 'Vidi speciosam' (The Spirit is rising), in which the choir captured that rising spirit with a heavenly natural enthusiasm and competence.



This afternoon performance is a special piece of culture, and a genuine addition to the community life of Gundaroo. I hope it won't be too long before the choir returns.

Gundaroo Soldiers' Memorial Hall – a 'snapshot' of 2018–19

Wandering past the Hall in the last few years, you may have noticed its rehabilitation accelerating. The 2018 replacement of the 128-year-old corrugated roof surely takes the cake, with recent new facade paintwork, the new garden and the plantings as icing.

The roof has been our largest single spend since I joined the committee in 1999. Our fund-raising over the last five years has finally paid off – all those curry nights and hires, gratefully supplemented by various grants and matched funds from Yass Valley Council. The roofing required quite a lot of additional internal reinforcing and battens, and we were fortunate to have sufficient savings set aside. It should make the Hall more snug as well, with extra sarking and roofing insulation having been installed.



Soon after the roof work, we commissioned a broad meandering path to the toilet block, and topped this with a tapered pergola made using the refilled Gundaroo bridge timber. The 'backyard' has never looked so good.

Internally we replaced more wiring and updated the emergency lights..

We had quite a few functions this year; apart from our committee-run Curry Night and Biggest Morning Tea, the Hall has echoed to much merriment, with the Variety Bash event and the P&C Quiz Night. Locals have also hired the Hall for birthdays and other functions, and don't forget the Cat Show and the 'Made in Gundaroo' Sundays. The Gundaroo Film Society has similarly had good patronage this year, and regularly screens to 60–80 keen members, and to more than 100 for the season-opening film with wine tasting in conjunction with Gundog estate. And we also hosted a few meetings about the controversial sewerage proposal.

We donated part of the takings from the 2018 Indonesian-themed Curry Night to the Indonesian Red Cross following the tragic earthquake there.

The committee is always keen to hear from Hall supporters if you wish to suggest functions or improvements. The next year will see us concentrate on improving the utility of the Hall. We anticipate fitting ceiling fans, fitting new and efficient lighting, and improving the closing and sealing of the doors and the kitchen windows. We will soon be able to house our landscaping mower etc on the block.

Don't forget that the Hall hires out a big range of tables and chairs and other equipment, and we are enlarging the stock levels of bowls and glasses etc where needed. We will also be fitting additional storage with under-stage wheeled trays for decorative and stage equipment.

We thank all the Hall Committee and volunteers for their tireless support over the year. Such support is critical to the steady improvement to the service and utility of the Hall to the Gundaroo community.

Wayne Kotzur
President

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Communion Services: 9.00am every other Sunday

Contact: Narelle Buckley – 0422 808 964

Anglican

St Marks Church

(Cork Street)

All services start at 4.00pm

Communion Service (first Sunday)

Family Service (other Sundays)

Contact: Royce Thompson — 0416 265 600

Uniting

Gundaroo Community Church

(Cnr Lot and Cork Streets)

Services on the first three Sundays of the month, starting at 9.00am and finishing with morning tea.

Gundaroo Community Church (first Sunday)

Family service, led by local families.

All ages worship, with activities for kids.

Open Service (second Sunday)

Shared worship with Canberra district home churches, with activities for kids and youth.

Uniting Church Service (third Sunday)

Led by Gunning Uniting Church worship team, with activities for kids.

Contact: Marion Meischke — 6236 8192

Ecumenical Services

The three churches combine to arrange an ecumenical service in each month with a fifth Sunday, rotating the venue.

Facebook pages (Local groups)

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