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Judges choose four outstanding GEM Grand Finalists

The judges surprised everyone at the Gundaroo Emerging Muso Battle Semi-final by selecting four contestants to go through to the Grand Final – one more than planned.

Event Director Scott Harding congratulated all contestants and said the selection of four Grand Finalists was testament to the high calibre of musicians this year, and acknowledged the hard choices that faced the judges.

Six outstanding musical acts played for a COVID-full audience at the Gundaroo Colonial Inn on Saturday night, 26 September. The four successful



Von Blake Family Singers (from Gundaroo)

performers will contest the Grand Final to be held as part of the McGrath Gundaroo Music 'WEDGE' – a live music event being held at the pub on Saturday 24 October, in place of this year's Gundaroo Music Festival, which cannot be held because of COVID-19 restrictions.

Teenage soloists Kiara Jane (pictured right) and Madi Kate (see page 10) were selected, together with audience favourites, the local Von Blake Family Singers (pictured above) and The Dalmations duo (page 10).

Duo Matt n Jol and young rock trio Glenloch were the two semi-final talents who sadly missed out.

Planning is in full swing for the McGrath Gundaroo Music 'WEDGE'. Organisers are working to put together an afternoon and evening show featuring a number of bands, which will include the

four GEM Grand Finalists.

After the semi-final concert, Event Director Scott Harding was full of praise not only for all the musicians in the heats and the semi, but also for his fellow judges, the supportive staff at the pub, and Rowan from Rotating Head, who made the Facebook live-streaming of all the battles work so well.

Scott said, "Even without the Gundaroo Music Festival this year, the success of this second GEM battle is the very essence of what our friend Scott Windsor always envisaged – giving a start and a stage for emerging musical talent."



Kiara Jane

(More photos on page 10.)

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Quotes for the month

"The further a society drifts from the truth, the more it will hate those who speak it."

George Orwell (Pen name of Eric Arthur Blair, 1903–1950)
English novelist, essayist, journalist and critic

"In private, watch your thoughts. With your family, watch your temper. In society, watch your tongue."

in **Manners, Culture and Dress ...**
by Richard A Wells, 1890

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LOCAL NEWS

Community Association President continues

Gundaroo Community Association President, Moraig McKenna, will continue in that role following the GCA Annual General Meeting on 23 September – postponed since April until COVID restrictions were relaxed sufficiently.

Other committee and office bearers elected until the next AGM are:

Secretary – Sue Burns

Treasurer – Gina Collins

Ordinary Members – Nichole Hanlon, Maartje Sevenster, David Taylor, Sue Kominek, Emma Shadbolt.

Highlights of the 2019 year reported by the President and Convenors of the GCA subcommittees (Arts & Culture, Memorials, and Police Paddock) included:

- the successful Gundaroo Expo in May 2019
- upgrade of the community defibrillator, with a \$500 donation from McGrath Real Estate
- submissions on the licence application for the Kyeema Wastewater proposal, and on the concept and design of the flood mitigation scheme
- design and development of the Gundaroo Community Website, now launched
- five Fireside Chats, and three Concerts at the Courthouse, all very well attended
- successful grant applications to plant a commemorative avenue of trees along the southern entrance to the village
- successful management of the police paddock during the drought (now 'broken').

After a year in development by a small working group led by Jed Johnson and Throttle Media in Queanbeyan, GCA has now become the official custodian of the website, www.gundaroo.org, which is live and welcoming more Gundaroo community groups and businesses to join. A new GCA subcommittee has been formally established to be responsible for the website.

The next AGM is scheduled for March or April 2021.

Gundaroo Grocer gets its new facade

The new façade for the Gundaroo Grocer and Cork Street Cellars (and post office) has now been put in place (pictured above right). The external design matches the 'period' theme featured throughout the interior of the



store, takeaway and post office – designed and created by Gundaroo resident Merrill Vellenoweth and installed with the help of engineer Robyn Thorne.

Several other new interior features have been installed since *The Gundaroo Gazette* ran its pictorial feature in April.

If you are a rare visitor to this Gundaroo community hub, it's time to find a reason for another visit.

Solution in sight for the recent internet tower 'issue'

It appears that a solution is now within reach concerning an agreed location of a new internet tower to the north of Gundaroo towards Bellmount Forest.

The past month witnessed a robust discussion on the Gundaroo Community Connect Facebook page about the precise location (different to that expected, and too close to a property boundary and an approved home building envelope) and the construction of the concrete pad in advance of all necessary final approvals.

The thread was removed after several hours, following escalating tension and deteriorating civility in the posts. It prompted the senior administrator of the FB page to issue a timely warning and reminder to page users.

The 'issue' arose following the initiation of the widely welcomed objective of better internet connectivity in regional NSW, announced in July by Minister for Regional NSW, John Barilaro.

Gundaroo was listed as an area to benefit from this, and rural wireless broadband carrier YLess4U was contracted to deliver the service.

The events that precipitated the community concern and reaction have subsequently been described by the office of our new federal MP as being caught in a grey area of overlapping jurisdictions – with federal, state and local governments all having (or

believed to be having) some role in the chain of approvals and oversight.

The rapidly moving Facebook 'conversation' was monitored by the offices of Kristy McBain (federal MP for Eden-Monaro), Wendy Tuckerman (state MP for Goulburn), and Julie Rogers (Yass Valley Council Director of Planning and Environment).

All subsequently became and have remained very engaged in efforts to resolve the issue. That pathway has also brought in the NSW Telecommunications Authority and the national regulator, the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA).

With the eventual cooperation of YLess4U, work on the contentious site has stopped and an alternative is being sought, with every reasonable effort being made to ensure the outcome doesn't have adverse impacts on neighbourly and community relations.

This collaboration by our representatives and officials in all three jurisdictions is continuing. All recognise the need to remove confusions in the approvals processes, particularly in the face of the predicted future expansion of new towers in rural areas, including in Gundaroo, where a similar example west of the village has just been reported.

Council considering road upgrade survey

Yass Valley Council has acknowledged receipt of a survey of regular users of Back Creek Rd, Dicks Creek Rd and Yass River Rd, and is considering its findings and recommendations.

As reported last month (*The Gundaroo Gazette*, September, pp2–3), residents conducted and submitted a survey of the steadily increasing personal, business and community road usage of these three roads, matched with recommendations for upgrades to provide all-weather access for all properties, and for removal of hazardous roadside trees.

Council had installed traffic counters, several of which are still in place.

Progress possible on southern flooding

The Gundaroo Gazette has had a promising preliminary discussion with Council's senior engineering staff about how to reduce the increased intensity of flooding of several properties in the Gundaroo South Flow Path, south of the Harp St watershed on the Common. Council is considering a site-visit to talk with affected landholders and to inspect evidence of changed flow patterns since the overland flow from the Common was redirected into a channel along the eastern end of Lot St (reported in *The Gundaroo Gazette* in March and September, pictured).



The detention basin and diversion bank proposed for the Common as part of the flood risk management plan is asserted to be at least a partial solution. But several approval steps must be negotiated before that can become a reality – threatened species, Native Title, and finance, at least. A more immediate solution is being sought to ameliorate the lived experience and increasing frustration of the affected landholders.

Gundaroo 'works' update

The several Gundaroo 'works' projects scheduled for Spring are either under way or imminent.

Planting of the **Commemorative Avenue** along the southern entrance to Gundaroo village between Back Creek Rd and the bridge is expected to take place during October – that is, some time in Spring, as intended.

At Gundaroo Park, commencement of the new **Amenities Block** is awaiting the issue of a Construction Certificate from Yass Valley Council.

The new **bores** is expected to be operational in late October or early November, after relocation of the pump and shed.

The **playground shade-and-solar** construction has been delayed, awaiting the arrival of revised plans. But it is still targeted to be completed before Christmas.

Let's all be considerate late-night drivers

Over the past year or so, *The Gundaroo Gazette* has received numerous anecdotal 'stories' about Cork St residents being disturbed very late at night by rowdy patrons leaving our favourite watering hole in a state of questionable sobriety. (No-o-o! Not in Gundaroo!)

It may be timely to remind some of our happy pub patrons about two 'other' road rules (besides having too much blood in one's alcohol).

They relate to **car horns** and **excessive noise**. This message was prompted by a recent NRMA e-bulletin – which many readers would have seen anyway. Here is an excerpt.

Rule 224: Using horns and similar warning devices

A quick toot of the horn to say goodbye is a familiar, if annoying, sound when drivers leave a social gathering. It's even more grating when angry drivers use their horns aggressively. In both these cases, however, the law is being broken. A driver is not allowed to use their car horn, except when using it to warn other road users or animals of their approach, or it's used as part of an anti-theft or alcohol interlock device.

Penalty: \$73 fine

Rule 291: Making unnecessary noise or smoke

It's an offence to drive and cause unnecessary noise or smoke. Furthermore, all drivers must switch off their car engine when they stop, unless they're in traffic or trying to fix the engine.

Penalty: \$330 fine and three demerit points; or a \$183 fine for not stopping the engine of a stationary vehicle. The NSW Environment Protection Authority can also deliver fines for individuals of up to \$600 for vehicles that exceed the prescribed limit by 15 decibels. For most cars, the relevant exhaust noise limit is 90 decibels and for motorcycles, 94 decibels.

Many of us would have indulged in variations of such behaviour at some time in our youthful lives, particularly after a very convivial evening.

Nevertheless, we should do our best to remember this: as we're yelling goodnight to our mates, noisily starting our car or ute and giving it 'a bit of welly' (or even being silly enough to chuck a u-ey), **most folk in their homes near the pub are relaxing or in bed!**

So whaddya reckon? Gundaroo is not King's Cross or Canberra central with lots of background noise. It's a very quiet village late at night. So let's all keep it down to a dull roar.

News Shorts

Mayor's term extended

Following the NSW Government's decision to postpone local council elections until September 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Yass Valley Council voted at its September meeting to extend for 12 months the tenures of Mayor Rowena Abbey and Deputy Mayor Nathan Furry.

Update on the promised improvements at the tip

The Gundaroo Gazette is monitoring progress towards the construction of a typical transfer station ramp for users to empty their rubbish into waste bins parked below on a concrete pad. A Council spokesperson has reported that the Development Application will be submitted as soon as the design plans are completed, expected to be in November/ December. Once the DA is approved, construction of the pads and ramp will commence, with the expectation of being completed "in the first quarter of 2021".

The Gazette will monitor progress every month. Council has so far offered no response to our question about when the mini skid-steer will be returned to the tip.

Heavy patching of local roads

Heavy patching is used when large sections of road are badly damaged or deformed. Near to Gundaroo, such works are scheduled to occur before mid-October on Sutton Rd, Gundaroo Rd, East Tallagandra Lane, Murrumbateman Rd, and Yass River Rd.

LED streetlights

As part of a major energy efficiency investment, upgrade of nearly 1000 streetlights to LED technology is taking place around the Yass Valley. Council has informed *The Gundaroo Gazette* that some of these streetlights will be in Gundaroo.

Flood-safe waste storage and disposal

Recent flooding through Gundaroo's major waterways picked up and carried much diverse material that should have been more thoughtfully stored and disposed of. After the floods, Yass Valley Council was concerned to find river banks littered with plastics, bottles, toys, chemical containers, timber, pallets, foam, cut branches and household waste.

See the Council column on page 4 for more information about storing and disposing of materials close to waterways.

2021 Regional Youth Taskforce

Gundaroo's young people aged between 12 and 24 are encouraged to apply to be part of the 2021 Regional Youth Taskforce. This 18-member forum meets regularly to advise the NSW Minister for Regional Youth and other government representatives about local issues faced by young people – your friends and classmates.

Travel and accommodation costs for meetings are covered for two representatives from each of nine regions. Gundaroo is part of the South East and Tablelands Region.

Applications are open until 18 October 2020. Go to: www.nsw.gov.au/regional-nsw/regional-youth-taskforce.

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Keep our waterways clean

A wet summer has been forecast, which raises the prospect of flooding in the Yass Valley. The August floods washed a lot of debris and waste material into the waterways, polluting the river beds, creeks, pastures and shore lines. Much of that flood debris accumulated north of Gundaroo village.

It is the responsibility of landholders who benefit from frontage to the river and creeks to ensure their stored materials and waste are kept or disposed of in satisfactory locations and not allowed to accumulate along or near waterways or on flood plains.

Fines and Notices can be issued to landowners whose handling of waste and surplus material on their land causes a 'pollution incident' (NSW *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*).

Yass Valley Council encourages all landowners to be vigilant with waste storage and disposal so as to not do environmental damage and to assist with the ecological maintenance of our waterways.

2020 Garage Sale Trail

Registrations are open for Garage Sale Trail. This year, it's the recovery edition, dedicated to helping you make or save money.

It will be one gigantic weekend of money-making planet-saving fun happening here in Yass Valley, across Australia and online on **Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 November 2020**. Host a sale and make some money from your unwanted stuff, or shop the trail and find a bargain. Register now at <https://www.garagesaletrail.com.au/>

Submissions welcome for Civic Precinct

In February 2020, Council endorsed a 'wish list' of projects and resolved to undertake planning and design work so the projects would be 'shovel ready' in the event of grant-funding opportunities.

One such project is a Civic Precinct in Yass, to include a new library, community rooms, exhibition spaces, long-term Government tenants, and retention of Crago's Mill – among other elements.

Council is keen to understand if the elements for inclusion in the Civic Precinct meet community needs and expectations.

Community members are invited to make submissions on the proposed location and scope of works.

To read more and to make a submission (no closing date yet): <https://www.yassvalley.nsw.gov.au/our-council/public-consultation/>

Shingle Hill Way bridge replacement and road realignment – land acquisition and road closure

Council has accepted a grant under the NSW Fixing Country Roads Grant Program to realign and replace the existing low-level crossing on Shingle Hill Way. Acquisition of private land is required to enable road realignment and closure of an existing public road. Council has approved the acquisition and road closure process, subject to there being no significant objections.

Road reserve weed spraying trial

The 2021/2022 Operational Plan will give consideration to annual funding for a Priority Weeds Spraying Program, estimated at \$150,000. This follows the success of the priority weeds spraying trial completed on Council's linear road reserve network from April to July 2020. Council has also resolved to collaborate on weed management through the advocacy of the Canberra Joint Region Organisation and to seek support for additional funding.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Council updates

Remember: You can find regular updates on disruptions to Council services and facilities by clicking on the red banner at the top of each page of Council's website, and in the table at <https://www.yassvalley.nsw.gov.au/our-council/news/covid-19/>

Nest Box Tales:

A show-and-tell on nest box designs, materials, and the birds and animals that use them



with **Alice McGlashan**

Tuesday 13 October 2020

Sutton Primary School, from 7.30pm

A great many Australian native bird and animal species use tree hollows for nesting or all year round. Tree hollows are disappearing as more old trees fall or are cleared.

We can make and install nest boxes as a way of replacing these animal homes.

Learn about different nest box designs and materials to suit different hollow-using birds and animals.

Check out Alice's Facebook page: **NestBoxTales**.

With COVID-19 restrictions in place, we can't serve supper. But there will be time for questions and discussion.

If you don't wish to attend in person, follow on Zoom. Email sutton.landcare@gmail.com for registration details.



A walk on Mcleods Creek Nature Reserve Sunday 25 October 2020

See nature as you haven't seen it for years.

After last year's dry spring and horror summer, a pleasant walk enjoying the wildflowers and the birds they support makes a refreshing change.

So join fellow Murrumbateman Landcare Group (MLG) members and Gundaroo residents, and be guided by MLG's Jacqui Stol and Sue McIntyre and reserve manager Susannah Power (Ranger, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service).

COVID-safe practices will be observed for this walk.

Contact Bob McColl (bob.mccoll.bm@gmail.com) to RSVP and receive details of the event.



Gundaroo Social Tennis Club

Anyone for tennis?... Our kids are having such fun at their tennis lessons, we thought the adults might like to have a social game or two themselves?

We are gauging community interest. Everyone is welcome. Suggested times (so far) are Tuesday evening (5:00-6:00pm) and Sunday morning (9:00-11:00am), although you would not be required to attend both. A \$2/session fee will help maintain the court and assist the school with its upkeep.

Please contact Kylie Martin or Virginia Dixon with your interest, and preferences for Tuesday/Sunday, and times.

*Kylie Martin on Kyliem1975@gmail.com
Or text Gin on 0410 575 581.*

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From 'The Desk'

The list of contributors to The Gundaroo Gazette keeps growing. And some old favourites write from time to time.

This month, we welcome Iain Fyfe (p 11) and Suzannah Power (p 15). And the occasional article by Gundaroo farming 'elder', David Bishop, is always welcome.

Our first Counterpoint column last month, by another 'elder', veterinarian Steve Roberts, elicited a (predictable?) rejoinder from Wildcare's regular contributor, Phil Machin. An interesting difference of view.

Thank you as always to all our regular columnists, our Community Noticeboard contributors, our distributors, and our advertisers, who we should strongly support.

And thanks also to Anna Lee Forsberg at Gundaroo Community Connect FB page for reminding us about the importance of civility in our public discourse.

Remember too that each edition of The Gundaroo Gazette now appears on the new community website www.gundaroo.org.

Until next month
Your Editor / Custodian

Parts of Speech Poem

This arrived unsolicited in my inbox. I've since discovered it in countless grammar websites, but without attribution. I too have been unable to source its origin.

For those who missed my Fireside Chat on 'Grammar' a couple of years back, this simple children's poem might spark your interest. It's only a start. But it IS a start!

(My shout at the pub for the first person to point out the missing (and most used) part of speech! And its name.)

Every name is called a **noun**,
as **field** and **fountain**, **street** and **town**.
In place of noun the **pronoun** stands,
as **he** and **she** can clap their hands.
The **adjective** describes a thing,
as **magic** wand or **bridal** ring.
Most **verbs** mean action, something done.
To **read** and **write**, to **jump** and **run**.
How things are done the **adverbs** tell,
as **quickly**, **slowly**, **badly**, **well**.
The **preposition** shows relation,
as **in** the street or **at** the station.
Conjunctions join, in many ways,
sentences, words, **or** phrase **and** phrase.
The **interjection** cries out, **Hark!**
I need an exclamation mark!
Through poetry we learn how each
of these make up the **Parts of Speech**.

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Gundaroo Soldiers' Memorial Hall

You can book the Hall – with conditions

The Hall is taking bookings at the moment, but use will still be limited to a maximum of 26 persons until the 4m²-per-person rule is removed.

We will use the guidelines issued by Yass Valley Council for the use of shire halls.

Colin Lee
Secretary / Public Officer

Gundaroo Film Society

2020 Program remains suspended
until further notice.
Subscription refunds available on request.



Gundaroo Rural Fire Brigade

Bush Fire Danger Period

The Bush Fire Danger Period officially commenced on 1 October 2020. No fires are to be lit for hazard reduction without obtaining a Fire Permit. You can obtain a free Fire Permit by contacting Gundaroo Captain, Michael Cliff, on 0428 494 403 or Senior Deputy, Ian Robinson, on 0408 625 429. Once you have obtained a Fire Permit, and at least 24 hours before lighting up, you must notify Yass Fire Control (Ph: 6226 3100 Monday to Friday during business hours) or go online and log it <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/BFDP/turn-notifications>. Then notify your surrounding neighbours at least 24 hours before lighting up. **On Total Fire Ban Days, the lighting of any fire is prohibited and your Fire Permit is automatically suspended.** Always take care and remain vigilant when conducting your burn, and in an emergency, ring Triple Zero (000).

Fire Permits are not required for fires to cook food, provided the fire is in a permanently constructed fireplace, surrounded by ground cleared of all combustible materials for at least two metres around, and the fire is completely extinguished before leaving. It's a good idea to have a water source, fire blanket or fire extinguisher on hand. Fire pits and spits are very popular, but can spark and cause a fire. Please be extra careful when using, and remember they are banned on Total Fire Ban Days.

The rain in recent months has meant lots of grass growth, and by the end of November with hotter days, the grass will dry off or cure. Fast moving grass fires may be a real threat to our area this summer, and we urge all residents to keep the grass around your home well-maintained and short.

Make Your Plan

Thank you to the residents who attended our **Get-Ready Day on 19 September** at our Fire Station (*pictured right*). We hope you found it valuable and have made your Bush Fire Survival Plans. If you haven't completed your Bush Fire Survival Plan or need help making your plan, it's not too late. Please contact our Captain, Michael Cliff, on 0428 494 403 for assistance. Information is available online at www.myfireplan.com.au. Having a current plan will help you decide in the event of a bush fire if you either LEAVE EARLY or STAY AND DEFEND. It's your responsibility to have a current Bush Fire Survival Plan. Remember, you are preparing yourself, your family, your home, your pets and property. The NSW RFS, including Gundaroo Rural Fire Brigade, will not always be able to protect each **individual property** threatened by fire, so if you don't have a Bush Fire Survival Plan you are putting yourself and your family at risk.

Incidents

Brigade Captain Michael Cliff reported two incidents since last report.

9 August – Flood callout to help rescue two alpacas

31 August – Pile burn not recorded on Yass River Road.

Donations

Thank you to the following residents for their generous donations to keep our brigade rolling:
Les Robinson, Marty O'Connor, M&M Lawrence, and Donation Hat at Cork Street Café.

GRFB Training

Training is held on the last Wednesday of every month, commencing at 7.00 pm at the Fire Station. Next scheduled training date is 28 October, and strict COVID-19 rules apply to keep everyone safe. Stay away if you feel unwell.

Deidre Robinson – Publicity Officer

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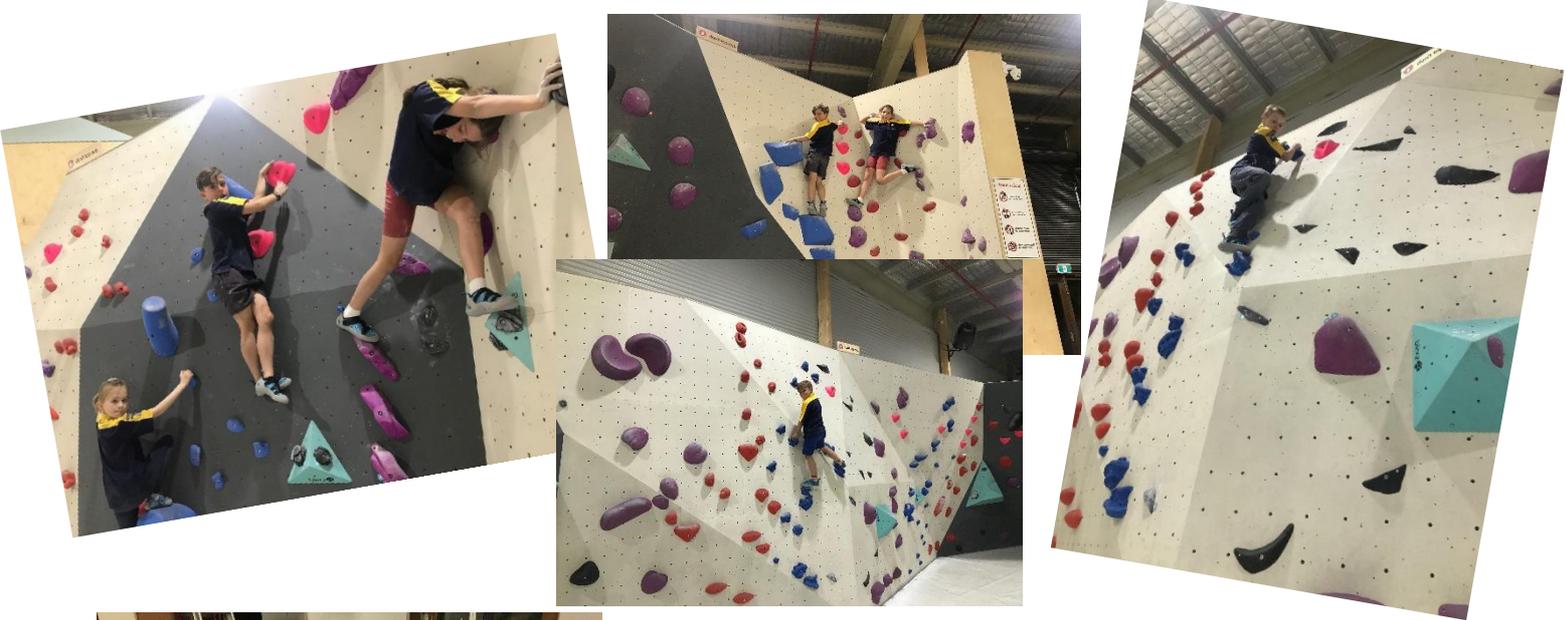
General Earthworks



1st Gundaroo Scouts

The end of the Term 3 has come quickly. 1st Gundaroo Scout Group has enjoyed a busy run towards the school holidays.

Cubs finished the term with Bouldering at BlocHaus – a hugely popular activity in Canberra. Bouldering is similar to indoor rock climbing, but with shorter walls and padded mats (*illustrated in the photos below*). There is no need for ropes, harness or partners, allowing free play. Activities like this allow participants to take risks in a controlled and safe environment. What better way to prepare our Cubs for activities in the great outdoors.



Our Scouts are relieved that Scouts NSW has eased its temporary restrictions on overnight camps. Gundaroo Scouts spent a lot of effort this term planning hikes in the local area (*pictured left*). If you see them out and about these holidays, please slow down and offer them a wave or a few words of encouragement.

We are all looking forward to the return of warmer weather and daylight saving, so we can do more activities outside around Gundaroo.

A special thanks to Dave and Andrew, who continue to provide such wonderful leadership to our group, and also to our parent helpers, who help ensure we continue to meet our mandatory supervision requirements.

If your children would like to try Cubs (ages 8–11) or Scouts (ages 11–14), they are welcome to come down to the Hall and try out scouting before signing up. Please give me a call on 0413 137 761 to make arrangements.

Phil Gaden
Group Leader
0413 137 761

Get Ready Day at the Gundaroo Fire Station



Gundaroo School News



Here we are, yet again at the end of another term. Somehow, we've made it three quarters through the year, and will soon begin preparations for a very different end-of-year.

We finished the term with a bang, with September seeing the students participate in a range of activities; Write a Book in a Day, Tournament of Minds, Cross Country and Bike Week. It was nice to finally have something for the students to look forward to, outside of the regular classroom learning. Photos are below.

As I mentioned in the last Gazette, 2020 will see our annual Quiz Night put on hold and instead, we will be holding an online Silent Auction. We are asking for

community members to donate a good or service to be auctioned, with all offers, large or small, greatly appreciated. This could be a dozen eggs, a delicious home-made cake, or perhaps a weekend of labour! If you have something in mind that you would be willing to contribute, please don't hesitate to get in touch – Gundaroo-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au. You can expect to see more information on this coming soon.

I hope you are all enjoying the Spring weather and I look forward to sharing more in the next Gazette.

Nigel Trethowan
Principal



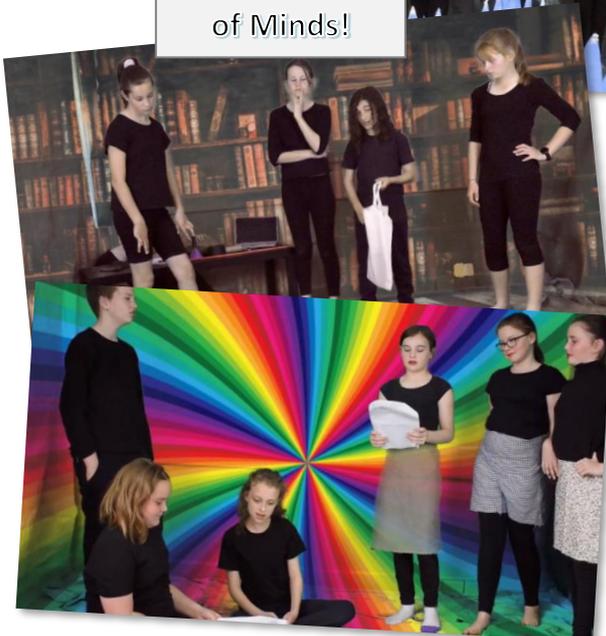
Cross Country!



Bike Week!



Tournament of Minds!



Write a Book in a Day!



Out and about in Gundaroo

A random feature about local matters of interest

Finding 'Sunnyridge'

By Barbara Westerway

The children had been safely delivered to their school, and the girls and I were driving into Canberra to visit some nurseries. We each love gardening, and nurseries are among our favourite places for a day out.

There was a lot of chatter and laughter as we bowled along. The sky was a cloudless blue and the sun shone. Spring was on its way. Who wouldn't be happy?!

We'd gone a fair distance from Gundaroo when I saw the sign "Mulligan's Flat"; I let out a little squeal of excitement and delight. I knew that name!

"Suzie", I called to my daughter, "Look! Mulligan's Flat! 'Sunnyridge' must be around here somewhere!"

'Sunnyridge' was the name my husband and I had given the small hobby farm we'd bought when we first moved to Canberra.

Our move had been inspired by my husband's recent promotion, and after we'd sold our Sydney home and bought a very nice house in Canberra, there was some money left over.

I fondly imagined that we would buy a plot of land near a beach, or a nice little cabin somewhere down on the beautiful South Coast. I should have known better! My darling husband was not a beach person; he didn't swim, and wasn't comfortable on the sand.

When I saw him perusing rural papers and magazines I knew that a beach place would be out of the question. We eventually bought 200 acres of rolling, hilly country in Tallagandra, and life took on a completely new turn.

I was a 'bush kid', but Peter had never been west of the Blue Mountains until he met me. When we were engaged, I took him out west to Cobar, to visit my aunt and uncle who had the large sheep property where I grew up. It was very isolated, and my four male cousins didn't really know what to do with this "university-educated 'townie' ". They gave him a pretty wild time, but he loved every minute of our stay. And unbeknown to me, it gave him ideas about one day living in the country.

After we bought 'Sunnyridge', we built a cabin on a hill with a lovely view. We then acquired our first mob of sheep, 50 "cullled for age merino ewes "(rather old sheep) to keep the grass down.

Peter was in his element. He had a senior position in the Public Service, but almost every week he would jump into his 'farm truck' early on Saturday morning, and take himself, and our dog Sam, off to 'Sunnyridge' for the weekend.

I was teaching at Canberra Boys Grammar, and mostly didn't join him for a full weekend (books to mark). But our daughter and her family would join us when we put on a barbecue or there were some rural activities going to happen.

Suzie's children loved the farm (pictured here with us sitting on 'the picnic tree'). They helped with mustering the sheep, and Peter would often load them into the truck and drive off with them all 'baa-ing' loudly in the back.

Barbecues were popular— chops and sausages, grilled tomatoes and onions and fried potatoes, and my home-made soup if the weather was cold.

We planted golden poplars along the drive, and the children were kept busy helping us bring water up from the dam to keep them alive.

Spring can be a wonderful time on farms, especially when you've had good rains and the dams are full and everything is green. One year our whole place was covered with bright yellow daisies and dandelions. The little ones came out and we made daisy chains and collected flowers for the house in town.

Some friends from Sydney were down not long after. "How pretty it is!" they said, and I didn't let on that it didn't always look like that. They have their own business and they were doing very well, but I didn't like the way they looked so exhausted and spent.

We had our barbecue out in the sunshine under the trees (fighting off the usual battalion of bush flies for every bite), and after lunch we pulled out a couple of foam mattresses and some cushions from the cabin, and suggested our friends might like a bit of a rest while we did a few chores. "Oh! we never sleep in the afternoon," they said but they stretched out anyway.

Peter and I went off to water the trees, see to the sheep and check some machinery. It was a pretty busy afternoon and the shadows were growing longer as we got back to the cabin. We found our friends lying in the dappled shade under the trees sleeping like babies.

I put the billy on and we had steaming cups of tea and my chocolate cake when they woke up. "What a wonderful way to spend an afternoon", said the wife. "Yes" agreed her husband, "there's something so relaxing about a place in the country."

According to the papers over recent weeks, quite a few people are thinking that as well.

"Lure of country life now growing", says one of our dailies, and I'm not surprised. My daughter and several other family members have made Gundaroo their home, and my Peter never looked better than at 'Sunnyridge'.

As our neighbour, (a REAL farmer) once said, "Your bloke looks very fit. A bit of country life really suits him!"



Out and about in Gundaroo

A random feature about local matters of interest

FESTIVAL CORNER



McGrath Gundaroo Music Festival update

The social distancing and related restrictions and rules that have sensibly been imposed to contain the COVID-19 pandemic have meant that the 2020 Gundaroo Music Festival cannot be held in any festival form.

Nonetheless, we have been able to organise a special scaled-down musical event for the same day (24 October), to enable us still to celebrate the life of GMF founder, Scott Windsor, and to keep flying the flag in support of those living with Motor Neurone Disease.

Saturday afternoon will feature the GEM Grand Finalists and determine the overall GEM for 2020.

Saturday evening will feature more invited bands in a special VIP catered event to thank and honour our loyal and generous sponsors.

Keep an eye on the Gundaroo Colonial Inn Facebook page for details on how to book the limited tickets available for the evening show.

Festival Organising Committee



The Dalmatians



Madi Kate

Counterpoint

A space for the rare occasions a reader feels compelled to respectfully express a view or present evidence counter to an article within these pages.

←————→ **Kangaroos caught in fences (continued)**

I'm perplexed by some of the comments made by Steven Roberts letter (*Counterpoint*, Sep 20) concerning the Wildcare story, *Kangaroos in the fence line*. Suggesting that organisations such as Wildcare and WIRES should simply euthanise a kangaroo caught in a fence, due to the stress caused in trying to rescue and rehabilitate the animal, indicates a lack of knowledge.

Wildlife groups do not operate in a vacuum – consumed by a volunteer's desire to care for all orphaned and injured animals come what may. The National Parks & Wildlife Service licences NSW wildlife groups and issues detailed conditions (a 4-page document), as to how one is permitted to 'harm' (handle, intervene, react to, etc) a native animal that is injured or orphaned, or in the wrong place, e.g. a snake in the bedroom. NPWS issues a number of detailed Codes of Practice, covering the main species, which dictate more exactly what can and cannot be done. This includes when an animal must be euthanised, "to end an animal's life in situations where death is imminent; or recovery is impossible; or the likelihood of successful reintegration into the wild population is remote; or the animal poses an unacceptable health risk to wild animals".

Just like Steven, a veterinarian, Wildcare volunteers are acutely aware of the terror that a native animal may experience should we intervene. This aspect was noted in the fence line article, which encouraged members of the public to keep clear and seek advice. Wildcare has a number of experienced volunteers who know what can be done to minimise an animal's stress. The majority of fence-line animals often have significant injuries and are indeed euthanised. However, a large minority are rescued/released and successfully returned to the wild to live a good life. We know this works.

I don't agree with Steven's view that because there are millions of kangaroo, they can readily be euthanised rather than rescued. The population figures generated by State and Federal governments vary from year to year. Population assessments are inherently inaccurate and self-serving (check out the *Kangaroos at risk* website for more information). Kangaroos may be a common species, but most of us know that in many areas, they have largely been eradicated by the 200 years of development, farming, mining and industrial activities.

Steven comments that "studies have shown (kangaroo) can have increases of 67% or more per annum once conditions improve". But I'm not so sure. This would suggest a population can go from 100 to 167 in one year. Let's say there is a 50:50 split, male & female. Of the females some would be too old or too young to breed. Perhaps there are 35 breeding females. Not all joeys reach adulthood due to disease, predation by dogs and foxes and accidental death (caught in a fence perhaps!). I suggest it is not possible for a normal mob to increase by 67%. Reputable researchers suggest the maximum increase in population may be as low as 10% and this is often borne out by local observation. Count your local mob over a two-year period and you may find the numbers remain much the same depending on prevailing conditions. I encourage readers to visit the *Kangaroos at Risk* website for a more in-depth view.

Wildcare works with local veterinarians to ensure a rescued animal is fully assessed. And Wildcare has similar values of kindness, sensitivity, professionalism, and humaneness, as veterinarians.

Kangaroos caught in fences should not be arbitrarily euthanised just because we can.

Phil Machin
Wildcare

Yellow signs a call to action

By Iain Fyfe

A visit to Gundaroo is a memorable experience. The atmosphere and character is as upbeat as you'd find anywhere else in this part of the world. For such a little place it buzzes with activity, pride and ideas. It's a community that's got keen sense of history and a strong outlook towards the future. We're a bit different in the best of ways. And we don't hold back on what we think.

So as the smoke, dust and oppressive heat subsided at the end of last summer, as our Gundaroo RFS volunteers returned from 'strike teams' and recounted their stories of horrendous battles with numerous massive bushfires, there was something that just had to be said. Simple, to the point, straight-up.

The Australian Conservation Foundation had already picked up and publicised grass roots activity, of farmers on the coast painting rural gates and fences in yellow with the words 'We Want Climate Action'.

Local identity and farmer Jed Johnson hatched a plan with friend Jack Egan who'd lost his house to the fires at Rosedale, near Batemans Bay. Jack and partner Cath featured in an ABC report about the that destruction.



Jack's vehicle has become widely recognised symbol of those terrible events. It carries a sign with the question 'Climate action now or ...?'

(Picture by Cath Bowdler)

Or what?

Sure we can retreat inside for weeks on end with stacks of toilet paper and our air conditioning blasting ever bigger holes in the power grid.

Sure we can build more dams that'll rob the rivers and creeks of water and offer up more water to evaporation.

Sure we can clear and burn-off more and more vegetation that would otherwise keep us cooler, attract rain, prevent erosion and store significant quantities of excess CO₂.

But what about the very root cause of these horrendous eventualities? Why not take a stand?

Jed and Jack's plan was to answer that question with a call to action. 'Climate action now or ...?' became 'We want climate action' – printed on large, hard-to-ignore yellow signs. They call them Climate Action Now signs. CANSigns.

It didn't take much for the Gundaroo community to pick up on the call and run with it. Yellow signs demanding action on climate change have appeared on farm gates, front yard fences and main street shopfronts in Gundaroo, Collector and South Coast townships Mogo, Broulee, Rosedale and Moruya. Even Melbourne! And

there have been enquiries from around the local traps, like Murrumbateman, Crookwell and Wamboin.

Those yellow signs show that we don't just sit in silence and hope somebody else will say something, that somebody else will do something.



CANSign is destined to expand to meet growing demand by the wider community as ever more people take this opportunity to collectively make their position crystal clear.

CANSign makes it easy for people everywhere to join the call to action, by buying a sign rather than having to paint one. The sign comes packaged with a few cable ties and advice on where and how to hang the sign. It also has resources to help understand the different stances people take about climate change, why that happens, and how to communicate with others who take different stances. There is also information on the durability of the sign, recycling, and how to deal with difficult people or situations if they occur. (Some signs have 'gone missing,' but almost all have been readily replaced.)

CANSign is reaching out to organisations such as Bushfire Survivors for Climate Action, Australian Parents for Climate Action, Farmers for Climate Action and others to make the signs available as a unifying call to action.

Anybody who'd like to participate in the CANSign campaign further might be interested in the formation of a local group under the umbrella of the Australian Conservation Foundation, who are key CANSign supporters.

Watch this space.



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Farming in the Gundaroo springtime

By David Bishop

The springtime it brings on the shearing. And the lambing; and the pasture growth – if we've had sufficient rains.

We certainly have had this year!

This time last year we followed up shearing with downsizing our superfine merino flock to less than half our normal carrying capacity. The paddocks were bare, hard and dry; the wallabies had destroyed our garden; the rabbits had run riot from their burrows under sheds, bushes and other outbuildings; we were feeding our sheep every second day.

We have more than twenty dams on our property. Last year, most of them were dry or dangerously low and, as the days heated up and the winds increased, we were in dire risk of running out of water for the stock.

There was not a lot of wool on the sheep when we shored them last August, although it was probably a couple of microns finer than usual, thanks to their lower protein diet.

There was little fire risk in our grasslands, as there was no grass to burn – not so the forests to the east.

Like all of us, we endured the 45 plus degrees days, the hot winds that brought dust from the west, and the cooler winds that brought thick and choking smoke from the bushfires in the east.



Then, on the morning of 10 February, we awoke to a dramatically different situation. While we slept, 80 mm of rain had fallen, filling some dams lower in our catchment, and swelling the creeks and rivers to wash away floodgates and submerge road crossings.

Follow-up rains saw the hills turn green as the pastures re-emerged.

Such dramatic swings in circumstance make me wonder about why we continue to farm our lands.

Are we really all addicted to a bi-polar existence, swinging from the depths of despair to the heights of ecstasy, as drought and scarcity change to pastures aplenty?

Due to the changed weather patterns over the last couple of weeks of this August, shearing had to dance around the winds and the rain. Shorn sheep had to be

shedded overnight to protect them from the rain and snow; careful husbandry left us with no deaths; healthy, well-fed ewes have all survived to give us the prospect of a good lambing to replenish our numbers.

With the weather improving, the shorn ewes will seek shelter for themselves and their newborn lambs, ensuring a better survival rate, provided the foxes don't impact too heavily.

They've all been vaccinated for clostridial diseases to ensure immunity for the lambs until they receive their own doses at lamb marking in early November.



The wool is all pressed into bales weighing between 120 and 204 kg and it's in the wool stores in Goulburn waiting for the wool market to turn around so that we can, hopefully, make a profit.

Over the last eighteen months wool prices have crashed from an average of over \$21 a kg to less than \$9, mostly due to the Covid-19 induced world economic downturn. Coming off the back of the drought it's just another blow to our livelihood.

Complaining about our lot is part of a farmer's DNA, but so is moving on from adversity, getting on with the job regardless and waiting for good prices and conditions to coincide. I reckon over a ten year period we break even every five or six years, lose out over two or three years and have a couple of good years that wipe out the losses and put money in the bank. The trick is to leave a good buffer there for when the bad years inevitably return.



That's why, even though we now have all our dams full to overflowing, I'm glad I spent around \$25,000 on water tanks and pipelines that are now sitting on hillsides, full of water, waiting for the next drought.

Farming's a funny business, but we love it. For most whose families have been farmers for many generations, it's not just a way of life – it is life.

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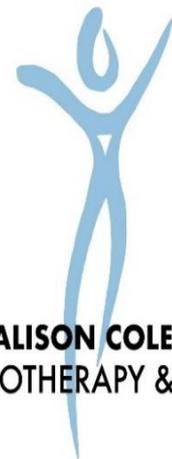
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How the aromatic peppergrass found its way to Mcleods Creek Nature Reserve

Conservation of threatened species isn't just about tracking koalas or wrangling wallabies.

Sometimes it involves getting down in the dirt for some good old fashioned weeding – which is what National Parks (NPWS) staff, with the support of volunteers from Friends of Grasslands (FoG) have been doing in Mcleods Creek Nature Reserve.

Now thought to be extinct in the wild, the small perennial herb, Aromatic Peppergrass (*Lepidium hyssopifolium*) wasn't always found at Mcleods Creek Nature Reserve. It was translocated there in a last-ditch effort to save the species. Following the rain in the Autumn of 2020, hundreds of seedlings have emerged around the parent plants.

Unfortunately, rain also promoted the growth of invasive weeds and grasses, which sprang up in old stock-camp areas, and surrounded the plantings of the endangered aromatic peppergrass to the point of almost smothering them.

After a full day of hand weeding, the plants were given some space to breathe (*pictured below*), and we're hoping to see more recruitment and growth during Spring and in following years.



But the story of *how* aromatic peppergrass found its way to Mcleods Creek is quite amazing.

About fifteen years ago, Rainer Rehwinkel, a former plant ecologist with NPWS, was working in his garden at his home near Bungendore. He noticed a little seedling that he couldn't quite identify, and this sparked his curiosity.

Initially, Rainer thought it was a weed, but he let it grow on just to be sure. As the seedling developed, it took the form of a *Lepidium*, of which there are a couple of very rare and restricted species known from NSW.

Once it flowered, Rainer collected some samples, which first went to the herbarium in Canberra, then to an Australian *Lepidium* specialist in Victoria. They confirmed the plant was *Lepidium hyssopifolium* – or the aromatic peppergrass – and this might have been the last population of this plant!

There was a previously known population of this species near Bathurst, but that had disappeared a few years before Rainer found the plants in Bungendore.

The pressure was on, but Rainer persisted as several more plants popped up around the original two. Growing these on, he managed to collect a small bag of viable seeds that were sent to seed stores in London and Sydney.

Fortuitously, seeds had also been collected from the Bathurst population and had been sent to the *Lepidium* expert in Melbourne, so genetic material from that population still existed.

NPWS staff, with the assistance of others such as the Australian National Botanic Gardens, coordinated the planting at Mcleods Creek Nature Reserve, of *Lepidium hyssopifolium* from both the Bathurst and Bungendore populations

What does the future hold for the aromatic peppergrass?

Well, we're hoping the current recruitment will grow through to maturity and start producing its own seed, becoming a self-maintaining population. This will make it the only population in NSW!

This project is a partnership between NPWS and the NSW Government's Saving our Species program.

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**Susannah Power is the Ranger, Southern Ranges Branch, NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service*



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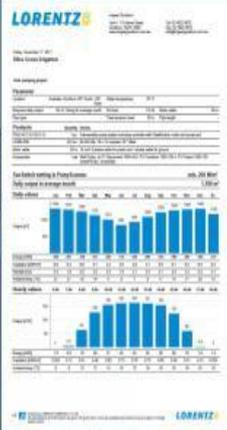
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Growing lemons in our harsh climate

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In this district, citrus growing is a challenge. First and foremost, no citrus are propagated in this part of the country, most being grown north of the NSW border. That means most citrus don't start their life with a propensity to survive our harsh winters. Have you ever bought a plant at the coast and tried to grow it here? Tricky to say the least. But hey, I wish you the best of British luck to have a crack at it.

Having said that, we humans will not be thwarted by the mere fact that citrus don't like wind or frost. Most gardeners have tried and often failed to get a citrus tree past a few years or produce any fruit.

So for those who are not disheartened by citrus-growing failure and are determined to continue to try, here are a few tips that may just work.

1. There are a few varieties of citrus that tend to do better here. Meyer lemon, Eureka lemon, cumquat, Tahitian lime and Japanese mandarine are the safest to start with.
2. The preferred location for citrus is against the house/wall with a north-eastern aspect, protected from the wind. Citrus like lots of sun, but must be protected from the wind.
3. If you have a sunny spot that's windy, create a wind break with a shade cloth wall (or some other permanent or temporary structure) that provides a spot that is out of the wind.
4. Grow tubes (plastic tree covers) work well when the tree is young and can be covered in the winter to protect from frost. Many citrus after a few years can then be uncovered, having acclimatised somewhat, and you will have more chance of success exposing them when they are a little older.
5. Alternatively, plant your citrus in a large pot (*pictured above right*), which can be placed out of the wind but in sun in the summer and under shelter in the winter. This works well if you

have a wheeled trolley to move your pots as required without too much effort.

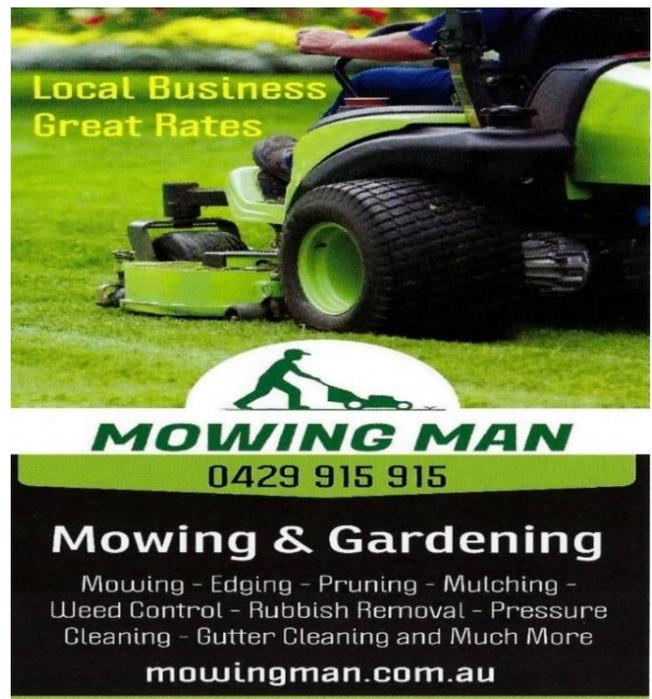
6. If you happen to have a green house or glass house, buy one of the dwarf citrus available at your nursery and pot it up and leave in your glass house.
7. All production plants are nutrient needy. Make sure you feed your citrus with a good fertiliser to maintain good health in order to produce fruit.
8. There is a great product on the market called Envy – a polymer that protects the foliage during extreme weather conditions – from frosty, to very hot. The polymer is a biodegradable product that prevents the leaves from transpiring (breathing), but doesn't prevent photosynthesis, so the plant is less impacted by climatic extremes. I saturate the whole plant and re-apply every two weeks when the weather is at its worst.



So find that perfect spot and give a citrus another try. One day you may just have a tree bulging with delicious fruit.

PS. You can enhance citrus health if a fella in your life wees on the tree every now and then.

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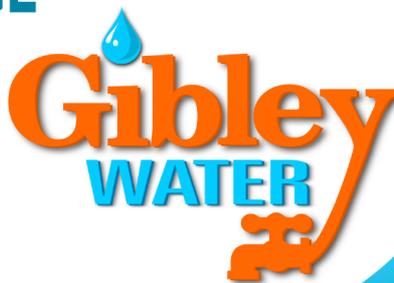


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Baby-bird season under way

It's that time of the year again. Baby-bird season is well under way.

Wildcare is always on the lookout for new recruits to help rescue and rehabilitate injured and orphaned wildlife, but in spring there is a special challenge – that is, coping with an influx of orphaned baby birds.



Orphaned Tawny Frogmouths raised together

They can be great fun – in the way they demand our attention to be fed regularly during the day, but then become silent and go to sleep overnight.

Baby birds grow amazingly fast to a young adult stage before being readied for release back into the wild. Great care is taken as to where and when a young bird is released, to prevent all the good work being undone and to give the best chance of a successful release.

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

Please be aware that not all baby birds on the ground need to be rescued. However, this can be difficult to assess, depending on the situation. Can the baby fly; are the parents around; what species is it; is it injured or unwell; is the location safe; are there predators around?

So, please call Wildcare on 6299 1966, and one of our experienced bird carers will provide advice."

Last year, Wildcare dealt with more than 1000 calls about birds, covering 84 different species – from Wedged-tailed Eagles, the largest Australian bird of prey, to tiny Yellow Rumped Thornbills. And you may remember the story about the White-bellied Storm Petrels and Red-tailed Tropic Bird that blew inland – hundreds of kilometres from their normal habitat – which were rescued and later returned to their home turf.

If you have time to help out with the care of orphaned or injured birds that come into care, please get in touch with Wildcare on 6299 1966 for more information, and to see how you can get involved. There's a website too: www.wildcare.com.au.

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Gundaroo Bullocks: a good season, but missed the final

The Bullocks had a mixed result in the last four matches, with some great wins, and sadly – due to injuries – some beltings!

Round 8 saw a 2–nil win over Majura Football Club followed by a 7–3 flogging of Lanyon United Football Club – a great win. But our winning streak reversed in the last two rounds.

Round 10 saw a 5–0 loss to ANU Football Club, and round 11 a 6–1 loss against Weston Molonglo Football Club. These losses meant we did not make the finals this season 😞.

Brett Wagner was our ‘Golden boot’ for the second season running, with six goals to his name. Our local doctor and goal-keeper, Steve Myers (*pictured hard at work!*), was named ‘Player of the season’ by the lads, with some epic saves. Club President Shane Dawson suggests that these stunning saves made this Steve’s best season. Great work Steve, as our longest playing Bullock. We’re looking forward to having you back next year!



An AGM will be held early next year, one that will hopefully see resumption of a normal season and games being held here at home on our local pitch, which is now looking fantastic, thanks to Shane Dawson and his tireless rejuvenation efforts.

Until next season, go the Bullocks!

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Red tape holds up new bridges
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Eateries in Gundaroo

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Church worship in Gundaroo

In-person services and activities were still suspended or restricted at the end of August.

Catholic

St Joseph's Church

(Cnr Harp and Morning Streets)

Re-commenced with conditions and limits.

Speak with Contact person.

Mass: 9.00am every third Sunday

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 (third Sunday)

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 arrange an ecumenical service in each month with a fifth Sunday, rotating the venue.

Facebook pages (Local groups)

Gundaroo Community Connect

Gundaroo Buy, Swap and Sell

Gundaroo & District Historical Society

Website

www.gundaroo.org

The Gundaroo Gazette

Editor/Custodian: Alan Cummine

Team: Elona Hanner. Mick Joyce. Extra help welcome.

e/m: gundaroo.gazette@gmail.com

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Stephanie McCaffery		0427 300 393
Darren Schoevers	Cork St	6236 8481 (h) 0402 494 604
Gina Collins (For admin matters)	35 Cork St	6236 8435 (h) 0412 256 490

Gundaroo Services and Contacts

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Service	Contact
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NSW Ambulance (non-urgent)	131 233
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Yass Valley Council Council Office Gundaroo Councillor	6226 1477 0429 930 628 (Cecil Burgess)
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Soldiers Memorial Hall	info@gundarooahall.org.au
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Gundaroo Common Trust	6236 8129 (Helen Willett)
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Ist Gundaroo Scout Group (Joeys to Rovers)	0413 137 761 (Phil Gaden)
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Gundaroo Arts and Culture	gundarooartsculture@gmail.com
Gundaroo Community Singers	6236 8104 (Maartje Sevenster)
'Gundaroo Loves Books' Book Club	0406 377 025 (Kylie Bourne)
Gundaroo Men's Shed	richarda@fastmail.com.au (Ric Andrews)
Gundaroo churches	See p 23 for services & contacts.
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