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A Very Merry (and Rainy) Christmas!

After weeks of anticipation, Gundaroo awoke to storm clouds, wet grounds and muggy heat on Saturday, 25 November.

While many market stalls were daunted by the promise of frequent rain and general stickiness, many stuck it out in the centre of the Gundaroo oval. A worthwhile wait in the end.

Gundaroo was lucky enough to see the clouds disappear after an hour of on and off rain, the conclusion of the wet weather seeing a steady stream of people.

Sun quickly broke through the gloom,

just in time for the scarecrow judging competition. Yass Valley Mayor, Allan McGrath decided that 'Russell Crow' was deserving of first place. Congratulations to the worthy recipients.

Gundaroo's rich assortment of community associations made an appearance beneath the cover of gazebos, perfect for the community to escape the elements (sunshine and rain) to discuss the important qualities each association brings to our rural village.

The close of the festival occurred just in time as rain closed the sky up once more, breaking forth after the last gazebo had been packed down.

It was as if the festival hadn't happened.

A big thank you to the wonderful work the Gundaroo Community Association put into the festival. Without which, there would not have been another event.

The success of another festival brings the promise of a sequel next year (though ideally with more favourable weather).

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Local News

Gazette Receives Planter Box from Bungendore High School Students

Bungendore High School students have been hard at work participating in a wellbeing program titled 'Community Crew' by designing and filling planter boxes to give to local businesses as a sign of thanks for supporting the school.

The program focuses on developing/building community spirit and a sense of belonging. In partnership with BFG and Sun with support from the Regional Industry Education Partnerships (RIEP) program, students have created personalised signs and boxes this semester.

The Gazette was honoured to receive a planter box from the school on 18 December.

It has been a privilege to publish content about the community's local high school, of which many of Gundaroo's residents attend.

We were privileged to meet Deputy Principal James Von Stieglitz outside the Gundaroo Friendly Grocer to receive the box.

The Gazette has been publishing content for the school since the start of the year.

Locals can look at the planter box outside of the Gundaroo Friendly Grocer.



The Gundaroo Gazette Planter Box

A big thank you to the high school for their consideration of our newspaper.

Thank You for the Pub Raffles at the Gundaroo Inn

Each Friday one of Gundaroo's many community organisations is given the opportunity to hold a raffle at the Gundaroo Inn. The profits from these can make a significant financial contribution to these organisations as well as providing an opportunity to inform the community about the different organisations that support our small village. So, here's to a huge thank you to:

- The Gundaroo Inn for hosting the raffles as well as donating four prizes to supplement the four meat trays,
- Ron Miller for establishing a roster of community groups as well as guidelines and support on conducting the raffles,
- All those wonderful members of the community who generously support the raffles by buying tickets every week; and
- Those who take on selling the tickets (even when it's not something they like doing) because you know, and we know, that it helps our community.

The organisations assisted are: Gundaroo Literary Institute, GOATS Cricket Club, Gundaroo Men's Shed, Gundaroo Public School, Gundaroo and District Historical Society, Gundaroo Park, Gundaroo Community Association, Gundaroo Rural Fire Service, Gundaroo Scouts, Gundaroo Common, Gundaroo Hall, Gundaroo Memorials Committee and Gundaroo Community Website.

Thank you all!

Development for Bungendore High School Application Ruled as Invalid

For a year, students at the Bungendore High School have been

learning in \$3 million demountable classrooms while they wait for an application for the new high school to be officially lodged.

After several delays due to suspected lead contamination and community opposition, the development application has now been ruled as invalid.

The High School's chosen sight not only sat on crown land but would be directly on top of the town's only park. The required demolition would take out the pool, community centre and some council offices.

Legal action against the NSW Government was taken by a small group of Bungendore residents who called themselves the 'Save Bungendore Park' group.

In a recent hearing, it has been determined that consent to carry out development on the site (on crown land) was not obtained by a correct process and is thus invalid.

According to the Bureau of Statistics data compiled from 2021, approximately 1000 school age children live in the town. This does not count students from areas such as our own.

Currently, Bungendore High School students are learning in demountable classrooms beside the primary school. Concerns regarding the inflating population are arising ahead of the 2024 school year.

News from the Common and a Reminder

The Gundaroo Common Trust has been busy in recent weeks.

A firebreak has been slashed along the western ("Judith Street") boundary.

Seasonal weed control work such as spot spraying for serrated tussock and a range of perennial and annual weeds is finished and a new water tank and trough is being installed at the yards. Thirteen pregnant cows have been moved to the locked calving paddock.

Calving has started and will go through to Christmas.



Newborn Shorthorn calf

Once again, there is evidence of unauthorised woodcutting on the Dairy Creek Road side of the Common and the gate near the Waste Transfer Station has been locked.

And a final reminder: DO NOT FORGET TO CLOSE A GATE YOU'VE OPENED!

\$4.4 million Shingle Hill Bridge Upgrade Officially Opened

On 6 December, Member for Eden-Monaro Kristy McBain was joined by Yass Valley Mayor Allan McGrath for the official opening of the Shingle Hill Bridge.

The bridge recently received state and federal funding amounting in \$4.4 million under the Fixing Country Roads Program.

The program resulted in replacing the 25-metre bridge with a new 45-metre crossing. The crossing has a new 166-tonne load limit.

The new structure aims to improve flood resilience due to the new bridge height and is designed to better withstand being hit with flood debris.

A further 800 metres of road was replaced to improve horizontal alignment to the bridge.

Jeir Creek Bridge Upgrade

Roadworks are in place on Nanima Road to replace Jeir Creek Bridge and is part of the Federal Government's Bridge Renewal Program.

Piling work commenced in early October to reinforce the new bridge. Expected completion for this project is early 2024.

Yass Valley Council advises travellers to add an additional 5 minutes to their trip to cater to roadwork times.

Barton Highway Dual Carriageway Enters Stage Two Planning

Early November saw northbound traffic from south of Church Lane to Kaveney's Road intersection directed onto the new lanes on the Barton Highway.

According to the Transport for NSW, temporary traffic arrangements will be put in place for approximately two months while work is carried out to prepare the existing highway and medians for dual carriageway.

Roadworks will continue over the Christmas period with users advised to add an extra 5 minutes to their travel time.

Expected completion for works is late 2023/early 2024, weather permitting.

Small Businesses to Receive Cyber Security Boost in Eden-Monaro

\$7.2 million in funding is being established as part of the forthcoming 2023-2030 Australian Cyber Security Strategy.

The strategy will provide support for small and medium businesses

the Eden-Monaro region will be able to continue accessing free financial counselling services after the announcement of new funding agreements under the Rural Financial Counselling Service.

Rural financial counsellors can assist in a wide range of potential scenarios such as natural disasters, droughts, biosecurity outbreak or commodity downturn. This service has over 38 million dollars in funding to support rural businesses and individuals. The program will continue until 2026.

For more information or to access the free rural counselling, please visit <https://rfcsnsw.com.au/> or call 1800 319 458.

Teacher Scholarships for Eden-Monaro

5,000 scholarships will be available for new teaching students studying from 2024 and will be targeted towards high-achieving school leavers, First Nations peoples, people with disability, people from whom English is an additional language or dialect and individuals from rural, regional and remote locations or from low socio-economic backgrounds.

Scholarships of \$40,000 each will be available for undergraduate teaching students over four years and \$20,000 for postgraduate students over two years.

This is in light of the \$160 million election commitment from the Government to encourage more people to become teachers in Eden-Monaro.

Prospective teaching students can check their eligibility and register their interest at <https://www.education.gov.au/teaching-scholarships>.

Applications close 14 January, 2024.



Public Notices:

Please visit

<https://www.yassvalley.nsw.gov.au/Our-Services/Roads-and-Transport/Roadworks-and-Closures/Current-roadworks-and-closures> for a list of updated road works across Yass Valley.

Positions Vacant

Yass Valley Council are seeking employees in a variety of roles, our current job vacancies can be found at <https://www.yassvalley.nsw.gov.au/Our-Council/Employment/Positions-Vacant>

Christmas/New Year Opening Hours

All council services will be closed from close of business on Friday, 22 December until Tuesday, 2 January, other than the following:

- **Swimming Pools** – open other than Christmas Day and Boxing Day
- **Yass Valley Information Centre** - open other than Christmas Day
- **Waste Transfer Stations** – open other than Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day
- **Waste Collections** – collections scheduled for Christmas Day will be collected on Boxing Day. Collections on other public holidays will proceed as normal
- **Roads and Maintenance Services** – skeleton crews will be maintained to attend to service needs and emergencies
- **Water and Wastewater** - skeleton crews will be maintained to attend to service needs and emergencies
- **Duty Officer** – an on-call duty officer will be maintained over the entire period.

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Cuppa Time Gundaroo

Gundaroo Soldiers Memorial Hall

Cuppa Time Gundaroo is held at Gundaroo Soldiers Memorial Hall monthly on 4th Wednesday 1.30-3.30pm of the month.

We will be taking a Summer break and will be returning on Wednesday, February 21st.

You are invited to come for a cuppa to catch-up with friends or meet new people. Young or old, all are welcome, it's just for social contact and community building.

Tea, coffee, fresh baked scones and locally made jam will be available. No charge but donations accepted.

info@gundarooroomhall.org.au if you want to be on a roster to make scones or help generally. Otherwise, just come and join us for a cuppa.

News from Gundaroo and District Historical Society

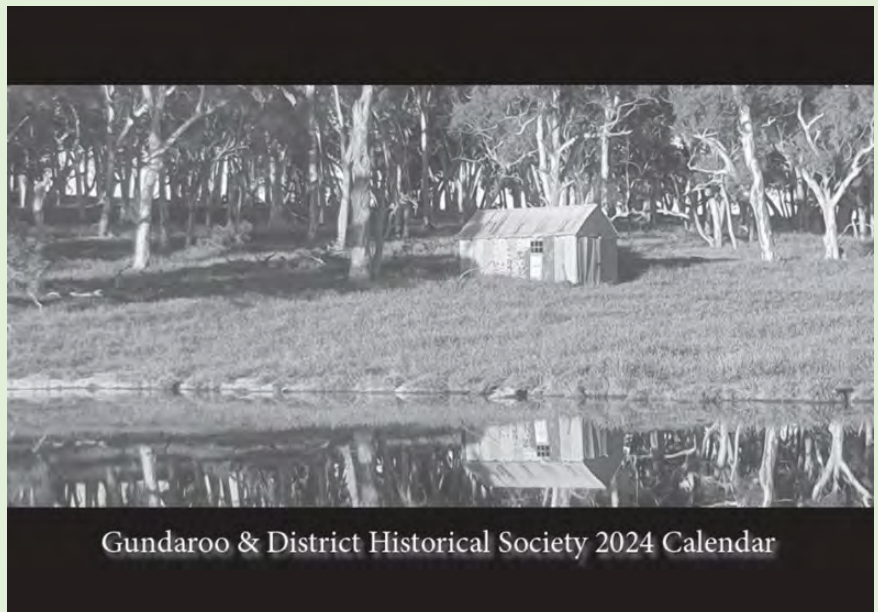
Our **2024 calendar** is now available and makes a great Christmas present. This year's calendar has pictures of the Gundaroo School students in 1939, the Yass River in flood under the old Gundaroo Bridge and a cricket match at Gundaroo Park. The \$15 cost remains the same as previous years. Buy one for yourself and a few for friends. The calendar is available at the Gundaroo Grocer or you can purchase your copies directly from the Historical Society.

There was plenty of interest in our **display at the 2023 Gundaroo Community Festival**. We had maps, a mid-1980s aerial shot of Gundaroo and a range of historic photos on display as well as calendars and greeting cards for sale. Many thanks to the organisers of this great local event.

The **next meeting** of the Gundaroo and District Historical Society will be held at **7pm on Wednesday, 17 January 2024** in the Gundaroo Literary Institute. All are welcome to attend.

If you are not yet a **member** we would welcome you to join the Society. Membership costs just \$10 a year and this helps to fund our activities.

You can **contact** us for calendars, membership or historical queries at historicalsocietygundaroo@gmail.com.



Gundaroo & District Historical Society 2024 Calendar

Gundaroo Sewing Group

2nd Sunday every month from 3pm.

Next month is **14th January.**

All ages and levels of skill welcome. This is informal event. Perfect to enjoy a cuppa and get some work done on your next project.

Save the Date – Back Creek Fire Brigade Get-Together

The year-end and summer is upon us again!

Back Creek RFB would like to wish you and your loved ones a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

We are planning for a community get-together in the evening of **Friday 2, February 2024** after the school holidays. Details will be provided closer to the date.

It'll be lovely to catch up with everyone (hopefully well-rested and recharged by then).

Best Wishes and Merry Christmas,
From the BCRFB Team

Comedian Performances at the Hall

Saturday March 2nd: Comedy event

Kill the fat calf Gundaroo! Luke Heggie and Chris Ryan have a bunch of new jokes to run by you.

No weird sh**. If you want someone to ask how your day was, what you do for a crust these days, or how long you've been married... give your mum a call.
No dorks.



Wednesday March 27th: Festival of small Halls

More details to come.

KNITTERS & CROCHETERS

Join us for a social knit/crochet

Where: **Cork Street Café**

When: **3rd Sunday of each month at 3pm**

Meet others, enjoy a cuppa, work on your knitting/crochet/fibre project, share skills & knowledge.

A note from the association:

The Gundaroo Community Association would like to say a big thank you to all who contributed to another successful Festival on 25 November. Thanks to Yass Valley Council, Ray White Canberra and Cork St Café for your financial contributions.

There are many individuals who contributed, too many to name individually but you know who you are. A thank you to those who helped mow and generally tidy up the park the week before, those who helped set up marquees and the stage, collected chairs and tables, set out parking signage and spaces the day before as well as those who helped with final set up, parking, pack up and clean up following the Festival. Thank you to our stallholders for turning up in somewhat unpleasant weather, as while the sun did appear eventually, it was not a promising start. Thanks to the community groups for coming along and sharing information about your activities. Thanks to the food and coffee suppliers. Thanks to our great musicians. Thanks to those who organised the Scarecrow Competition and thanks if you entered. Thanks to those providing craft activities and to the RFS. Thanks to local businesses and stall holders who donated raffle prizes. And finally, a big thank you to the Gundaroo Park Manager Board for all your help and allowing us to use this great facility.

-GCA Committee

From 'The Desk'

We made it! 11 editions later and I have now finished my first year as Editor/Custodian of the Gundaroo Gazette. What a ride it has been.

No one said it was going to be easy to take on a paper – and they were certainly right. This year, I have finished my double degree in Journalism/Creative Writing, commenced my first 'adult' job and continued to grow a side business.

This wouldn't have been possible without the wonderful team I've got behind me.

For our fabulous delivery team **Fiona, Julie, Colin and Maureen.** You are invaluable and deserve all the gold stars in the world.

For our designer **Alex.** Thank you for pulling those late nights with me each month to publish the paper. I'm dedicating our non-existent 'January' edition to you for a good month of sleep ins.

For the wonderful team at **DR Print**, for working around odd university and work timetables and queuing us up, even before it was ready.

To our contributors old, new and aspiring (yes, you!). Your work is a joy to work with. Thank you for continuing to write for our local newspaper.

To you, our audience. Thank you for dealing with my odd hours and some of our more 'touch and go' moments. Thank you for following along on this learning curve. It's been an utter pleasure to work with you and for you.

For perhaps the most exciting news, I am pleased to announce that this edition is our first ever 28 page edition.

I hope you enjoy some of the extra stories we've published in the 4 new pages. Hopefully something to tide you over until our February edition!

Until February,
Your Editor | Custodian

Gundaroo Film Society 2024 Program

14 films, 10 screenings, Two special dinners
For members and their guests

Flickering on and off since 1905

17 February 7pm *Sunshine on Leith* (PG)



A wild and infectious musical romp with The Proclaimers' soundtrack in this charming and gritty Scottish drama. (1hr40m)

Open Entry

23 March 7pm *Freedom* (R)



Two interesting struggles for freedom around slavery 100 years apart. Introduction and QandA presented by special guest, Australian director Peter Cousins. (1hr34m)

20 April 6.30pm **Meal and Film Night**

Optional two-course dinner as a fundraiser for the Gundaroo Hall. \$40 per head.

7.30pm *Honeyland*

(Doco) (3 years filming) Balancing nature and need in remote Macedonia, a lonely beekeeper receives unwanted neighbours. (1hr29m)



18 May 7pm *Light Years*



Newly restored short film profiling the life and work of Australian photographer Olive Cotton. (47m)

8pm *Japanese Story* (R)

(Oz romantic drama) Two strangers are pulled together in their outback struggles. (1hr50m)



15 Jun 7pm *Everything, Everywhere All At Once* (R)



(US drama) A quiet immigrant is forced to save the universe while filing her tax. (2hr19m)

20 July 7pm *Broker* (R)



(Korean drama) Social outcasts pursue a stolen baby, in turn forming a strange family as they search for a new home. (2hr09m)

24 August 7pm *Romantic Road*



(Doco) A risk taker and an introvert climb aboard a vintage car for an 8000km journey around India. (1hr22m)

8.40pm *Full Time*

(French drama) A frantically paced drama wonderfully run by Laure Calamy as a maid whose life is dictated by the clock and duty. (1hr21m)



21 September 7pm *Animating Aeroplane Jelly*



Short doco of pioneer Australian animator, Eric Porter and his creation of one of the most iconic Australian advertising images. Introduced by a mystery guest. (24m)

7.45pm *The Merger*

(Oz comedy/drama) A small town footy team scrambles for members, even embracing those on the sidelines of society. (1hr43m)



19 October 7pm *The Quiet Girl* (PG-13)



(Irish drama) A wonderful and engaging portrayal of a young girl sent away to distant relatives. (1hr13m)

9pm *Scrapper*

(UK comedy drama) Spiky 12-yr-old teenager uses fantasy to build a life and way of coping with loneliness. (1hr24m)



16 November 6.30pm **Meal and Film Night**

The finale of the year – an optional two-course dinner as a fundraiser for the Gundaroo Hall. \$40 per head.

7.30pm *Tuesday Club*

(Comedy) Adapted from Anna Fredericton's best selling book, cooking lessons extend to life in this Swedish rom com. (1hr42m)



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Gundaroo Rural Fire Brigade

Christmas Eve – Santa, Lollies and Seafood Raffles

From 6pm Santa and his merry helpers will be driving around the Village giving wrapped lollies to children. Amongst the fun, we ask that parents/carers please supervise their children. Santa will finish at the Pub and our famous seafood raffles will get underway. We sincerely thank our Community for the ongoing support that you give us with events, donations, the RFS Hat and our Pub Raffles.

Remain Vigilant – Be Fire Ready

During the summer months we ask that you keep preparing your home and property for bushfires and be prepared for fast moving grass fires.

There is lots of grass around which has dried off or cured and many bush areas have high fuel loads. Keep up your property maintenance and remember that preparation and staying up to date is critical. Some tips to help you - keeping the grass around your home mowed and short, cleaning up and removing materials that burn, clearing debris from gutters, preparing a hose or hoses long enough to reach around your home, trimming bushes around your home and don't forget the driveway so that a fire truck can fit in. Clearly display your property number on your gate, house or letterbox and your blue/white sign for Static Water Supply (SWS). With your family make sure to discuss, review or make your Bush Fire Survival Plan or your Farm Fire Plan, visit www.myfireplan.com.au Bush Fire Information Line 1800 679 737 (NSW RFS) or www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

Download the “Fires near Me” app and activate “My Watch Zone”.

Bush Fire Danger Period and Fire Permits

Be aware that conditions to burn off are now not favourable and may be classed as too risky, so don't expect to obtain a Fire Permit. To make inquiries please contact one of our Fire Permit Officers, Ian Robinson 0408 625 429, David Robinson 0414 369 214, Scott Shearer 0400 291 827 or Brett Southwell 0419 416 897. **If you obtain 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 <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/BFDP/burn-notifications> or use the QR CODE** You must notify your surrounding neighbours directly, Facebook alone is not sufficient. On Total Fire Ban Days, the lighting of any fire is prohibited and your Fire Permit will be automatically suspended.

Incidents

Our Captain, Ian Robinson reported 5 incidents since the last report.

11 October – Vehicle fire, McKeahnie Lane, Sutton – stood down.

24 October – Truck fire, Federal Highway, Lake George

29 October – Vehicle fire, Federal Highway, Lake George

30 October – MVA, Federal Highway, Lake George

7 November – Vehicle fire, Federal Highway, Lake George

During October and November, brigade members have been requested to join strike teams to assist at Shannon's Flat Fire, Northern Tablelands and the Larbert Fire Braidwood.

AGM

The Gundaroo Brigade Annual General Meeting has been set for 17 April 2024.

Gundaroo Rural Fire Brigade would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Till next time, in February 2024 - Deidre

Career's Day and Community Mathematics Expo

Students enjoyed a day dressing up to share some future career ideas and engaged in practical and engaging activities with Michelle Wells, Careers Adviser at Bungendore High School. Maths is involved in almost every career option in some way, and as a part of our day we held our Maths Expo, inviting families to engage in a range of maths games and activities.

Power of Pop

Thanks to the Yass Valley Council, our students had a wonderful time at Laura Murphy's *Power of Pop* concert held at Yass High School. It was a wonderful way for students to be exposed to the performing arts, and was thoroughly enjoyed by staff and students.

New Basketball Court

As you walk past the school you will likely have noticed the next stage of school improvement works occurring as our basketball court was replaced. We are loving the fresh and large new surface with the new hoops reigniting basketball as an activity of choice for our students during breaks.

Remembrance Day

Our Year 6 school leaders hosted a lovely service for Remembrance Day, with Brysson and Taish creating a beautiful wreath to be laid with flowers donated from our families.

Kindergarten Transition

Our Kindergarten Transition days were a great success. We thoroughly enjoyed having the 2024 Kindy class join us to get to know their teacher and their classroom for next year. Our new parents were treated to a coffee at Neat Street while their children enjoyed their time with Miss Cunningham. We look forward to welcoming our 23 new little people to the school in 2024.

Goodbye and Good Luck

At the end of this year we farewell two of our lovely staff members who are both moving away from Canberra to be nearer to their families. Rosie Dillon has been with us for two years, working with all classes across the school. Rosie was instrumental in the establishment of our Market Garden. Sophie Emerson joined us in 2022, first as a pre-service teacher with the year 1 class, and then as the 5/6 teacher. I have heard some of the year 6 farewell speeches as they plan, and they clearly demonstrate the wonderful impact Sophie has had on her class over the past year and a half. We are sad to be saying goodbye to Rosie and Sophie, but wish them both all the best in the next stage of their adventures. We will be welcoming some new faces to Gundaroo Public School in 2024 and look forward to introducing them to the community.

As we come to the end of the school year we are busily planning the many fun activities and events that take place, including our end of year concert, year 6 farewell and Community Breakfast. We hope to see many community members at the school on Friday 15th December between 7.30am - 9.00am for the annual Community Breakfast, hosted by our amazing P&C.





Cattle knowledge

This term, Agriculture Club students have been visiting 'Jeddrick Square Meaters' cattle property in Gundaroo to learn about the livestock industry. Students took a particular focus on how the industry prepares livestock and applied that knowledge to their studies.

Students were given the opportunity to choose an animal to work with for the foreseeable future and had a great time naming them. In addition to learning the practice of handling and leading the animals, the students learnt how to operate a cattle race and a cattle crush and gained knowledge in cattle structure and junior judging.

STEMFest

A group of our students recently signed up for STEMfest at the Bicentennial Hall in Queanbeyan.

This program aims to create strong partnerships between local schools and industry, with the goal of highlighting local careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and providing avenues for students to develop their STEM skills in a locally meaningful way. Students interacted with a range of industry partners and technologies to learn about robots, welding, wind turbines, soil erosion near waterways, and even how different fruits make different music! #withSTEMyoucan

Breakfast Club

Bungendore High's breakfast club is now up and running. We're providing simple but hearty fare for our students two mornings a week. They say it takes a village, and we couldn't run this initiative without the support of IGA Bungendore, who have been providing the bread. Breakfast Club is also supported by the local Lions Club, who helped facilitate the program and have been providing a financial contribution and willing workers.



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It only takes a few days of missed prevention dosage for a tick to latch onto a dog and release its deadly toxin into the blood stream.



SIGNS OF TICK PARALYSIS:

- Wobbly hind legs and difficulty walking
- Coughing
- Gagging
- Difficulty breathing
- Complete paralysis

If you think your pet may be affected by a paralysis tick, please call us immediately for advice. Early treatment gives affected dogs the best chance of recovery.



Canberra Emergency Veterinary Services (CVES) runs overnight and over public holidays for emergencies such as this.

As always, prevention is better than cure.

Simparica Trio is a very effective monthly prevention against ticks (also effective for intestinal worms, fleas and heartworm).

Contact details:

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A few weeks ago, on a very still Thursday pre-dawn, a bitterly cold frost settled on our landscape. Late Spring frosts are not uncommon in the Canberra Wine Region but this one was a doozy with its freezing tentacles killing off the early vine growth with varying degrees of damage on many vineyards. This will potentially limit the 2024 season's crop size.

With the ogre of climate change potentially ravaging our vineyards, I started looking through previous farm diaries and climate statistics. Disconcertingly, I came across a letter I had written to friends exactly six years earlier on the same date in November 2017. With your indulgence I would like to reproduce that letter here:

It's raining right now and has been for most of the morning, with already 24mm in the gauge. This signifies a welcome end to what has been a winter drought in the Canberra wine region and will lift the lagging annual rainfall aggregate. Our long-term average is 620mm, and until today it was only at 341mm.

Letter from the Gundaroo Vineyard: 5 November 2017

"A full cup of wine at the right time

is worth more than all the kingdoms of this earth!"

Gustav Mahler (1860–1911)

Grape growers, in fact most farmers, like winter rains that soak deeply into the sub-soil (grape vine roots can reach down to 1.5 metres in our terrain) and provide the best moisture environment for the critical bud-burst event that signifies the start of the growing season. Bud-burst happened here at Gundaroo three weeks ago, a good month behind the warmer Hunter Valley region.

A recent study conducted in the Barossa Valley looked at the effects on grape quality and yield following a drier than usual winter, which has also been concerning growers in other regions of the world as the effects of global climate change begin to take effect. Of great interest to growers is how to compensate for this drier winter environment, and the study found that attempts to increase irrigation over bud-burst and spring causes an over-exuberant foliar growth and a lowering of grape phenolic

concentration (poorer colour intensity with less red tones).

A recommendation of the study is to regularly drip irrigate the vineyard during the dormant dry winter months to help maintain a full soil moisture profile, which seems eminently sensible but difficult to practice as the predictability of even short-term rain events becomes increasingly unreliable.

My own ongoing research into new grape growing techniques led me to an article by Carlo Cignozzi of the Paradiso di Frassina winery in Tuscany, who claims that he plays the music of Mozart, Handel and Vivaldi over loudspeakers to serenade the Sangiovese grapes in his vineyard. He says his grapes became more robust and flavourful when exposed to classical music around the clock. Stephano Mancuso, Professor of Agriculture at Florence University, notes that although the results aren't yet conclusive, it appears that the music has "positive effects on vine growth". I'm happy to give it a go at Gundaroo, but I do worry about the neighbours' reactions!



Fine music in the vines is also now a reality with the retirement of our thirty-year-old huge and heavy John Deere tractor and its replacement with a new gleaming green and yellow lighter model that will help us to tread more lightly in the vineyard, avoiding unnecessary soil compaction. The air-conditioned cab with FM radio, CD player and padded and sprung driver's seat points to many pleasurable farming hours ahead.

One of the neighbours of the GUNDOG ESTATE CELLAR DOOR at Pokolbin in the Hunter Valley, is the now sprawling tourist hotel, Kirkton Park. Kirkton was originally a vineyard planted by entrepreneur James Busby in the 1820s. We all should be eternally grateful to Busby, for it was he who transported to Australia

the 362 grape vine varieties from France and Spain (even though he messed up much of the collection's identifying labels), which would become the foundation of the Australian wine industry. One of Busby's quoted diary sayings is this solace of many a modern vigneron:

"The man who could sit under the shade of his own vine, with his wife and children about him, and the ripe clusters hanging within their reach, in a climate such as this, and not feel the highest enjoyment, is incapable of happiness and does not know what the word means."

Add music in the vines, and increasing action to limit extremes of climate change, and there will be for us all a constant reminder of the pleasures of cultivation.

Geoff Burton

GUNDOG ESTATE Vineyard, Gundaroo.

As this will be the final edition of the Gazette for the year, I would like to thank our hard working editor, and all contributors and readers, best wishes for a safe, loving and joyous Christmas and a fertile and verdant New Year!

I have attached a very simple yet delicious summer salad recipe that really comes into its own each summer season as the Northern Australian mango growers deliver their golden produce to our markets.

Roast Pork and Mango Salad

Serves 2–3

500gms Purchased Chinese roasted pork with crackling, broken into small pieces.

2 large Mangoes, peeled and julienned. (Choose ripe but still firm fruit of a sweet variety like Kensington Pride or Honey Mango).

4 tbs fresh lime juice

3 tbs fish sauce

1 tbs palm sugar

1 tsp sesame oil

2 small red chillies, seeded and finely sliced

2 spring onions, white section finely sliced

1 large green chilli, sliced diagonally

2 tsp small dried prawns, finely chopped

½ cup chopped coriander leaves.

1. Combine lime juice, fish sauce, sesame oil, red chillies and spring onions in a small bowl. Add palm sugar and stir to dissolve. Adjust ingredients to personal taste – it should be sour, hot and salty.

2. Combine pork pieces and mango slices in a larger bowl. Pour over dressing and stir through.

3. Serve in individual bowls garnished with green chilli, dried prawns and coriander.

Bon appetit!



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Bird-watching the easy way

While the recent flash drought this spring has been a problem for many, it has presented some wonderful opportunities to enjoy the weather.

The normally windy spring days were calm and the temperatures were ... temperate. It encouraged our habit of sitting on the terrace at the end of a busy day, a refreshing drink in one hand, and binoculars in the other. The summery cicada sounds and the fragrance of curing grass are one of life's great sensory experiences. From our comfy chairs, we can survey the crowns of two large eucalypts in front of a forested backdrop. The repeated evening ritual has helped us see more of the lives that birds lead than any one fleeting view ever provides.

There have been immature male Rufous Whistlers flying in and out of the canopy – calling, bowing and tail flicking, honing their skills for the next breeding season, when they might have a chance of finding a mate. Initially we mistook them for females, but the weeks of strangely repetitive courting behaviour and the developing signs of male plumage indicated otherwise.

However, most of our attention has been given to the lives of two Black-faced Cuckoo-shrikes. They may have been the same pair that we noted in the same place a couple of years earlier who built a ridiculous-looking nest, barely an indentation on the exposed upper branch of the tree. The birds sat for only a few days when some unknown disaster struck, and they moved on.

These elegant shrikes are notable for their sleek grey plumage, setting off a striking black face. Medium-large birds, with strong aerial athleticism, they can be identified from their distinctive wing-shuffle, which can be seen every time they land on a tree. Their foraging is flexible: invertebrates can be snatched from the air, or gleaned from branches as well as the ground. Like most of our birds, they are summer visitors, heading north for a Queensland winter. Beyond that, there seems to be little written about them, which is often the case for adaptable, common species.

The shrikes build a cobweb-bound saucer of bark. The nest this year is more securely and discreetly positioned in the tree. It is also more substantial in build than the failed one, albeit absurdly small for the size of the parents.

With assiduous parenting, they have done very well, and three vigorous nestlings are being regularly fed and well-protected. Predators are a constant threat to all bush birds, and nestlings are the most vulnerable, particularly these, since they are bulging out of the top of the nest in the open. The parents swap between food gathering and brooding the babies, with only brief moments of conferring between shifts.



A Black-faced Cuckoo Shrike at the nest. They weave cobwebs and plant material to make the nest. The edge of this one can be just seen between the branch and the nestlings.

(Photo credit: Jenny Donald, Atlas of Living Australia.)

In the five days between this paragraph and the previous one, the conditions have switched from severe drought, with the likelihood of food shortage for the young, to the hazards of thunderstorms and heavy rain. Such is the Australian climate. We watched one of the parents form an avian umbrella over the nest during one downpour, barely able to cover its brood.

I can't report on a final result yet, and while flight feathers are evident on the nestlings, and they are moving around a little, they are still to fledge. In any case, the first flight can be easily missed, and parents are likely to move them on to greener pastures as soon as they can fly. If only they would schedule that special event for the next balmy evening.

Protecting a threatened native daisy in Gundaroo

By Susannah Power

Beauty needs to be in the eye of the landholder with this species – at first glance you might mistake it for a weed!

Senecio macrocarpus is a daisy, but maybe not one you would put in your garden as a showpiece.

Despite this, it's still much loved by a dedicated team who have worked hard to protect this rare plant. It's so rare, that it is found only in Gundaroo.

It is due to the planting and propagation efforts from the Gundaroo community, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Saving our Species program and the NSW National Parks and Wildlife that it now has a better chance at survival.



Senecio macrocarpus Image: Libby Lindsay/NPWS

A short video on the 25-year journey to save this species can be found via this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i2a5qD7-b_g

Despite years of challenges – droughts, floods, weeds and more – the team has been able to get the species to grow from an initial four plants to more than 100. These plants now grow in the nearby Mcleods Creek Nature Reserve.



Nationally, major threats to the plant include habitat disturbance and destruction, weed invasion and competition. The species is listed as 'Vulnerable' under the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (1999).



This project is part of a broader woodland restoration program at Mcleods Creek Nature Reserve, which has included the planting of more than 3,000 trees and shrubs, as well as erosion control and weed management.

For further information about *Senecio macrocarpus*, or about the Mcleods Creek Nature Reserve, please contact the NPWS Conservation Officer at susannah.power@environment.nsw.gov.au

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The Blueberry Adventure

By Greg & Nicola Kovacs

Blueberries!

High in antioxidants and even higher in popularity, it was a no brainer that we decided that was the berry for us.

With three fruit obsessed children, we found big grocery store blueberries weren't enough to satiate an appetite. Often watery with very little blueberry taste, they weren't living up to what we remember growing up with. So, uprooting our family of five from a Canberran dwelling, we moved to what is now known as Bluefields Blueberries.

In the mid 2000's with three small children, we decided to start looking for a farm to purchase. Both of us are geologists and with a history in soil science, our focus was to buy a piece of land that would be appropriate to grow the crop. Many real estate agents were thoroughly perturbed by my lack interest in the houses on each property we looked at (you can always change/improve them). Our priority was always to find the right soil.

Many augered holes, soil profiles and testing later and we had found a farm on Dicks Creek Road that had the closest soil requirements for our dream blueberry farm. A farm which we aptly named Bluefields.

Before diving headfirst, we knew we needed to test different varieties before deciding which type of blueberry we would plant. It is harder to amend the soil to fit the plant. It's always better to fit the plant to the soil as once you change, you will need to continue to change your conditions.

We narrowed our options to varieties that are common within Australia and New Zealand and planted them in a small test plot. Two years of TLC later and we picked three varieties that we thought may work on a larger scale.

Remember the millennium drought? We were smack bang in the middle of it. While we were fairly happy with our soil, we tried to plant a green manure crop to improve the organic content of the soil to give the berries their best chance of surviving.

The ground was so dry that this just resulted in more dust being thrown around as we tried to pull a rotary hoe through the paddocks. Unfortunately, the cheap tractor we'd purchased didn't have a great air filter seal and we had to say both goodbye to our first tractor and the green crop after watching seas of cockatoos picking all of the seed from the ground.

Changing tactics, we turned rotting hay bales into the ground to increase our organics. Once satisfied, we bought 400 blueberry plants. But, lo and behold, right before

plantation the drought suddenly broke.

The solid ground that we were preparing turned into a quagmire. It was wet, middle of winter cold and very miserable. But for three kids born during a drought, it was magical.

Dressed in raincoats and gumboots (shoes they loved, but had never really needed), it was an adventure to be sloshing around in the mud, helping put the tiny plants in the ground.

Spring arrived quickly with promising new growth, and we learnt the hard way that cows aren't always the best thing for a farm. Our neighbour's cows had decided these new plants looked particularly delectable and had broken through, levelling our crop to the ground. At this stage we realised that we didn't only need protection from the sky, but also from the ground. And we fenced and then netted the crop. Getting our own Bessie would have to wait.

The break of the initial drought brought rain and lots of flooding. Within the first year we lost 200 blueberry plants due to saturation and other soil issues. We quickly coined the term 'flood days' after finding ourselves stuck between flooded bridges, paddocks and roads. Another adventure for our kids to explore in their muddy boots.

Choosing not to wallow in self-pity, we decided to replant. A naïve choice in hindsight... The new crop struggled and ultimately failed. We later found out it was due to the soil geochemistry. Ironic, given our background in geology!

Despite the loss of crops and difficult circumstances with water supply, soil conditions, pest attacking our crops etc, we decide to expand using our learned experienced to plant another 400 blueberry bushes. At this stage, we'd all grown up a little. The kids now wore bigger gumboots and carted around their own knowledge about the little bushes.

The hard yards paid off and growth was rapid compared to our very first plantation. We were starting to see a turn around!

Trying our luck, we brought our berries to you. During the week (after work and school), we were busy picking the precious fruit from our bushes. From there, the berries were sorted and packed. All seconds were made into jams, sprinkled on top of cereal and crowning our Christmas pavlova. After seeing the unripe or overly ripe berries in the shops, we only wanted to give you our best.

We began to set up at local markets (single table and out of a car fridge). It was exciting to see a label on top of the punnet baskets. Suddenly we were a product! It was no longer a small dream in our head.

We brought our berries to your front door, advertising over Facebook and creating little excel spreadsheets to keep track of each exciting order. We kept our page open all summer, excitedly talking about each new order we got.

It was our favourite part of our journey as we met so many of our local community. We are still so incredibly grateful for the community's belief and love of our dream.

After delivering for a couple of years (by this stage, our 'small' kids were beginning to drive, excited to add to their hours over summertime for deliveries) we decided to try out our luck with blueberry infused honey. This was a journey in its own right. It was exciting and scary to learn how to work with bees. Particularly after Nicola discovered a bee allergy.

Recently, we embarked on a new journey. After almost getting stuck over the Victorian border after a particularly nasty lockdown, we were drove back to Bluefields with an ice-cream van.

After many (albeit delicious) fails, we worked out a recipe and were bringing blueberry ice cream to our markets alongside the berries. We are grateful for the support the community gave us for the new product.

As we emerged from COVID we'd gone back into regular flooding patterns. Dams were flooding and our plants were growing at an exceptional rate. I've used our recovery max tracks more on our lawn mower than I have when taking our 4WD out camping.

Coming out of lockdowns, it truly struck us that we'd been doing this for over 15 years. Our kids had grown up, learning to pursue their own dreams. We were honoured to have our blueberries featured in dishes at the Boathouse, our daughter cooking them up for fancy deserts.

Our son, a student of design, helped us with our new logo, now sprawled across the ice cream van and our other daughter is likely reading over these words, wondering why

she's now mentioned. Word to the wise? Sleep when you can. You can edit in the morning.

With the rain came large yields. Last year we had our biggest season yet and reluctantly decided to open up to the public as a trial for a pick your own berry farm. It was a new adventure for us and threw us out of our comfort zone. Imagine our shock when we had to limit the number of bookings that we were receiving.

That was our turning point and we have now decided to share our magical adventure with you.

This year we have been working steadily to improve the experience, with a public toilet constructed, a shade shed built and picnic tables made from fallen timber on our farm. We have been busy mulching and expanding the crop with another 200 blueberry bushes being planted.

After discovering a patch of soil that wasn't suitable for blueberries (after losing one too many plants), we have planted some raspberry bushes and look forward to seeing how they progress. Mixed results so far, but we are hopeful that with a little persistence, we might see this change. Stay tuned to our social media platforms for updates!

As with our open day trials at the end of last season, this season visitors will need to book again to ensure that we can limit the number of people in the orchard.

We have recently developed our website and launched it, which now allows us to take automated bookings for the season.

Like always, we are a unique mixture of nerves and excitement for this new adventure and we can't wait to share it with you over January and February.

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As most of you will be aware, we're a hidden pizza café/restaurant set back along a tree lined driveway on Cork St. 'Opposite the pub' is the way we usually describe our location to people who've phoned, scratching their heads after driving past us.

Ian Jones started the café in the mid/late 90's to satisfy the caffeine cravings of visitors to his studio gallery and we're currently on the fourth owner of the business (yours truly). But, as they say, we're all just place holders for the next iteration.

Over the years the café has seen the village change and expand a lot, and like other local establishments (such as the pub, the shop, and Grazing), it's a place where you come to know your neighbours, fostering connections that might otherwise have been missed. Some of the best examples of this in my time at the café have been the monthly meetings of community groups (the garden share, the knitting and sewing groups, and ODAM). The greatest moment for me however has been the staff of the cafe.

Staffing at the café is the part of running a small business in a rural community that I find the most difficult. This is not so much due to the limited number of people looking for work, but the notion that someone from our small family will always be moving on.

Most of our cherished staff are local young people, and for the most part they work at the café for a fair portion of their high school careers. I've been lucky enough to have seen some of them through the whole of their tertiary degrees and beyond. For some, it has been at least a half decade relationship seeing some significant milestones, including several highs and lows of their lives.

Many of these work relationships evolve into good friendships and continue after their time at the café ends. For my part, some of my closest and most enduring friendships have come from people I worked with as a teenager at the Cork St café and without which, I would never have crossed paths with otherwise.

It's always a small heartbreak when the weekly contact comes to an end, meaning that news about their lives will now largely be through the voyeuristic filter of social media.

The end of this year sadly marks the end of several of these relationships as people move overseas and start

jobs in their chosen careers as they finish their degrees.

I'm very sorry to be saying farewell to Esther who is heading off to be a nurse, Indi and Sas who will be moving to Indonesia, Josh who's off to study in Hong Kong, as well as a shamefully belated (public) farewell to Georgia, Danielle, and Liz (the gracious editor). I was very, very lucky to have you all.

As with everything, the ending is balanced by a beginning: an influx of new people and an opportunity to make new connections. I am looking forward to looking at the world through someone else's lens for a time and to update my awareness of the slang in popular use with a new cohort.

Which rather circuitously brings me around to the fact that we are currently hiring staff for the café.

Given the number of people on their way out, we're looking for a few people to bulk out our numbers.

There are spots available for people who are looking to start their working life with one or two shifts a week, the only requirement for which is a willingness to learn, and an openness to meeting new people.

We're also looking to fill a role with a larger time commitment (up to 30 hours a week) with a stronger focus on excellent customer service. This role requires someone over 18 years of age who has/is willing to obtain an NSW responsible service of alcohol certificate, is organised and has strong people skills.

The working environment is a close, inclusive, team orientated one and we strongly emphasise the need to support each other and be mindful of each other's strengths and weaknesses. We try to impart a broad variety of skills/experiences to the people that work with us. A euphemism for "everybody does a little bit of everything at some point".

If you're interested, or know of someone who might be, please email corkstcafe@icloud.com for further details.

Editor's Note: I worked at the café for 6.5 years and have formed lifelong friends. I am grateful for the experience offered and continue to talk to my 'work family' on a regular basis. I have since taken a step into a journalistic career but will forever be proud and honoured to have worked at the Cork St Café. Perhaps bias in my recommendation, I would highly commend the café to anyone searching for a job.



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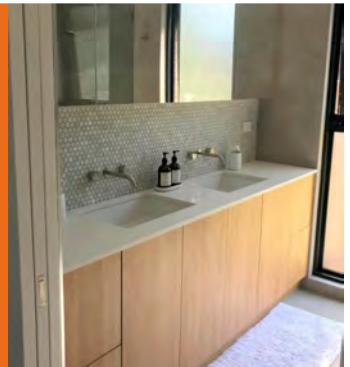
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What a month! In fact, what a couple of months. It feels like the Gundaroo Cub Scouts have been ticking the serving-our-community box with a neon marker these past eight weeks and it's the perfect note on which to end another great year for the group.



The Gundaroo Community Festival saw the scout hall transformed into a quality emporium selling all manner of things, from lawn mowers to bikes, arts and crafts paraphernalia to a couch, a dog kennel, a Martha Stewart-style ladder with cushions elegantly placed on each rung and the list goes on. Cub Scouts and parents were there in fine kettle haggling over prices and a whopping \$400 was taken to help fund equipment and trips for 2024. Unfortunately, the scarecrows the group spent two Tuesdays making didn't hold a flame to the Russell Scarecrows, or the Lou Cerne, but it's not all about winning, is it? Isn't it? Everything sold was donated by members of the community, so thank you.



And thanks to everyone who bought tickets in the November raffle. Apparently, a pub raffle record was broken with a monster \$700 taken by the small group of Cub Scouts that worked the crowd. Incredible stuff. It's one of the few fund-raising initiatives available to the group and we're seriously grateful.

November also saw two new members welcomed into the fold – Hey Dom! Hey Jackson! – but there's always room for more. We meet every Tuesday night from 6:00pm and the hall is just past the amenities block at the oval. If you have any questions about the group please contact Cath at cath.woodward@nsw.scouts.com.au.

For now, being the last Gazette for the year, 1st Gundaroo Cub Scouts would like to thank everyone who's done anything to help over these past 12 months. We hope you all have a wonderful break and we'll see you next year!

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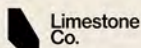
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Gundaroo Cricket Blast

Cricket Blast continues on Friday nights down at the oval. This year has seen a much younger playing group with many new faces (players and parents) getting involved. The sessions have seen continued great numbers and plenty of parents helping out; or just enjoying some 'down time' on the sidelines catching up with other parents and carers for a Friday night winddown. The next Blasters session will return on Friday 12 January.

Gundaroo Junior Cricket

This month has seen some great performances from the Gundaroo Goats U/11s with some impressive wins and a couple of close fought defeats. More importantly, the boys are improving each week, including some great showings in the field, typifying the team effort.

On 28 October the team travelled to Gowrie to take on the Vikings. It was a comprehensive 80 run win to the Goats and a great all-round team performance with all kids contributing with the bat and ball.

On 4 November we went down to the Ginninderra Tigers at home by five runs, in a very close fought contest, but played in the right spirit. Austin Mudie continued his good form with the bat scoring 13, after his impressive 20 week before. Ultimately, it was extras column that let us down, with wides and no-balls costing us, which provides us a few things to work on at training.

On Remembrance Day we travelled to Mawson and took on one of several Marist teams in the competition. This time, Marist Light. It was a big win for the Goats with Max Leeson and Jack Mowen equal top scoring with 21 and Austin Mudie and Lachie Hicks both claiming two wickets.

On 18 November, we hosted the more fancied Marist Team in Marist Navy. It was an extremely close-fought contest that saw Marist score less runs than the Goats (104-106) but ultimately take the victory as they claimed two more wickets. In the U/11 competition teams are awarded four runs for every wicket, which effectively erased our two run lead. A special mention to Russell Geniola for a great effort with the bat (17) and ball (two wickets).

Finally for November we travelled to Narrabundah to take on the Eastlakes Cockatoos. In wet and slippery conditions, the boys managed to control a damp ball and put on a wonderful bowling display that attracted some positive comments from the Eastlakes coach and parents. The Goats were only able to amass 87 in the dreary

conditions but bowled beautifully and came away with a five-run win. Again, a special mention to Russ Geniola who contributed to the runs with Austin Mudie, but also bowled a terrific final over of the game, taking a wicket and restricting the Cockatoos to win the game for the Goats.

Overall, the team is showing great improvement each week in every department. The boys are very engaged in Thursday night trainings, which sees many of the senior Goats take time out to come over from senior training and lend some tips and advice. The first week in December will see both the U/11 and the senior Goats playing on the Gundaroo oval in what will be a full day of cricket in Gundaroo and something for all the cricketers to look forward to.

Gundaroo Senior Goats

The Gundaroo Senior Goats have had a solid start to the summer with an undefeated run through the pre-season, which included rolling Murrumbateman for 47, until a narrow defeat to Yass in the final. A special mention to Junior Goats Lachie Hicks and Russell Geniola, who took part in the preseason competition when required and to Russ who claimed his first senior wicket.

The good form continued into the season proper with a solid away win to Bookham. The Bookham road trip is always a tough one, akin to an Indian tour, however the boys were impressive with the bat, including Toby Gunn notching up his second ton for the Goats and Sean Egan putting together a classy 77 before being run out. There were also several supporting knocks of 20 or 30 odd that took the total to 288.

Toby and Sean carried the batting form with the ball, combining with Mitch Callagher to each take three wickets and bring the Bookham innings to a close just under a 100 runs short of our total. It was a great win for Goats and sets the tone for the season ahead.

A second-round bye now sees the Goats sitting smugly at the top of the Yass Valley ladder with complacency almost a certainty to set in. On a serious note, all the players are looking forward to sharing the home turf with the Jr Goats next round, with many father/son combos in action that day. Tune in February for all the details, including an expose on who's 9-year-old is already better than them. Spoiler alert... there's a few.

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