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Concerns over impact of Sutton growth on Gundaroo

Gundaroo and Sutton residents should work together when responding to Yass Valley Council plans and decisions about land and road developments in and around Sutton, especially in the context of the promised consultations on the proposed review of the Yass Valley Settlement Strategy.

That was an important message offered by Sutton & District Community Association (SDCA) spokesman, Mark Burgess, to the Get-Together of Gundaroo community groups in February.

In describing the several serious concerns SDCA has with Council's recent decisions and proposals, Mr Burgess recognised the impacts on Gundaroo and surrounds – not just current issues with deteriorating road repair, increasing traffic and declining road safety, but also the likelihood that Gundaroo will not escape the 'developer-friendly' pathway Council seems determined to follow.

Some examples Mr Burgess covered at the Get-Together and in subsequent communications with The Gundaroo Gazette are: the Sutton causeway and the streets through Sutton village; road safety around the Bakehouse corner; seriously declining road repair with even the current traffic, let alone future traffic; the 'black spot' junction of Shingle Hill Way with the Federal Highway; and the need for urgent and excellent

planning for the proposed Sutton village by-pass corridor.

Of particular concern to Mr Burgess and the SDCA are proposed residential developments that are not consistent with the 2018 Sutton Master Plan, which became part of the current Yass Valley Settlement Strategy. An example was a proposal for 193 house lots on 'the old Brinkmeyer land' on either side of East Tallagandra Lane near Sutton Road, endorsed by Council at its meeting on 26 February without consultation and contrary to the Settlement Strategy. Another is a proposal by developer Village Building Co to develop a 'mini-Googong' on East Tallagandra Lane closer to Mulligans Flat Road.

GCA happy to work together

The Gundaroo Community Association has also expressed concern about the proposed housing developments. A spokesperson for GCA said while the Sutton developments may not affect Gundaroo residents directly, the potential increase in traffic across the Sutton causeway and along Sutton Road and the detrimental effect this will have on our roads will be felt by both Sutton and Gundaroo.

GCA's concern included the decision by Council to endorse and forward the Guise Street development to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces to request a Gateway

determination. The Gateway process is a procedural one, seeking State level endorsement before returning to Council or a Local Planning Panel for final DA approval after community consultation and assessment. The GCA feels that, based on the results of previous determinations, this decision most likely means this development will be approved.

A spokesperson for GCA said that, according to the Council's documents, "The Planning Proposal is consistent with the Yass Valley Settlement Strategy and the Sutton Masterplan, in that the site has been identified (in part) as suitable for rezoning and additional development". Water and (Cont. on p 2)

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Local News

(From page 1) sewer services won't be available to the site, so there are also concerns about the impact that on-site water capture and effluent disposal will have on vulnerable groundwater.

The spokesperson said while the development may not initially appear to affect Gundaroo residents, the Guise Street lots will connect with Majura and Sutton roads, increasing the traffic on both these roads and the Sutton causeway, an outcome that will undoubtedly be felt by Gundaroo residents.

The Council Agenda from 26 February also notes that "...while Murrumbateman and Yass are the primary focus areas for growth within the Yass Valley, there is an increasing desire for the areas closer to the ACT to provide large-lot living in a rural environment. The 'Y Plan' recognises the role of Sutton and Gundaroo in providing for this type of alternate housing typology."

With all this development in mind, the GCA believed it was time to review Gundaroo's existing Master Plan before any similar developments are proposed for the area and working with the SDCA would be a good strategy. Council is currently reviewing the current Settlement Strategy, a process that's expected to take about 18 months.

Note: More about SDCA's concerns and its dissatisfaction with Council's actions are explained in detail in the March edition of The Sutton Chatter which is available at Gundaroo and Sutton post offices. It can also be found on its Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1DigG3J5EB/>.

What your Gundaroo Community Association Inc. (GCA) has been up to...

Your GCA hit the year running with a successful evening Get-Together for the community groups in Gundaroo. The event attracted more than 30 people representing more than 20 local groups. Four Yass Valley Councillors attended – Mayor Jasmin Jones, Cecil Burgess, Adrian Cameron and Al Charry. State MP Wendy Tuckerman was a late apology.

The night enabled the different groups to share their plans for 2026 and raise the challenges they were experiencing. All groups indicated that finding funding and volunteers were their two main challenges. If you're not already doing so, please consider volunteering with one of our wonderful community groups, even if it's only for a few hours each month.

A highlight of the evening was watching Phil Gaden be presented with his award for Yass Valley's Citizen of the Year by Mayor Jones and Cr Burgess. Phil missed the presentations on Australia Day as he was called out to a fire, so it was terrific to see him receive this well-deserved recognition of all he does for our community.

Annual General Meeting

On Monday 23 March the GCA will be holding its Annual General Meeting. All Gundaroo residents are invited and encouraged to attend. If you'd like to join the GCA Committee, please contact GCA@gundaroo.org and we'll send you a nomination form. Your committee works very hard on behalf of our community, but we have a lot of fun in the process. We've also started the very exciting task of preparing for the Gundaroo

Community Festival and as always, would welcome more volunteers to help with this event.

Until next month,
Sue Farnham

Secretary, Gundaroo Community Association Inc. (GCA)



Phil Gaden receives his "Citizen of the Year" award from Mayor Jasmin Jones and Cr Cecil Burgess



A good number of Gundaroo's community groups turned out for the GCA Get-Together at the Hall.

Welcome to Gundaroo Pharmacy

As many of you already know, Gundaroo now has a local pharmacy operating Mondays to Fridays, 9.00am to 5.00pm. We're located at 56 Cork St at the front of The Nest and right next door to the Gundaroo Grocer.

Meet your new pharmacists - one's a local.

Your new pharmacists are Harriet Wright and Abin Alex. Harriet works Monday to Thursday and Abin will be the pharmacist on Fridays. As Abin has just joined the team, further information about him (Cont. p3) (From p2) will follow.

Harriet has been a community pharmacist for many years, having owned Gulgong Dispensary in central west NSW for 20 years. She and her husband Andrew retired to Gundaroo three years ago and live locally. Andrew is the secretary of the Gundaroo Men's Shed. Most recently, Harriet was working in Queanbeyan Pharmacy.



Gundaroo Pharmacy is a sister store to Sutton Pharmacy Plus, where many Gundaroo residents have been getting their prescriptions from Izzy for years. Although we're not directly connected to Sutton's computers, we've benefited from their knowledge of you all, and the stores are owned by the same people. We've ordered a lot of new stock and hope to see you in the shop over the next few weeks. If there is anything you'd particularly like to have stocked in the pharmacy, please let us know so we can try to accommodate your needs. During these opening weeks, please be patient as we may need to order some of your medications – orders usually arrive in the mid-afternoon of the following day after they're placed.

We're looking forward to introducing a regular column on health care into the Gazette. If you have any suggestions for topics that may interest you, please come into the pharmacy and let us know.

Please feel free to come in and say hello and have a chat about how we

can help you. Over time we hope to deliver more services, including vaccinations and other pharmacy-related services that are needed in the community.

Looking forward to meeting you all over the next few weeks.

Harriet and Abin
Gundaroo Pharmacy

(See Advertisement on page 19)

Questions asked about Springdale Solar Farm progress

A series of Questions with Notice related to the Springdale Solar Farm on Tallagandra Lane near Sutton have been lodged with the Yass Valley Council for its March meeting. The questions were lodged by Councillor Al Charry following concerns about progress on the project which was conditionally approved in 2021, despite strong opposition from Sutton residents.


The Gundaroo Community Association has also expressed its concerns particularly about a significant increase in traffic on local roads especially in the construction phase.

The questions relate to:

- commencement dates for the large-scale project;
- the current status of a Traffic Management Plan and asking if there'll be heavy vehicle movements through Sutton village during the pre-construction phase;
- what baseline road condition assessments have been undertaken in consultation with Council prior to pre-construction

activity, and what's Council's role in monitoring road safety impacts within Sutton village;

- what mechanisms are in place for residents to raise concerns about traffic, road safety, dust or access impacts, and what's Council's role in escalating concerns to DPHI;
- when does the Springdale Solar Farm Voluntary Planning Agreement between the proponent and Council start and when are contributions expected to commence, and how is environmental protection of local waterways addressed in the consent conditions?



Gundaroo Community Association Inc. (GCA)

**NOTICE
of
ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING**

Monday 23rd March 2026
7pm
Soldiers' Memorial Hall
Cork St Gundaroo
All Gundaroo residents welcome



**COMMUNITY EVENT
SEAFOOD FEAST
GOOD FRIDAY 3rd APRIL
GUNDAROO SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL**

11am to late

This is a not-for-profit event run by members of our local community for the Gundaroo community.

Come on down and connect with old friends and make some new ones.

All day seafood grazing with a plethora of salads.

\$130.00 per head (cash only)

Children under 14 free

Tickets are limited so get in early to avoid disappointment. Payments can be made at the Gundaroo Grocer.

BYO drinks

Soft drinks and water will be available for sale at a nominal price.

Numbers and full payment will be required by March 13.

ENTERTAINMENT

Provided by YOU!

Bring along your instruments, have a jam session, sing a few tunes or create a sing-a-long for everybody to join in. Ohhh the possibilities!

Karaoke will also be provided (good idea???) We'll see 😊

RSVP/Contact: Henry (Herbie) Puth 0411 122 518 / henryputh@gmail.com
Conny Schoevers 0401 838 851 / cschoevers2@gmail.com

Noticeboard

Yass Valley Council

What's On at Yass Valley Council

Water restrictions

Yass Valley Council has introduced level one water restrictions across the Yass Valley from Wednesday 25 February, following continued low rainfall, hot, dry conditions and dropping dam levels. They apply to the Yass town and the village areas of Murrumbateman, Bowning and Binalong. For information on the restrictions go to [Water Supply Restrictions Policy](#).

Update On 'Your Voice Counts'

Tree Management Strategy – help our consultants understand the values of the Yass Valley community with regard to trees.

Seniors Week Festival

Running from 2 to 13 March 2026, the festival celebrates connection and wellbeing with trips to Wee Jasper Distillery, Peter Minson glass blowing, a Royal Military College band performance, floral art, movies and wellbeing talks. Book online.

The Safe Weight Project

Saturday 28 March - Yass Valley Council, in partnership with The Right Weigh Mobile Weighing Service, is offering a sponsored weigh-in day to help ensure your vehicle and caravan are safe, balanced, and road legal. Bookings are essential via therightweigh.com.au.

Recruiting Campaign

With our recruiting campaign under way, keep an eye on the website (careers section) and Facebook for all our latest job vacancies. Please share our recruiting posts on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn with interested friends, groups and colleagues!

Yass Library Activities

Friday Flicks: Seniors Week Classic Movie Screening – *Casablanca* on Friday 6 March at 10.30am at Yass Valley Library

Pre-School Programs – Are back for 2026: *Wriggle and Rhyme*, 10am on Wednesdays and *Pre-School Storytime*, 10.30am on Mondays (during school term).

Contact Us

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Follow us on Facebook for latest updates.

From the Desk

Again, a busy month in Gundaroo. The GCA Get-Together for community groups was a great success with representatives from more than 20 groups sharing their plans, ideas and needs. Two shared by all were the need for volunteers and funding. As someone who's volunteered in about a dozen different community groups in the village over the past 50 years I can honestly say it's a great thing to do. You get to meet people, know how the place operates, have a say in what happens and get a lot of those things done. At the same time it helps everybody and keeps the village and its community thriving. And it gives all of us permission to call it "our" village. Funding's always an issue and it's really only achievable with the support, skills and hard work of our volunteers through grant applications and exceptional and clever fundraising ideas and events.

The Get-Together also provided a heads up about some potential issues connecting us to our neighbours in Sutton with concerns about traffic and road safety issues associated with large new developments around that village and what appears to be the start of construction of the Springdale Solar Farm. It also raised the issue of the overarching review of the Yass Valley Settlement Strategy by Yass Valley Council.

We have AGMs for the Gundaroo Community Association and the Common Trust coming up and a couple of events both involving excellent food – the Festival of Small Halls concert and meal (menu on page 17) and the Community Seafood Feast (ad in Local News).

Finally, the Gundaroo & District Historical Society's short historical film and meet the committee night at the Hall (see page 17 for more information) features some familiar (but very much younger) local faces from the 1970s and 1980s.

Cuppa Time Gundaroo

You are invited to Cuppa Time to catch up with friends or meet new people. Young and old, all are welcome. If you need a lift let us know.

Cuppa Time is on the fourth Wednesday of the month between 1.30-3.30pm. This coincides with the Yass Valley Mobile Library van.

Tea, coffee, freshly baked scones and locally-made jam will be available. There is no fixed charge but donations will be accepted.

Cuppa Time is just like the Biggest Morning Tea without the fundraising, just for social contact and community building. Let Colin Lee know at info@gundaroorohall.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.

Gundaroo Sewing Group

2nd Sunday of every month from 3pm at
Cork Street Cafe.

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

Produce Share Group

Held by the Gundaroo Growers group every 1st Sunday
of the month from 3-4pm
at Gundaroo Soldiers' Memorial Hall.

Knitters and Crocheters

Join us for a social knit/crochet

Where: Cork Street Cafe

When: 3rd Sunday of each month at 3pm
Meet others, enjoy a cuppa, work on your
knitting/crochet/fibre project, share your skills and knowledge.



Sutton Sew n Sews
Creating, Connecting & Inspiring Together

Sutton Sew n Sews warmly welcomes you to join our friendly local craft group.

Come and be inspired as we share our love of quilting, crochet, knitting, patchwork, embroidery and more.

Whether you're experienced, just starting out, or simply curious, there's a place for you at our table.

Enjoy a cuppa, a chat, and the wonderful company of like-minded creatives in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. It's a great opportunity to learn new skills, share ideas, and make lasting friendships.

St Peter's Anglican Church Hall, Sutton

Second and fourth Wednesday of each month
(Please note: January dates may vary)

9.30am – 12.00pm

For further information, we would love to hear from you:
Therese Kershaw
0428 857 634

Come along – bring your craft, your creativity, and your smile.
We can't wait to welcome you! ❤️



Gundaroo Playgroup

Are you the parent/carer of an under 5yo?

Come along to Gundaroo Public School's
playgroup - *Little Explorers Program!*

**A free playgroup held weekly in school term
at the Gundaroo School**

Thursdays 9:00am-10:30am

Come grow the Gundaroo and surround network of parents and carers of before school-aged children, and forge the friendships of the future where your kids may experience their first day of school. When it's warm we meet at the school playground, in cold or wet weather we are warm and dry in the Gundaroo Outside of School Hours (GOSH) room.

Please join us and make new friends – parents/carers and kids alike! All babies and kids 0-5 welcome.

For more information, contact:

Anthony 0425363471

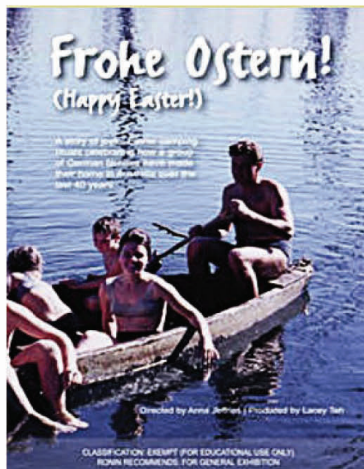
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Find us on Facebook: Gundaroo and surrounds playgroup - Little Explorers Program

Gundaroo Film Society

Saturday 21 March 2026, Gundaroo Hall



Frohe Ostern! Happy Easter!

Four generations of German immigrants camp every Easter on the Murray River.

Australian short film (32m)

Screens at 7pm

What we did on our holiday

A family heads to Granddad's big 75th-birthday party at an uncle's estate in rural Scotland. The parents are separated and hope their 3 kids won't mention it. The kids love, can talk with, & would do anything for Granddad. (1hr35m)



Screens at 8pm

Doors open at 6pm

BYO meals and drinks including glasses; Tea and coffee provided; Ice-creams available for \$5 at intermission

Due to our copyright obligations we have rigorous membership and attendance rules.

Members or guests of members must be 18+years old to attend. Yearly membership is \$55/per person.

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Gundaroo Rural Fire Brigade

SHINGLE HILL WAY, FEDERAL HIGHWAY, BUNGENDORE ROAD intersection

The Gundaroo RFS has been agitating, for two years now, for something to be done about this dangerous intersection. Congratulations to the Gundaroo RFS committee for organising and co-ordinating an on-site meeting with representatives from the 3 jurisdictions.

On Monday, 2nd February, 21 people including the NSW Police, Transport for NSW, Yass Valley and Queanbeyan Palerang shire councils, Wamboin RFS and Gundaroo RFS met on the Shingle Hill site originally put aside for a flyover. Congratulations to our Captain, David Robinson, for addressing our concerns to the people who met there, to Danny O'Brien who collected all the statistics and to Deidre Robinson, our Secretary, for co-ordinating the meeting. A myriad of problems were discussed. Both Yass Valley Mayor, Jasmin Jones, and Queanbeyan Palerang Mayor, Kenrick Winchester were very supportive. Jasmin Jones thanked our brigade for all our work on this issue.

The outcome was positive, although there are many challenges on both sides of the highway. Transport for NSW is going to erect cameras so that problems with vehicle movements can be identified. This could take 6 months. Other suggestions were: *speed limits reduced to 80km, on the approach to the highway, on either side, *80km on Shingle Hill Way and Bungendore Roads, *moving Shingle Hill exit to create better visibility for entering the highway and navigating across to the middle, *ripple strips, *improved signage, *new stop signs and *correct drainage.

December and January activities:

- **Callouts:** 4 MVAs, 7 Fires, 1 Ambulance Assist.
- **Strike team requests** (to assist in other jurisdictions): 4
- **January standups for quick response:** 5 (Members volunteer to sit in our fire shed, all day in extreme heat, in case of an emergency.) The response from our volunteers was brilliant! For each stand up we received from **10 to 18** volunteers. Extraordinary service to our community!



💰 Support Your Local Brigade

Want to help but can't volunteer? Donations over \$2 are **tax-deductible**, and help us maintain our equipment and support training. Your support helps keep our community safe—thank you! You can donate: at our pub raffles, by dropping spare change into the firefighter's hat at the shop, or by emailing gundarooofs@gmail.com for our bank details.

🔥 Burn Notifications & Fire Permits

We are now in the **Fire Season**, so you will need a fire permit, so please check via the Fire Permit Application information in the [NSW RFS Guardian Portal](#).

🌐 **Online:** https://nswrfsprod.service-now.com/guardian_csp?id=guardian_index

☎ **Yass Fire Control: 6226 3100** (Mon-Fri, business hours).

Stay fire-safe and always follow the conditions of your permit.



Gundaroo Public School News

The recent meeting of Gundaroo community groups highlighted the vital role local volunteer organisations play in enriching learning and fostering a strong sense of belonging for our community and our students. Students benefit from hands-on experiences in beautiful community spaces, support from groups such as the Rural Fire Service, Men’s Shed, Historical Society, and access to the community through activities and events including sports, Scouts and Cuppa Time gatherings that deepen their connection to local history and the community. As a school we remain committed to nurturing the next generation of volunteers and look forward to continued collaboration throughout 2026.

2026 School Captains

Welcome to our inspiring new student leaders for 2026.

Seamus: I am one of your school captains for 2026. I am really sorry that I can’t put lemonade in the bubblers, but I will be really kind to everyone and help my peers to also be kind to everyone else.

Finn: I am one of this year’s school captains. My goal as school captain is helping around the school by taking on extra responsibilities.

Tyler: I am your vice-captain this year. As a leader I want to encourage my peers to build their confidence to be leaders and take on leadership roles.

Cai: As one of the new school leaders, I want to make sure there are lots of events in 2026 for our younger students.



Sustainability and Gardening

Sustainability is an important focus at Gundaroo Public School, with our garden providing meaningful, hands-on learning for students. Through planting, caring for and harvesting produce, children develop an understanding of environmental responsibility, food sources, and sustainable practices in authentic ways. Our students work alongside Laura each week to explore, care for and maintain the garden, building skills and pride in their shared space. We look forward to strengthening connections with the community through our market garden, creating opportunities to share produce, knowledge, and sustainable practices together.

Cricket



This term, students at Gundaroo Public School have been enjoying cricket lessons that build fundamental movement skills, teamwork and confidence. With many of our students involved in the Gundaroo Goats community, these sessions strengthen connections between school and local sport while encouraging active, healthy lifestyles.

Bungendore High School Buzz

The start of the school year has been filled with energy, enthusiasm and wonderful opportunities for our students to connect and shine.

Year 7 headed off to Birrigai Outdoor School for a fantastic day of teamwork and fun. They challenged themselves by moving beyond their comfort zones and working collaboratively to solve problems and reach new heights. The crate climb was a stand-out activity that required excellent communication between the climbers and the building crew working on the ground.

Two days later the whole school headed off to Dickson pool for our school swimming carnival. It was fabulous to see so many students participating and showcasing their talents in the house swim events. We were thrilled to witness the enthusiasm and sportsmanship displayed by all our swimmers and congratulate the age champions and the winning house, Mulloon.

These events have set a positive tone for the year ahead, highlighting the spirit, resilience and strong sense of community that make our school such a special place.



New Owner of Gunning Butcher Shop

The popular and successful Gunning Butcher Shop changed hands this week. After eight years Aaron Williams, partner Kate and their girls are moving on and new owner Haylee Laidely, partner Jacob and their boys have taken over. Haylee's been a butcher for more than 10 years, lived in the area for the past five and had done shifts in the shop last year. Aaron said the shop needed to stay in the hands of someone who cared about quality, customers, and the community. As an outstanding butcher, Haylee was the right person with her attention to detail, customer focus and years of experience both in-store and on-farm. Aaron is moving into TAFE-level teaching supporting apprentices.



2-15 March 2026

NSW Seniors Festival

NSW Government & Yass Valley Council
Exploring Together in Colour
2026 Seniors Outings

MON 2 **JUNEE LICORICE & CHOCOLATE FACTORY BUS TRIP**
Join us for a relaxing day out to the famous Junee Licorice & Chocolate Factory. Bus transport, lunch and tour included. **9:30 AM TO 4:00 PM**

THU 5 **PETER MINSON ART GLASS & DEMONSTRATION**
Enjoy a fascinating glassblowing demonstration by local artist Peter Minson, a third-generation glassblower. An opportunity to support local artistry, learn about traditional craft and enjoy morning tea. Transport to Bunding is not included. **10:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

THU 5 **NSW HEALTHY AGEING TALK @ YASS VALLEY LIBRARY**
This event features a welcome morning tea, an introduction to the Active and Healthy NSW website, a presentation on falls prevention and a Q&A session. **11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**

FRI 6 **CLASSIC MOVIE @ YASS VALLEY LIBRARY**
Join your friends at the Yass Valley Library to celebrate Seniors Week with a legendary classic film featuring the iconic line, "Here's looking at you kid". No bookings required. **10:30 AM**

WED 11 **ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE BAND PERFORMANCE**
Experience a live concert by the Canberra 30-piece Royal Military College Band performing at the Soldiers Memorial Hall in Yass. Enjoy this impressive musical program in a comfortable indoor venue, followed by lunch. **11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

THU 12 **ACRYLIC FLORAL WORKSHOP @ YASS VALLEY LIBRARY**
Have fun at our special Seniors Week acrylic painting workshop to explore new techniques and paint your very own floral masterpiece. **1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

FRI 13 **WEE JASPER DISTILLERY BUS TRIP**
Visit the Wee Jasper Distillery and experience a guided tour of the distillery, offering insight into the distilling process, followed by lunch. Transport via bus is included. **10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL. DUE TO POPULARITY TICKETS ARE LIMITED
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In Your Garden - Recharge Your Soil

By Lisa Walmsley

Everyone loves autumn: the air is crisper, the leaves are vibrant and it's the perfect time to give your garden soil an update. The work you do on your soil now will reap rewards when spring hits. Protect it through winter and help preserve all the nutrients and microorganisms your plants require to thrive. It acts like a winter coat - keeping it warm and nourished so it's ready to go when the weather warms up.

Test your soil

It's always worth testing your soil first - have a look at what you have. I like to put mine under the microscope. That way I can see exactly what's going on, but a simple soil pH test is a good place to start. Also look at the state of your plants: are they doing well, are they stunted or yellowing? These are signs that the soil is not quite right.

Organic matter

Organic matter is critical for soil health - adding compost usually helps. Compost is a soil conditioner, a multivitamin - it improves the structure, boosts soil biology and beneficial microbial activity and adds nutrients.

Compost

If you don't have your own compost most landscaping yards will have some, but if you have space it's great to make your own. Don't forget to collect your deciduous leaves every year - store them on a pallet in a wire basket. It turns into the most magic soil. Don't forget all your spent plants - corn stalks, finished veg etc will feed your soil. Cut them into smaller chunks and mix them through the top layer of soil or dig a trench and bury the scraps. When burying moist waste ('greens') and to prevent the soil from going soggy and smelly, it's important to balance with 'browns' such as shredded leaves, straw or even torn cardboard. This will help keep odours down and assist in scraps decomposing evenly.

Cover crops

Cover crops are proving to be advantageous. Plants in the ground during winter dormancy keep rebuilding the soil, loosen compacted spots and create channels for water penetration. The cover crop can become compost and feeds your next round of veg or plants. At this time I also like to add worm castings or my brew of organic tea or extract to enhance the critters in the soil.

Mulch

Once the work's done on the soil, top up the mulch. This will insulate the soil, retaining moisture and protecting soil biology during the winter months.

Taking the time to recharge your soil sets you up for a great spring and gives your garden the best start for the rest of the year.

Finally, as you wrap up for the season, keep an eye on the soil moisture. You don't want your beds 'going to bed' for winter dry and thirsty.

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Indumentum

A compendium of cuckoos

My mother was very fond of cuckoo clocks, and the best of them did a very good job of imitating the widespread European bird known generically as the “Cuckoo”, as I was later to find out when visiting France. There are actually two species there, but even so, the diversity is paltry compared to Australia’s dozen. The Yass Valley does not do badly either – we have recorded seven species on Gang Gang.

Three species have been frequently recorded as they come for the summer and breed here: the Pallid, the Brush, and the Shining Bronze-cuckoo. The other four are sporadic visitors. Horsfield’s Bronze-cuckoos more commonly inhabit dry country, while the Fan-tailed Cuckoo likes it a bit wetter. The other two – the Koel and the Channel-billed Cuckoo – mainly eat fruit, and are more common in rainforest and gardens.

What the seven local cuckoos have in common is that they are brood parasites, meaning that they lay their eggs in other birds’ nests. The hatched cuckoos shoulder out any other eggs or nestlings so that the duped host parents can focus on raising one rapaciously hungry baby. Although potential hosts will try to chase away the cuckoos they see, once the eggs are laid and the cuckoos leave them alone, parental instincts kick in and the hosts respond to the begging calls.

Larger cuckoos tend to parasitize larger birds. The Channel-bill is the largest cuckoo in the world and it picks on currawongs, magpies and ravens. Our three local breeders work on the thornbills, gerygones, wrens, flycatchers, robins and honeyeaters. The weight of the cuckoo tends to be larger than that of its matching host, which can lead to the ridiculous sight of a tiny bird parenting a huge one. I would guess that this enables the stronger nestling to eject the true children from their home.

Astonishingly, apart from the fruit lover, all other five local species have an inordinate fondness for hairy caterpillars. Urk! Their babies do not get to choose. The other day I saw a honeyeater catch a dragonfly in mid-air and stuff it down the throat of what was likely a Shining-bronze fledgling, whose loud insistent call could not be ignored.



Brown thornbill feeding a fledgling cuckoo.
(Photo: Derek Midgley)

As cuckoos need to sneak around looking for new nests, they are not always easy to see and can be detected most easily by their calls, which are quite loud, and signal their arrival in spring from northern Australia (Pallid) and New Guinea (Brush and Shining).

Arrival times are slightly staggered starting with the Pallid earliest (August-Sept), the Shining in Sept-Oct and the Brush Cuckoo turning up in October-Nov. I guess the latter two have further to travel. I get quite excited to hear the first call of each of these species. Calling goes through to mid-summer and then tapers off. They do not hang around to teach the fledglings how to be a cuckoo, the babies have to sort it out themselves using a mix of innate behaviour and physical recognition of other cuckoos.

The call of the Koel, which although evocative, is slightly less charming when it goes on all night. Sleep deprivation caused by Koels is not a happy situation. Annoyed Gundaroo citizens could do well to control the Privets, Cotoneasters and other fruit bearing weeds in the village. Protecting fruiting trees and berries would also be a factor, though it needs to be done properly. Draping mesh loosely over trees does not work and kills birds and reptiles.

The Channel-billed Cuckoo is another matter. They only call in passing, but when they do, the entire landscape resonates with the noise, which is other-worldly and worth listening to if you have not heard it before. Suffice to say, we have nicknamed it the “screaming chicken bird”.

Sue McIntyre

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Direct Seeding Knowledge Exchange at Gundaroo

The Yass Area Network (YAN) of Landcare groups recently conducted an event in Gundaroo to consider ways to scale up YAN's native landscape restoration work through direct seeding. Topics included: the benefits and downsides of direct seeding over hand-planting tubestock; what seed mixes and species are useful, and what is involved in longer term monitoring, maintenance and benefits of species grown via direct seeding.

Several YAN nursery groups currently produce more than 15,000 tubestock of native, local provenance species every year, including 40 specially selected climate-ready species, but more could be achieved if direct seeding was adopted. Direct seeding requires much less labour, energy and water use, can cover many more hectares than hand planting of tubestock, and appears to produce healthier plants.

The group included regional 'doyens' of the small, but expanding direct seeding industry, Tom Deery, Tom Reid and Gary Armour. Other native landscape restoration specialists such as Sue McIntyre, Owen Whittaker, Alison Elvin, John Storey, Kath McGuirk, Gill Hall and a small team from Environmental Restoration Design and Planning in Canberra were also present. And lastly local property owners who have benefited from direct seeding work were gathered to give their feedback.

Some of the group attended a field trip in the afternoon to Ambrosia Park on Gundaroo Road where more than 10 kilometres of direct seeding over 10 years ago has resulted in many benefits to this mixed horse and cattle property.

Held on Friday 20 February in the Soldiers' Memorial Hall, the event was set up and run by the YAN coordinator, Sarah McGrath, Gunning Landcare Climate Ready project manager, Sonya Duus, and Boorowa Landcare Coordinator, Paul Cavanagh.

For more information about direct seeding or about your local Landcare group, email Sarah McGrath at coordinator@yan.org.au.



Organisers of the Direct Seeding event in Gundaroo Sonya Duus, Paul Cavanagh, Sarah McGrath.



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An Exhibition by Lia Kemmis

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Cork Street Café and Gallery Gundaroo

It was a hot afternoon on Saturday 21 February when the Cork Street Café and Gallery hosted its first exhibition of the 2026 season. Apart from being the first show, this was a special event for other reasons. The relatively new air conditioning unit made the sultry weather bearable, and thanks to Phil Evans we now have a new hanging system with built-in reliability and flexibility.

Special thanks goes to Cassie Simakoff-Ellims as well for facilitating and funding the installation. The gallery can now become somewhat more ambitious in its presentation.

Lia Kemmis is a local Gunning artist. Her exhibition focuses on the Café and Gallery's historical roots as the stables of the colonial constabulary in its law and justice context: police station, lockup, stables and the adjacent courthouse (now St Mark's Anglican Church).

Lia conceptualises the building complex and its setting in a deeply environmental way, considering the physical, psychological and social impact of the constabulary and their horses. Hers is a visual exploration of what's above the ground and what's under the ground; of living close to nature. Over time, the stables become a café, with its plates, food preparations and service; phases of the moon appear and the plates turn to planets and there are long-legged aliens. How many questions are raised? Can we answer them? It's worth spending some time looking at the work, breathing it in and deciding if you can. It's a body of work that challenges.

In her own words, Lia writes, 'An exhibition that takes inspiration from the textures, colours, shapes and objects – literal and conceptual – of a former police horse stable that has been converted into a café/gallery. A space where humans and horses have lived and died – nourishing, contributing to, and forever changing, the local landscape – activity silently overseen by trees, sky, and soil.' An exploration of the communication between life forms, forms of language through time and space, what is translatable and what becomes alien.

In person, she says much more. Lia will be giving an artist talk on Saturday, 7 March between 3:30-5:00pm at the Café and Gallery. All are welcome.

Nino Bellantonio
Curator, Cork Street Café and Gallery



Lia and her artwork 'Communication from the birds - a storm is coming'

Horses on a ceramic plate



Koala Stew – Poetry at the Pub

Put it in your diary: Wednesday April 8, 19:00 – poetry returns to the Gundaroo pub.

Plenty of time to put pen to paper for that poem you've always wanted to write, or to search the memory for an old favourite; the more modern might search Google.

You will be made welcome, encouraged and applauded. Many a chuckle will be interspersed with tears and wonder.

The plot is simple, put your name into the bucket of poets and our hosts will pick names out at random. The hosts will break the ice and have a few up their sleeves to fill the gaps, but mostly we want you to come along and give us your beautiful words.

Of course, you can just come along and listen; perhaps you'll be inspired for next time.

If you plan to eat at the pub prior, which I recommend, be sure to book nice and early to help them prepare. Book an early time too so that you can give your full attention to the joy of poetry from 19:00.

Koala Stew is part of the GCA Arts and Culture Subcommittee's Tuesday Talk Fest, for more Talk Fest events keep an eye on www.facebook.com/gundarooartsculture.

Any questions or suggestions welcome, otherwise, see you on the 8th with your poems.

Nick Drew

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Gundaroo & District Historical Society

Festival of Small Halls returning to Gundaroo

The Gundaroo Soldiers Memorial Hall is excited to announce that it will host the Festival of Small Halls on Sunday, 12th April 2026 featuring Joe H Henry, Canadian Blues and roots artist; Tullara, an extraordinary folk singer/singer writer and guitarist from Queensland, and Gundaroo's very own Matt Richards on the mandocello.

Tickets cost \$35 for an adult or \$25 for concession card holders and can be booked at <https://festivalofsmallhalls.com/gundaroo-2026/>.

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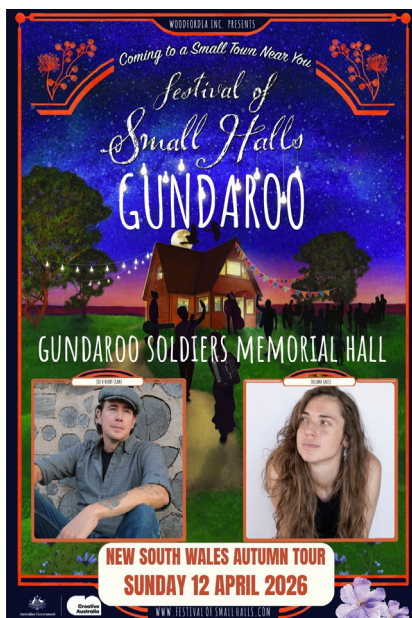
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Meals must be pre-booked and paid for by 9 April. Email your order to info@gundaroohall.org.au. For any special dietary requirements please let us know and we will tell you if we can cope.

Drinks: Gundog Estate will be selling wines, beers and soft drinks.

Doors open at 6.00pm and performances commence at 7.00pm.



Local musician Matt Richards is also performing at the concert

A bit of Gundaroo history on film – screening March 25

The Gundaroo & District Historical Society is holding a short historical film night at the Gundaroo Soldiers' Memorial Hall on the 25th of March starting at 7:00pm.

There'll be five short films and pieces of film altogether dating from the 1970s and 1980s. They include the entire ABC "Big Country" documentary on Gundaroo's Prickle Farm from 1982. The Prickle Farm was written by Mike Hayes shortly after he and partner Janet moved to Gundaroo. It started as a regular segment on ABC's "Australia All Over" radio program on Sunday mornings and went on to become a series of very funny books about him, his family and the people around him, especially those in Gundaroo. ABC journalist, raconteur, musician and all-round nice guy Mike was one of what another local called the 'Three Ms' who put Gundaroo on the map – the other two being Matt Crowe from the Wine Bar and Ron Murray from the Gundaroo Pub.

Other film pieces include one for children shot in Gundaroo by Capital Seven TV host Karen Barlow and featuring a gorilla, and another promoting an early art exhibition in a gallery in the Caledonia Store.

The films were collected by Society committee member Andrew Martin. The screening will take about 40 minutes followed by a cuppa. We'll also have a small collection of other memorabilia on show. Come and watch the show, meet the committee and have a chat about what the Society does.



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War Memorial Refurbishment Completed

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Originally dedicated to those who served in WW1, the memorial came to represent the service of Gundaroo residents across later conflicts and periods of national service. Dawn services, wreath-laying ceremonies and community gatherings have continued at the site across generations.

Work has been carried out at various points over the years to maintain and update the memorial. These include refurbishment around 1980, work in 2005–06 incorporating the recognition of later service, and landscaping and other improvements around 2017.

By the mid-2020s the effects of age and exposure had again become evident and this led to the recent work including a new stone fascia, a handrail and steps to improve safety and access and new plantings to enhance the setting.

The memorial once again presents as a dignified centrepiece for Gundaroo with the first ceremony to be held being the ANZAC Day dawn service on 25 April 2026.

The Memorials' Sub-Committee extends its sincere thanks to the many individuals and organisations everyone involved in bringing the project to completion. The \$15,000 refurbishment was done by local Tom Ramsey of RamCat Landscaping Constructions, with government grant funding of \$10,000 secured by Sue Farnham and provided through Wendy Tuckerman MP, a \$1,000 contribution from the Gundaroo Community Association and the remainder raised by the wonderful Gundaroo community through raffles and donations.

The Committee's fundraising continues with this year's raffle at the Gundaroo Inn on 24 April 2026. We encourage you to attend the event and lend your support so that ongoing maintenance and future improvements can continue.

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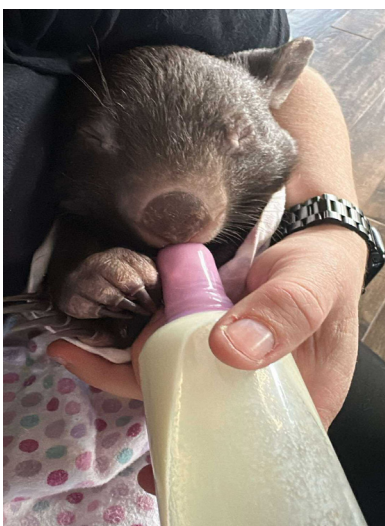
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After a long summer holiday doing needlepoint and revising their times tables, the Scouts hit the ground running again when school went back.

It's been a packed schedule so far – starting as always with some planning so the kids could give us all their bright ideas, hotly followed by a spot of team building. Gundaroo Park has kindly given the Scouts use of a room in the Amenities Block so the older kids can have a special space separate to the small fry. As a result the team building was all about sweeping and cleaning. We are still waiting for something more decorative than the higher-up spider webs to personalise the space, but we're confident that something will come.

While the Scouts were tackling the Besser blocks, the Cubs and Joeys played games and got to know each other. Wait – Joeys? Yes! Your eyes SO did not deceive you! We now have a brand new collection of Joeys. Tuesdays at 6pm if anyone would like to join. We're always keen to welcome new faces, and we can guarantee that any 5 to 8 year old who is not already exhausted will go home ready to wipe out (having made new friends and tried new things).

It was neck and neck during the village treasure hunt last week, with the Joeys deciphering their clues the fastest and making their way round the course slightly ahead of the Cubs (though the Scouts were slowed down when they got waylaid by a great offer of lemonade at the pub).

It was also neck and neck in the show entries at Gunning – there were some brilliant Scout offerings on display near the tasty cakes department, plus lots of fun on the flying fox (erected and run by very old Scouts of yore). And it turned out that \$20 could buy you a lot of fairy floss and that you get carpet burn on your elbows when you're at the bottom of the pile on an inflatable slide.

Speaking of old people (that's adults of any age), one of the things that Scouts really get into is learning about or listening to real things from real people. In the last year or so they've had a great deal of enthusiasm for some interlopers who brought leadership exercises, first aid, fire safety, garden expertise, drumming and more. If you think that might be you – if you'd be interested in coming and sharing stories or teaching us something – we'd love to hear from you.



This was the Gundaroo equivalent of the Ikea ball pit of yore – except it was the parents who ended up covered in them



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Gundaroo Goats

Senior Goats charge into home final

Despite a post-Christmas stumble against the Hall Monitors, the Senior Goats steadied beautifully, notching solid wins over both Bookham outfits—the Bulls and the Bushrangers—to finish the regular season in outright second and, crucially, lock in a home final. Top order rock Dave Jean continues to set the tone with the bat, sitting second in the league for both average and aggregate and played a key role in the Goats' success. Skipper and strike bowler Jack Riley remains under an injury cloud after Christmas; all fingers are crossed he's fit and firing when finals kick off.

A respectable first season of 'real' cricket for our u13s

In their maiden season at full rules, our u13s have experienced a mixed bag of results, and with one round remaining will likely see them finish only a handful of points out of the top four finalists. The boys have done exceptionally well against some of the big clubs and schools in Canberra. Max Leeson has led the way with the bat scoring critical runs to get the Goats home, and Russell Geniola has continued to take wickets with his right-arm quicks.

A memorable win for the u11s

Despite playing in the 'ungraded' competition, with a focus on learning the skills of the game rather than results, it's definitely worth reporting on the outstanding effort this month from our u11s. Taking on the dominant Wests Lions, a team that has only lost one game in two years, the young Goats were able to piece together their best game for the year and take out an unbelievable victory. Every player had a great game, however it's worth noting the incredible contributions of Archer Leeson, who took four wickets and scored 23 runs, finishing the game with an amazing three fours in the last over to win the game. More pleasing were the post-game comments from the Wests coach who said, "if they were going to lose to anyone, he was glad it was the Goats", highlighting the spirit in which the game was played.

Junior Blasters Cricket Season Wraps Up



By Coach Zack

The Gundaroo Junior Blasters program wrapped up after a fantastic 10 sessions running from November last year and what a season it's been. Week by week, the kids showed up eager, energetic and ready to learn — and the improvement in their cricket skills was dramatic. From mastering basic batting techniques to developing their bowling actions and sharpening fielding skills, the growth across the group was obvious. What started as enthusiastic beginners quickly turned into young players who understand positioning, teamwork and game awareness. More importantly, they had an absolute blast doing it.

A real highlight of the program was the introduction of cricket match simulations, giving the Blasters a taste of real game tactics and focus in the field. Watching them apply their new skills in game scenarios showed just how far they've come in only 10 weeks. There's no doubt that among this group are a few future Goats. The foundations are strong and the future of Gundaroo cricket is looking very bright indeed.

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Contact: Anne Barwick – 04 477 99 404 - anjubar@gmail.com

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All services start at 4.00pm

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Contact: The Ven Dr 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
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Gundaroo Community Church: Every 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
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Currently remains suspended

Uniting Church Service: Third Sunday

Gunning Uniting Church worship team, with kids' activities.

Contact: John Donley — 0431 750 241

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Interested in being a responder? Contact the Gundaroo Community Association at

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