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Phoebe heads to South Africa

Past Gundaroo Public School student Phoebe Blake is taking her sporting prowess onto the world stage again. Having toured Europe as part of the 2025 Australian Joey's Field Hockey team, Phoebe has recently been named as a member of the Australian Under 18 Women's Indoor Hockey team that will play teams from around the world in the Pro Series International Indoor Tournament in Cape Town, South Africa, in December 2026.

Phoebe's journey to international sport representation started in the playgrounds of our little primary school where she was encouraged to have a go at all sports. These opportunities were the start of her dream to one day represent Australia.

Since graduating from Gundaroo Public School Phoebe chose to focus on hockey and made her first NSW representative team in 2023 as part of the Under 15 State Indoor team that played in the national championships in Brisbane. Since then, Phoebe has made multiple appearances in NSW colours playing across Australia, as well as representing the ACT for School Sports. In late 2024 Phoebe was named in the Under 17 Australian Joey's field hockey team which toured Europe and played in the 2025 Easter tournament against Ireland, France, Belgium and Germany.

Getting named in the Australian U18 Indoor team is a result of her performances at the National Indoor Championships played in Canberra in January 2026 where she played in both the NSW Under 21 and Under 18 teams despite being only 17 at the time.

The trip to represent Australia in South Africa is a fully self-funded effort. This means that there is no external funding or sponsorship provided by the Australian Government or Hockey Australia. As such Phoebe is seeking assistance from local businesses or individuals that may like to support her by making a tax deductible donation to her fundraising cause. All funds raised will go strictly to the costs for Phoebe to attend. Go to:

Send Phoebe to South Africa | Australian Sports Foundation

https://asf.org.au/campaigns/phoebe-blake/send-phoebe-to-south-africa

Phoebe playing indoor hockey for NSW

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Data centre target "slapped on Yass Valley" - Mayor

Yass Valley Council is concerned about the possibility of a large data centre being constructed in the Local Government Area (LGA) and its likely impact on the area and in response has moved to bolster its planning policies.

This follows Transgrid's identification in its September Transmission Annual Planning (TAP) Report of Yass as a potential location for 1-2 GW of large electrical load associated with data centre development. The call by Transgrid is linked to its Humelink energy project which is constructing 365km of new high voltage transmission lines in the region.

In a post on social media YVC Mayor Cr Jasmin Jones said Yass Valley has had "a massive target slapped on its back for data centres" but she wasn't about to see the community cop this lying down.

She was concerned about "drastic industrialisation" of the LGA, competing with people for water and energy, creating noise and light pollution and "sterilising acres and acres" of agricultural land.

In a Mayoral Minute presented at the recent YVC meeting Cr Jones said it should do everything in its power to ensure Yass Valley's water security, housing growth, agricultural land, employment opportunities and community amenity were protected and properly considered following the report.

The Minute noted that a Council working group had been formed to look at the impact of large-scale data centre development in the Yass Valley.

Following discussion, Councillors unanimously passed a motion noting Council's concern and calling for a meeting with TransGrid and the NSW Minister for Energy to discuss and clarify why Yass was identified and the implications for the community.

Other items in the motion included:

- the need to develop a Council policy prioritising residential development for future water allocation;
- ensuring any future data centre should have a water supply independent of the current potable water source;
- amending the YVC Development Control Plan (DCP) to provide appropriate guidelines for data centres in appropriate locations;
- removing high technology industries as a permitted development on rural lands;
- expanding the review of the Settlement and Water Source Strategies to consider planning measures such as supporting only recycled water for data centres and to prevent their development from sterilising land and water required for future housing, agriculture and diverse employment opportunities;
- calling for large-scale data centres to be directed towards the greater user-base areas such as Sydney and willing host regions with surplus water, industrial land, infrastructure and emergency-management capacity;
- affirming that Yass Valley's priority is to protect the water security, housing capacity, agricultural productivity, employment opportunities, and liveability of our growing community;
- noting the region's contribution hosting State Significant Development (SSD) energy projects already constructed or approved – and that we are at capacity; and
- discussion with surrounding LGAs and the ACT government to develop a Capital Region response to data centre projects.

In a further discussion Councillors called for the lack of progress on a request for financial compensation for hosting HumeLink in the five impacted council areas to be raised at any meeting with the Minister and Transgrid.

In speaking to the motion Cr Jones said the current YVC Local Environment Plan (LEP) and DCP didn't protect agricultural land from this type of development and would need to be changed.

She said much of the employment in the LGA was generated by agricultural land, housing development and small business operations and a data centre would provide very few jobs after construction was finished.

"It's not just farms but things like wedding functions, vineyards, all of the small businesses that employ our young people, part-time jobs – everything comes from our rural sector in a way that data centres will not provide," she said. "Any data centre should be corralled into an industrial area."

What has your GCA been up to?

Great news this month has been the success of a grant bid by your GCA committee for an Australia Post grant for $4000. The grant will go towards community mental health and well-being projects, yet to be confirmed. Tonnes of credit goes to Sue Farnham for hours spent gathering information for the application.

Work for the Community Festival on Sunday 8 November is continuing. We have at least five splendid food options for you this year including some Polish and Indian inspired treats! Festival Subcommittee members met with the Park Trustees this month to begin working out, for example, where stalls and the Shine and Show classic cars will be placed on the oval. Save the date!

Council Mayoral election

Yass Valley Council held its scheduled biennial election for Mayor and Deputy Mayor at its recent meeting. The position of Mayor attracted two candidates, incumbent Cr Jasmin Jones and challenger Cr Adrian Cameron. Cr Jones was re-elected. Only one candidate nominated for Deputy Mayor, incumbent Cr Kristin Butler, who was declared elected.

Cr Jasmin Jones and Cr Kristin Butler were re-elected as Mayor and Deputy Mayor respectively

Big boost for Pub Raffle

The Gundaroo Inn has introduced a new major prize for the Friday night Pub Raffle starting 2 October. The new prize will vary from week to week but will add another level to the raffle which benefits 14 of our Gundaroo community groups.

Pub raffle prizes

In a successful test run by the GCA committee running the Gundaroo Gazette and Community Website on Friday 25 September, the new prize was a two-hour self-drive cruise in an electric boat on Lake Burley Griffin from GoBoat Canberra. Future prizes will vary but will be of similar value. Rad Ivetic from the Pub said the raffle makes a big contribution to the village and the new prize supplied by the Pub will bring new life to a good thing. The usual prizes of meat trays, pub vouchers, beer and wine will remain.

Patron Tim Knight visiting from Moruya draws the ticket for the new prize at the Pub watched by (l to r) Bill Vertucci from GCA, Rad Ivetic, Barbara Vertucci from GCA and Maddy Coles from the Pub

Poor behaviour by some users of the Common

The Gundaroo Common is an extraordinary public resource for the Gundaroo community with opportunities for leisure, environmental, educational and rural activities. Unfortunately, not everyone values it. Under NSW laws, dogs are not permitted on any public space unless they are on a lead and under control, yet we continue to see roaming unaccompanied dogs and people with their dogs off the lead on the Common.

Very worryingly, last week someone opened the double external gates onto Lot Street and left them open putting cattle and people at risk (see photo). Please respect our signs. They're there for a very good reason.

Dangerous vandalism

Right now the cows are calving and have been moved to the calving paddock which is well-signed.

These signs tell people when the cows will be calving and therefore need to be isolated and protected. The signs have been pulled down in an act of senseless vandalism. Not only does this endanger the livestock but calving cows can be a danger to people and their dogs.

PLEASE HELP US TO KEEP THE COMMON A SPECIAL AND SAFE PLACE FOR EVERYONE

Gundaroo Common Trust

Noticeboard

Yass Valley Council

Spring School Holiday Program

Yass Valley Library is hosting a variety of fun and educational activities during the spring school holidays. From dinosaurs to decoupage, pet painting to paper planes, there's something for everyone! Scan the QR code to see the program and book your place.

Christmas on Comur Street 2026

Christmas on Comur Street is gearing up for another festive celebration, with applications now open for participants in the annual Christmas parade. Local businesses, community groups, makers, food vendors and Christmas-loving crews will help bring the spirit of Christmas to Comur Street.

The Christmas parade is also calling for groups, organisations, families and community members to join in the celebrations. Whether it's a colourful float, a creative display, festive costumes or simply a group keen to share some Christmas cheer, all are encouraged to take part. Parade applications close Friday, 9 October 2026.

If you've been thinking about getting involved, now is the time to put your plans into action and be part of Christmas on Comur Street 2026. See the QR code to apply and for all details pertaining to Christmas on Comur Street!

Australia Day 2027 Nominations

Do you know an individual, group, or organisation that has made a positive contribution to the Yass Valley community? Now is your chance to recognise their efforts and commend the difference they make. Submit a nomination by scanning the QR code attached.

Get involved, have your say, and help us celebrate the people who make Yass Valley a great place to live, work, and connect.

From the desk

October seems like a pivotal time of the year with school holidays, warmer weather and daylight saving starting. Time slips past at a seemingly faster pace as we head into the busy weeks before the summer break (including the Gundaroo Festival in early November) and end of the year.

The Gazette this month includes a range of activities for your enjoyment, important news and messages from community groups, and, we hope, a jolly good read. A big congratulations to Phoebe Blake for her selection in Australia's U18 Women's Indoor Hockey team. It's fabulous that we can celebrate her success and we encourage you to support her and the team.

We are always keen to hear from new contributors so don't hesitate to get in touch throughout the month. Our deadline is the 25th of the month - after that we are trying to pull it all together so it is printed and available online early in the month.

Happy reading.

We're coming to your community

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Cuppa Time

Come to Cuppa Time to catch up with friends or meet new people. Everyone is welcome. If you need a lift let us know

When: 4th Wednesday of the month from 1.30 to 3.30pm

Where: Gundaroo Hall

Tea, coffee, freshly baked scones and locally-made jam available.
No charge but donations accepted

Cuppa Time is for social contact and community building

Contact Colin Lee info@gundaroohall.org.au if you want to help. Otherwise, just come and join us for a cuppa.

Knitters and Crocheters

Join us for a social knit/crochet.
Where: Cork Street Café
When: 3rd Sunday of the month at 3pm
Meet others, enjoy a cuppa, work on your knitting/ crochet/fibre project, share skills & knowledge.

The boy stood on the **burning** deck ...

How do I love thee. Let me count the ways ...

I wandered lonely as a cloud ...

There was movement at the station ...

If you can keep your head when all about you are loosing theirs ...

Koala Stew - Poetry at the pub
14 October 19:00

More Koala Stew

GCA Arts and Culture Sub-Committee is pleased to provide another serving of grace and beauty with poems at the pub. Koala Stew is your opportunity to present the poem you have finally written, or your latest and greatest.

Not a writer of poetry? No problem, find one you love or an old favourite and bring it along to share. Bonus helping of stew for those who recite from memory, the normal generous serve of applause for those who read.

Everyone is very welcome, with or without a poem to perform; our audiences so far have been uniformly delighted by poems of mirth, sadness and beauty.

7.00pm, Wednesday, 14 October. Perhaps dinner beforehand at the pub?

New automated subscription list for Gazette readers

For readers who receive their Gundaroo Gazette via our email subscription list we now have an automated subscription service that we're running through MailerLite. Existing subscribers have been transferred to the new service.

Not on the list? Join at www.gundaroo.org/gazette. Scroll down for the Subscription option.

All subscribers can unsubscribe at any time using the Unsubscribe option at the bottom of each email.

Produce Share Group

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

Time to show and shine!

It's time for Gundaroo's classic cars and bikes to show and shine!

One of the benefits of living in a small country town is that there's often room for a big shed, and what's better to park in a big shed than your favourite classic vehicle. The Gundaroo Community Festival to be held on Sunday, 8th November gives you the chance to throw open those shed doors and bring out your favourite car, truck or bike to share with the Gundaroo community.

Entry is free and it's easy to register your vehicle for the Show and Shine. Just head to the What's Trending link on gundaroo.org. Please include a paragraph or two telling us what makes your vehicle special or special to you.

Numbers will be limited so register early to secure your spot.

A 1934 Dodge KC 1 1/2 ton tray truck owned by locals Jed and Sam Johnson

Care to tickle the ivories?

By Barbara Vertucci

Anyone who has watched an episode of The Piano on ABC TV will appreciate the powerful emotions that piano playing can evoke.

The good news for the village is that the men from the Gundaroo Men's Shed have given villagers and visitors alike, the opportunity to enjoy the tickling of the ivories. A piano has been carefully positioned under the awning outside the actual men's shed at Gundaroo Park and is available for your playing pleasure; byo sheet music!

Further good news is that there is no Andrea Lam or Guy Sebastian peeking out at you through the window.

So whether you simply seek solace of the soul or have the desire to entertain others, feel free to stop by and enjoy the experience. And thank you Men's Shed.

Samantha Brightwood and her son Ash enjoying the piano

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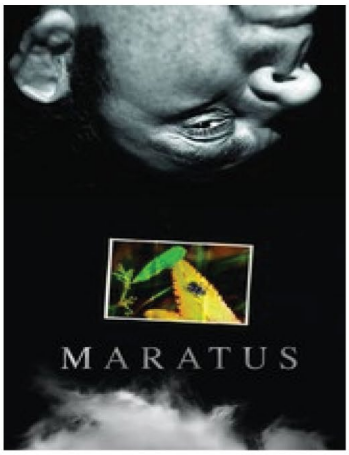
Saturday 17 October 2026, Gundaroo Hall



Screens at 7pm

Maratus

(Oz short)

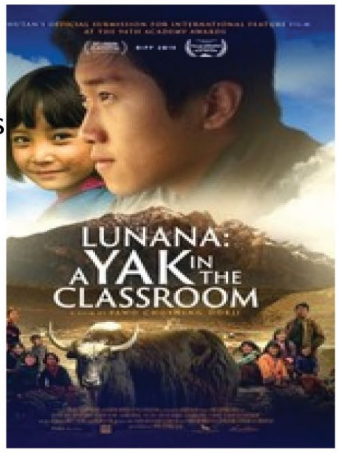
A delightful, good-humoured search of Namadji NP to re-find a lost species of rare spider.

(30mins)

Lunana – A Yak in the Classroom

Calm Bhutan film about traditional values and a modern teacher with an Australian connection.

(1hr 50m)



Screens at 8 pm

Doors open at 6pm

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

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🔥GET READY WEEKEND SUCCESS!

The Brigade would like to thank the 121 visitors we had for our Get Ready Weekend on Saturday 19 September! People were able to participate in kitchen fire suppression demonstrations to learn how to use a fire blanket and fire extinguisher. It is vital for you to know how to respond in the event of a fire in your home – unfortunately emergency responders take time to arrive, so your actions could mean the difference between limited damage to total loss of your home! Local residents and landholders had questions on fire season preparation, fire permits and bushfire prevention. And congratulations to the Lucky Door Prize recipients Lauren and Alex!

🏠HAVE YOU GOT A BUSHFIRE SURVIVAL PLAN?

Getting ready for a bush fire is easier than you think. Make a bush fire survival plan so you know what you will do if there's a fire near you.

DISCUSS: Discuss with your family what to do if a bush fire threatens your home

PREPARE: Prepare your home to prepare it for a bush fire

KNOW: Know the bush fire alert levels & monitor the alert level in your area

KEEP: Keep up to date with bus fire information numbers, websites & apps

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. You can donate at our pub raffles, by dropping spare change into the firefighter's hat at the shop or pub or by emailing gundaroorfs@gmail.com for our bank details.

BURN NOTIFICATIONS & FIRE PERMITS

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Online: https://nswrfsprod.service-now.com/guardian_csp?id=guardian_index
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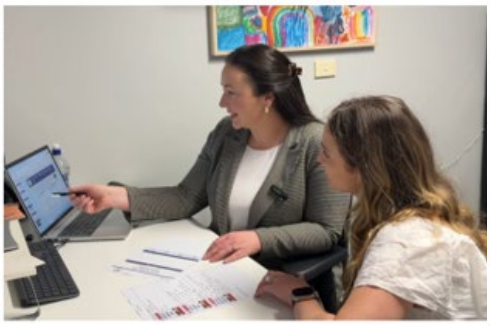
Bike Week

Bike Week was a great way to finish the term at Gundaroo Public School! Students enjoyed getting on their bikes both inside and outside the school grounds, while building their confidence and practising important bike and road safety skills. The week finished with a whole-school bike ride to the Common, giving students the opportunity to put their skills into practice and enjoy being active together.

Our school recognised for exemplary phonics teaching practices

We are pleased to share that our school was chosen by the NSW Department of Education Literacy and Numeracy team to be an exemplar of best practice in phonics teaching. This recognition reflects our staff's dedication to providing high-quality literacy education. Last week, the team visited our school and filmed our teachers in action; this footage will be shared with other NSW public schools to support and inspire effective teaching strategies. We are grateful for this opportunity and proud to contribute to strengthening literacy outcomes for students across the state.



Bungendore Buzz

Ahead of their game against the NSW Waratahs, the ACT Brumbies dropped in to Bungendore High School to talk to a selection of our sporty students from Years 7-10. Players Moses, Ollie, Triston and Darcy answered students' questions before leading them in a range of skill-based activities. Students appreciated the opportunity to interact with professional rugby players. The advice of the players to work hard and be a good person applies not only to succeeding in sport, but in all aspects of life. Thank you to the ACT Brumbies for taking the time to visit us, run us through some drills and sharing their experience.

CALL FOR TENDERS - SCHOOL CANTEEN LICENCE

Bungendore High School
Canteen Licence

Tenders are called for the licence of the school canteen for the school year commencing on 3 February 2027 for a term of 3 years with an option to renew for 2 years. Annual school enrolments will be approximately 260 for 2027 with yearly increases.

General enquiries and requests for a Tender Information Package should be referred to:

Melissa Giddins, Principal

0460 043 547

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Tenders must be sent electronically and noted in the subject line "Commercial in Confidence - School Canteen Tender" and sent to:

Melissa Giddins
Bungendore-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Tenders close at 3pm on 18 October 2026
Mandatory Criteria: all employees must hold a current working with children check.

The Gundaroo Common is a 60ha parcel of NSW Crown land on the eastern edge of the village that was gazetted in 1870 and is managed by the community, for the community. You can access the Common from gates at the eastern ends of David Street, Harp Street and Lot Street, and the northern boundary with Rosamel Street.

Cattle report

The cows are calving and the young calves are with their mothers. Please give them lots of space and, as always, keep dogs on lead and away from the cattle. Dogs could be injured or killed by protective cows if allowed too close.

Spring wildflowers

It is a magnificent time for taking a walk on the Common. The days are sunny but not too hot, and native plants are kicking into action. Keep an eye out for these two special species:

Hoary Sunray (*Leucochrysum albicans var. tricolor*) a small perennial native paper daisy which is a Commonwealth listed endangered species due to habitat loss and degradation.

Blue Devil (*Eryngium ovinum*), a very spiky native herb that turns an incredible shade of blue as it matures.

Both plants occur on the Common. Although they are hardy and drought-tolerant, they are sensitive to spraying and to overgrazing, particularly Blue Devil which is more palatable to stock. We are fortunate to have them here!

For more information or to become a commoner, contact gundaroocommon@gundaroo.org or Helen Willett (Trust President) on 02 6236 8129 / 0428 268 726.

We want to know what plants and animals you find on the Common! Please submit your observations using iNaturalist (https://www.inaturalist.org/)

By Samantha Brightwood

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Gardening in a world that is losing the plot

By Lisa Walmsley

The world can feel like it has misplaced its instruction manual. Every day brings another crisis, argument, alarming headline, or complicated opinion delivered with great confidence by someone standing in front of a camera or performing on social media. Information arrives faster than we can process it, and many of us have developed the uneasy habit of checking the news while simultaneously hoping there is no news at all.

In the middle of this confusion, gardening offers something increasingly rare: a clear relationship between effort and result. You plant a seed, water it, give it light and wait. The seed does not demand your political opinion. It does not send notifications. It does not announce that your neighbour's tomatoes are doing better - although your neighbour will. It simply grows according to its own quiet timetable.

This is not to suggest that gardening can solve every problem. A row of lettuce will not repair the economy, end an argument, or persuade people to stop shouting online. It may, however, provide a useful reminder that life is not made entirely of emergencies. Some things still happen slowly. Some progress remains invisible for weeks. Some victories are small, green, and surprisingly delicious.

Gardening also gives us permission to be beginners. We can plant too early, water too much, forget to water entirely, or confidently identify a weed as a vegetable. The garden is generous about mistakes, although it does occasionally punish overconfidence with a dead basil plant. In this way, it teaches patience and humility without organising a committee or sending a formal warning.

There is something steadying about working with soil. Digging, pruning, planting, and weeding draw attention away from the endless stream of digital noise and back toward the physical world. Instead of arguing about everything humanity has done wrong, we can spend ten minutes trying to protect a strawberry from a determined bird. The strawberry may not represent a major global achievement, but saving it can feel remarkably important.

Gardens also reconnect us with time. A garden does not care about instant results. It follows seasons, weather, dormancy, and renewal. It reminds us that not every worthwhile thing can be completed by the end of the day, and that rest is not the same as failure.

When the world feels chaotic, we may not be able to control events beyond our doors. We can control whether we plant something, tend it, and watch it grow. That small act is not an escape from reality. It is a way of meeting reality with attention, patience, and perhaps a pair of muddy shoes.

And if the garden produces a cucumber shaped like a question mark, all the better. At least one mystery in the world will be edible.

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Is Your Medicine Cabinet Summer-Ready?

As the weather starts to warm up, many of us are looking forward to spending more time outdoors so it is a great time to get your home medicine cabinet ready for summer.

A little preparation now can save you a last-minute trip when you most need something.

Check your regular medicines to ensure you have enough supplies for the weeks ahead.

Is your first-aid kit ready? Check that your bandages, dressings and other essentials are still in good condition and replace anything that has been used or is no longer suitable.

Be prepared for bites and stings in the warmer weather. Having an insect repellent on hand can help reduce bites from mosquitoes and other insects.

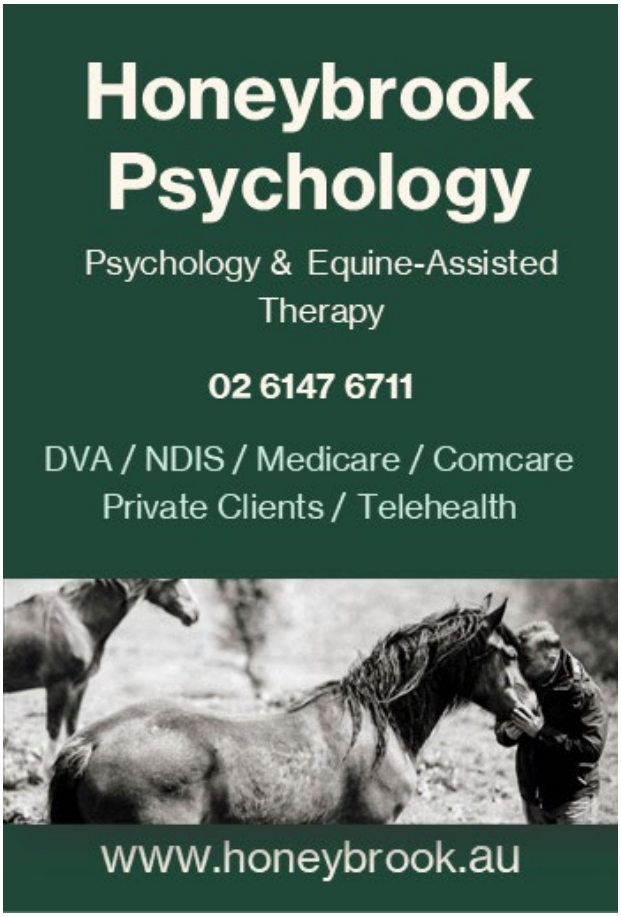
It's also handy to have something to manage the occasional itchy or irritated bite. A cold pack can help soothe the area, while suitable creams or other pharmacy products may provide relief to the discomfort. If you have a more serious reaction, particularly significant swelling, difficulty breathing or other concerning symptoms, seek urgent medical attention.

For those who enjoy outdoor activities, wear appropriate clothing, check for insects after spending time outdoors and keep your repellent handy.

And, of course, don't forget sun protection. As we spend more time outside, sunscreen becomes an important part of our everyday routine. Check your sunscreen is still suitable for use and you have SPF 50+ sunscreen at home, in the car or ready to take with you. A good hat, sunglasses, shade and protective clothing are also important.

You may also want to think about other summer essentials, such as rehydration products, travel health supplies and products for other everyday mishaps.

If you're unsure what you might need for the warmer months, drop in to Gundaroo Pharmacy and have a chat with our friendly team. We're always happy to help you prepare, answer your questions and make sure you have the essentials on hand.



Exhibition at Cork Street Gallery

Gundaroo artist, Margaret Harrison-Smith, and Katherine Buchanan, President of the Artist Society of Canberra, at the opening of Margaret's exhibition spring mojo. Katherine opened the exhibition which features landscapes from near and far as well as several still life paintings. The exhibition continues at Cork Street Cafe and Gallery until 1 November.

Wander Concert delights

The sky was blue, the sun was warm and the blossoms on the trees along Lot street were white as snow for last month's 2026 Gundaroo Wander Concert. About 70 people gathered, in two shifts, at St Mark's to start the day listening to several movements of a cello suite by J.S.Bach, played serenely by Chloe Law. From there it was on to the Community Uniting Church where Pippa Newman happily took the audience "by the hand" for an exploration of folk music expertly played on viola with intricate use of a loop machine. This gave everyone more than enough energy for the somewhat longer stroll up the hill to St Joseph's for the final concert of the morning. Brad Tham and Anika Chan pulled out all the stops with excerpts from Gulliver's Travels (by Telemann) and the Danse Macabre (by Saint-Saëns) arranged for two violins. Their performance was exciting and dramatic, and the audience could enjoy every twist and turn in the music due to Brad's evocative explanations.

Then people spread out across the village for a picnic at the oval, pizza at the cafe, an extended lunch at Grazing or a meal at the pub. Businesses a bit further away from Cork Street Central unfortunately didn't get a lot of traffic but hopefully that will improve with time. Nevertheless, Rachael was able to select a winner for the Daphne & May lucky door prize!

After lunch, the four players appeared together, as the Ellery String Quartet. Founded in Canberra in 2021, words like exuberant and fearless are used to describe them. They certainly lived up to that! They played a string quartet by Polish composer Grażyna Bacewicz, definitely not an "easy" choice, and did that so well that some people remarked afterwards it was the best thing they ever heard. After that, they performed a number of European folk tunes in super-interesting arrangements for string quartet. Gradually the smiles on their faces became broader and broader, to match those on the faces of people in the audience. A standing ovation at the end showed just how much everyone had appreciated the quality of music throughout the day, delivered with a strong personal touch by each of the musicians. Wrapping up the day with a glass of wine at Gundog cellar door, people reported loving the informal nature of the concerts. The musicians managed to make the audience feel they were part of something rather than just "observers".

This atmosphere was further enhanced by the crew of excellent volunteers, who made sure that our beautiful heritage venues looked inviting, that people didn't get lost and that everything was running according to schedule. Some people who came down all the way from Sydney said they couldn't believe such a fabulous village existed … hear, hear!

Ellery String Quartet playing in the Gundaroo Hall.
Photo by Peter Hislop

Affleck family visits Gundaroo

Gundaroo had a visit in early August from members of the family of William Affleck. Peter Affleck and his wife Suzanne Hurley, from the Harden branch of the family, made the trip to Gundaroo to visit the village Peter's great-great-grandfather William (Wully) Affleck was instrumental in establishing and were shown around by Sue Burns, President of the Gundaroo & District Historical Society.

William's father Arthur came to Gundaroo to work with his brother-in-law John Wishart who already operated the Caledonia Store in Gundaroo in the Old Harrow Inn in 1855. This was the first of four different sites for the Caledonia Store. In 1856 it was moved to a slab building on the southern edge of the village – the first building to be constructed here – then in 1870 to a stone cottage (now the old bakery) built by Arthur and William and in 1880 to its current site.

Peter and Suzanne in front of the William Affleck portrait in the Literary Institute

William is credited with founding or being the driving force behind the Gundaroo and Fairfield bridges, the Courthouse (now the Anglican Church), Gundaroo Park, the cemetery, the creation of a Show Society and racecourse and bringing to the village the Post Office and the CBC Bank of Sydney, as well as the early development of the school and the Literary Institute. He also secured the land and planted the trees for the Gundaroo Park. In 1860 he formed the Mutual Improvement Society and set up the Cricket Club. He was a Justice of the Peace, a local magistrate, Trustee for Roads, Common trustee and School Board member.

Five generations of the Affleck family ran the Caledonia Store from 1857 until 1950. Peter's grandfather Reg Affleck moved to Harden in the early 1900s and established the property Wemyss named after the village Arthur and William had come from in Scotland. Peter and Suzanne continue to farm this property today.

For more information on William Affleck see https://strathfieldheritage.com/people/william-affleck/

G&DHS news

The Society held another successful open day and book sale in September with plenty of books for sale from generous community donors: Charlie and Lyn Pearmain; Sue and Phil Evans; Rod Miller; Colin Lee; Meredith Hinchliffe and Melissa Dummett. Many thanks also to Kevin and Helen Curtis for storing, sorting, packing and transporting the books to and from the sale.

Amongst other things our displays featured a couple of historic shoes found hidden in the walls of Grazing by head chef, Kurt Neumann. Journalist and former Gundaroo resident, Sally Hopman recently published a story about the find on the About Regional Facebook page.

Preparations are underway for our 2027 calendar which we aim to have on sale in early November. We are always on the lookout for new images to include so if you have been around Gundaroo for some time and watched things change, your earlier photos may well be of interest.

Next meeting will be held Wednesday 18 November at 7pm in the Literary Institute.

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Can less be more? Nectar in the garden.

We are often encouraged to plant nectar-producing grevilleas, banksias and bottlebrushes, in the interests of attracting birds to a garden and generally assisting nature. The most freely available nursery plants are cultivars bred for maximum abundance and duration of flowering. They grow vigorously and provide spectacular displays for gardeners and landholders.

But there is a downside. The high level of productivity provided in the form of nectar and associated insects encourages aggressive bird species – wattlebirds, Noisy Miners, lorikeets and honeyeaters. When nectar flows abundantly, these larger birds find it worthwhile defending the area and will chase off the smaller bush birds including wrens, robins, thornbills, flycatchers and pardalotes. It is one reason why we lose the majority of bush birds when housing spreads. Noisy Miners are particularly aggressive, and will bully all but the biggest birds and for this reason are recognized as a 'Key Threatening Ecological Process' in NSW.

Instead of buying mass-produced grevillea cultivars and the like, consider seeking out tubestock from indigenous nurseries, Greening Australia or through a Landcare group.

A small sample of alternative choices for planting, which provide a variety of habitats and food sources for small bush birds include:

Austral Indigo (*Indigofera australis*)

With slender criss-crossing branches this ethereal shrub bears greyish pinnate leaves contrasted with glorious purple pea flowers. Being susceptible to frost, a sheltered location helps. Annual pruning to encourage denser branching can provide a place for small birds to forage freely or approach a birdbath safely. Its distribution extends well inland so heat is not likely to bother it too much.

Sweet Bursaria (*Bursaria spinosa*)

This was the hero plant on the New England Tablelands for playing a role in prevention of eucalypt dieback. The creamy flowers that appear in late summer provide important nectar for a range of insects, including wasps that parasitize the beetles which consume eucalypt foliage, causing the dieback. The local varieties are tall, slender and prickly. Branching density can be encouraged by pruning to shorten.

Black Cypress Pine (*Callitris endlicheri*)

Like all conifers (note gardeners) the resinous foliage of this tree makes it flammable. Their litter and shed branches were traditionally used for kindling, which is pleasantly scented. The advantage of this native over other conifers is its modest size and vigour. It is compact and dense, with a shapely crown with Christmas-tree character. It looks well growing individually in an open grassy area, and if planted close, can form an excellent screen. Cockatoos and parrots feed on seed extracted from the cones. While tolerant of clay, it needs good drainage.

Wattles (*Acacia spp.*)

Wattles have numerous positive attributes and nectar production is not one of them. Their abundant pollen does not cause hay fever as the grains are relatively heavy and are moved around by insects rather than wind. Insects gather wattle pollen for food, and provide a pollination service in the process. Winter-flowering wattles provide sustenance for insects when most plants are dormant, while seeds are vital food for parrots.

Most wattles conform to the general rule that fast-growing plants are relatively short-lived (10-20 years for most). Even in death, they provide food —cockatoos relish the wood-eating grubs that bore into dying trees. Local species usually available as tubestock or seed include: *Acacia buxifola, A. dealbata, A. parramattensis, A. rubida, A. verniciflua* and the large *A. mearnsii* which provides fast, dense screening.

Woolly Grevillea (*Grevillea lanigera*)

Our local grevillea, low-growing and modest in size, but still useful to nectar-seeking birds. With greyish foliage and deep red flowers, it has flexible soil requirements.

Providing a variety of food sources, and living spaces, will encourage a wider range of local native creatures in garden and field.

Sue McIntyre

http://www.gang-gang-gundaroo.com/

We were honoured to be nominated for 2 NSW Volunteer awards this year, including the best Volunteer team award.

Thanks to our Volunteers!

The Sutton SES unit is made up of over 50 dedicated volunteers, who give their time to serve our community. Many of these wonderful people live and work in Canberra, and choose to give their time and expertise in Sutton, Gundaroo and the wider NSW community.

Our unit is a welcoming and diverse bunch. We have members from all backgrounds, all ages and we each have a wonderfully unique set of skills and experience – it's one of the best things about our unit! If you've ever thought about volunteering, or would like to know more about what's involved please get in touch!

Storm ready in 6 steps: Warnings and staying informed

Having prepared your home, your yard, your emergency kit and your plan, the next piece in getting ready for storms is making sure you receive warnings in time to act on them. There are a few tools you should set up now, before you need them.

- **The Hazards Near Me NSW** app lets you set watch zones around your home and other locations you care about, and sends you notifications when incidents including floods, severe weather and fires are active nearby. It's the most direct way to get current information from NSW SES and other emergency services.
- **The Bureau of Meteorology** app gives you forecasts, radar and severe weather warnings, and the BOM website (www.bom.gov.au) is worth bookmarking too.
- Set **ABC 666AM** on your car and portable emergency radio. The ABC broadcasts emergency information, and will work even when mobile networks are under pressure in an emergency situation.
- Follow the "**NSW SES – Sutton Unit" Facebook page** for local information. We try and keep it updated with current weather warnings, crossing closures, and other information about current incidents in our area.

Finally, get familiar with the three levels of the Australian Warning System: Advice, Watch and Act, and Emergency Warning, so you know what each level means and what action it requires. The warnings system is the same for all kinds of hazards and emergencies including floods, storms, fires and extreme heat. You can learn more on the NSW SES website (www.ses.nsw.gov.au/understand-warnings).

Keep in mind you won't always get an official warning before a storm hits. Watch for the natural signs as well: gathering clouds, darkening skies, rising wind, thunder, lightning and heavy rain are all cues to act, warning or not.

NSW SES Sutton Unit trains every Monday night at 7:00 pm, 19 Victoria St Sutton.
For help in storms and floods, call 132 500. Call 000 for emergencies.

Top tomato tips

By the Gundaroo Growers

A good home-grown tomato can be a thing of great beauty and exquisite flavour, far superior to anything you buy at the supermarket. While there are many books, articles and videos available to guide the gardener on growing these delectable fruit, here are some tips from some of our growers in Gundaroo.

When to plant

Unless you can grow your tomatoes under cover, a common practice is to plant out once the main frosts are over, around late October or early November. Don't fret about the planting date - there will be plenty of tomatoes. They love heat and grow fast once it's hot.

If there's a forecast low of 1 or 2 degrees overnight, it's wise to cover the plants. A hat made from newspaper and pegs (or another light alternative) will help them survive the night well.

Planting

Plant them deep, including as much of the stem as you can. Take off the lower leaves and if you can't dig a hole deep enough then dig a trench and lay the stem in the trench. Gently angle the top of the seedling up and cover the whole stem with soil. Try using this planting mix to get them started:

- 3 cups compost
- Half cup skim milk powder
- Half cup epsom salts
- 1 tbs bicarbonate of soda
- Mix together and put 1-2 handfuls in the planting hole

Through the growing season, sprinkle skim milk powder around the plants and water in.

Staking

Staking tomato plants and rubbing off laterals makes for ease of growing and harvesting, with still plenty of flowers and fruit. Remember that wind helps to pollinate flowers and grow fruit.

Alternatively you can use a string line to tie the plant to it as it grows. Keep two leaders (the first strong lateral is the second leader) and then trim off the laterals. This is easy if you have overhead cover to tie it to. Otherwise you might have to construct something.

Remove leaves at the bottom as the plant grows. Water once a week in the beginning and then more regularly after fruit set.

There is much more to learn about varieties, uses, recipes and more, so talk to our growers. Tomato seedlings will be available at the Gundaroo Community Festival next month. We also usually have seedlings at our regular produce share on the first Sunday of every month at the Hall at 3pm.

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If you love our native animals but don't have the time to commit as a rescuer or carer, there is another vital way you can protect our region's wildlife - by donating.

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Spring Update

After a winter break Sutton Landcare is gearing up again. As flowers are everywhere, native vegetation is growing, wildlife is getting active, and the weeds are ramping up too. Let us give you a summary of what is happening around the Sutton village and in our district:

- Crown lands have approved funding to put a new fence around the Sutton Reserve block between Victoria St and Guise St (above the school).
- A grant through the Yass Area Network of Landcare groups will allow us to tackle the St John's Wort infestation on the Sutton Reserve. There will be two treatments by a specialised firm that is expert in controlling weeds in sensitive ecosystems. The work will most likely be done in November and January/February depending on weather.
- Sutton Landcare, together with the Sutton Public School, Crown Lands, Local Land Services and Yass Valley Council are combining forces for a rabbit eradication effort in the summer school-holiday period. Surrounding properties are encouraged to join. Contact Sutton Landcare if you are interested.
- We still have about 100 native trees and shrubs available for planting in the reserve: watch out for a planting working bee announcement soon.
- On 24 October Sutton Landcare will join the Yass Area Network in celebrating 30 years of YAN at an eventful dinner in Yass. All Landcarers are invited. You can register to help celebrate 30 years of volunteering at: https://linc.landcarensw.org.au/events/55/view
- Sutton Landcare will be planning more activities in the next month - ideas are always welcome.

How can you engage with Sutton Landcare - taking care of our environment in a nice social manner?

- Be on our e-mailing list: obligation free, for information sharing only
- Become a member for $10 a year (per person or per family): again, obligation free, but extra financial members make it easier for us to get grants from official bodies!
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Locals helping locals

With another cricket season fast approaching, the Gundaroo Goats are once again preparing to take to the field, and like every community sporting club, getting teams on the park comes with its fair share of challenges and expenses.

From uniforms and equipment to insurance, ground hire and competition fees, there is plenty that happens behind the scenes before the first ball is bowled. Thankfully, the Goats continue to enjoy the incredible support of local businesses that share our passion for community sport.

The club would like to sincerely thank all sponsors who have once again backed the Goats this season. Special recognition goes to our major sponsor, the Gundaroo Veterinary Clinic, whose generous support helps both our junior and senior programs thrive. We also thank the KRNC Group, returning as our uniform sponsor, Neat Street Café for providing our Player of the Match awards, and the Gundaroo Pub, our match ball sponsor and the much-appreciated venue for post-match refreshments, banter and Jase Vant stories of Goats past. We encourage locals to support the businesses that so generously support us.

Pre-season training

The signs are already positive for the 2026-27 season, with strong attendance at both junior and senior pre-season training sessions.

The juniors recently hosted a successful "Come and Try Day'' with the majority of last season's players returning and several new young cricketers eager to pick up a bat and ball for the Junior Goats.

The senior ranks have enjoyed a similar boost. Familiar faces have returned, along with several long-time Gundaroo residents keen to dust off the whites, rediscover their misspent youth and enjoy a hit with mates this summer.

Player numbers can sometimes be a challenge in a small village, but early indications suggest Gundaroo's love affair with the leather and willow remains as strong as ever. With growing numbers across the board, the club is optimistic about both participation and success this season.

AGM

The Goats recently held their Annual General Meeting, with club members gathering to discuss plans for the season ahead and elect the committee that will guide the club through 2026/27.

The club extends its sincere thanks to all outgoing committee members for their hard work and dedication over the past season.

Congratulations to the newly elected committee:

- President: Sean Egan (definitely his last season … so he says)
- Vice President: Barney 'wasn't present so is now the VP' Dalgarno
- Treasurer: Dave 'il peste del posto' Jean
- Secretary: 'Captain' Jack Riley
- Club Captain: Jack Riley (obviously)
- Committee Members: Corey Leeson, Toby Gunn, Jason Vant & Abhinav Varma (aka group of blokes just in it for the cheap beers)
- Juniors Rep: Chris 'definitely not playing seniors this year' Gaggin

The committee is excited about the season ahead and looks forward to another summer of cricket, community spirit and hopefully a few more wins than excuses.

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Dine-in and takeaway

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Community Website **www.gundaroo.org**

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Located behind Grazing in the old stables

6236 8276 ***www.gundogestate.com.au***

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Church Worship in Gundaroo

Catholic

St Joseph's Church

(Cnr Harp and Morning Streets)

Mass: *10.30am on the second and fourth Sundays*

Communion Services: *9:30 am every other Sunday until further notice*

Contact: *Kath Campbell - kathryncampbell04@gmail.com*

Anglican

St Marks Church

(Cork Street)

All services start at 4.00pm

Communion Services: *Every first Sunday*

Contact: *The Ven Dr Royce Thompson — 0416 265 600*

Uniting

Gundaroo Community Church

(Cnr Lot and Cork Streets))

Services on the first and third Sunday of the month.

Services start at 9am and finish with morning tea.

Contact: *John Donley - 0431 750 241*

Gundaroo lock-up circa 1974, now part of Cork St Cafe.

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Gundaroo Community Association Defibrillator

Gundaroo is fortunate to have a portable automated external defibrillator (AED), centrally located and ready for use in a cardiac emergency around the village.

It is kept in a **locked cabinet fixed to the outside front wall of the Gundaroo PO and shop,** together with a list of 'core responders' (shown below).

There is also a **New Defibrillator location,** located in a **locked cabinet on the outside southern wall of the Men's Shed building at the Gundaroo Oval.**

Interested in being a responder? Contact the Gundaroo Community Association at gca@gundaroo.org

Name	Telephone
Gundaroo Pharmacy Monday-Friday 9-5pm	6233 3500 or attend 56 Cork St (at The Nest)
Emily Wallis	0404 215 531
Beth Kominek	0401 270 100
Kate Dardis	0499 299 750
Tricia Voigt	0466 547 084

Gundaroo Services and Contacts

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Service	Contact
Defibrillator (AED)	See this page for the list of core responders.
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NSW Ambulance (non-urgent)	131 233
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State Emergency Service SES Sutton	 132 500
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Gundaroo Community Association	0490 096 254 (Cate Thomas) gca@gundaroo.org
Soldiers Memorial Hall	info@gundaroohall.org.au
Gundaroo Park Land Manager	0422 649 141 gundaroopark@gundaroo.org
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Police Paddock	0418 496 908 (Sue Burns)
Gundaroo Village Memorials	0413 137 761 (Phil Gaden)
Gundaroo Public School	6236 8115 (Brysson Leeson)
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Ist Gundaroo Scout Group (Joeys to Rovers)	0415 677 943 (Cath Woodward) cath.woodward@nsw.scouts.com.au
Gundaroo & District Historical Society	0418 496 908 (Sue Burns)
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Gundaroo Cricket Club The Goats	gundaroo.senior.cricket@gmail.com (Seniors) Sean Egan gundaroo.junior.cricket@gmail.com (Juniors) Chris Gaggin
Gundaroo Men's Shed	0407 603 003 (Don de Vries) secretary@gundarooshed.org.au
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