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2 WEEKS OUT

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OBSERVATIONS

by Ken Sutcliffe OAM

Mudgee and District continues to make plenty of positive big media news across the country. The area has featured in several national feature stories on tree changer growth, tourism and innovative foodies. Sydney couple Sophie and Nic Storey are the latest to make a big impression with the revamped Blue Wren Farm, and the restaurant is receiving glowing reviews.

Also a must do, the latest exhibition at the brilliant Mudgee Art Precinct, which highlights First Nation artists and their interpretation of a local natural treasure, the Drip Gorge near Mudgee.

A walking talking local treasure we all see patrolling the CBD is Mid-Western Council cleaner, Trish Wells. Pushing her barrow 'Betty Bin', Trish engages locals and tourists with a big smile and good humour, proud of her job and town. Wearing her trademark Akubra, the former Northern Territorian is a real tonic on a good or bad day.

The gardens of the district have never looked better but I do pose the question, 'why is it that most people who comment assume it's my wife's garden and vision?' I dig holes and plant under supervision, mow the lawn under supervision, weed and edge under supervision and must never enter the garden to prune or hedge with or without supervision. Yep, silly me, you're right, it is my wife's garden.

Can't happen soon enough: a roundabout on the intersection of Lions Drive and Sydney Road at Bunnings;



also better lighting on the corner of Henry Lawson Drive and Ulan Road as being pitch black at night makes it dangerous.

Last whinge, please somebody take responsibility for the Goolma, Guntawang Road intersection. After several accidents, signage has been destroyed, and the poor marking needs urgent attention.

Taking me back to my Mudgee childhood days was seeing kids on bikes with fishing rods on their way to the Cudgegong River to catch carp and salmon. It fills me with hope that it's not all about social media, iPhones and TikTok.

Sitting in a coffee shop watching drivers navigate a reverse park is the best spectator sport in town. Nailing it between the lines doesn't happen that often but when it does, it's worth a standing ovation!

Tim Booth is a young man on the move as the new CEO of Mudgee Regional Tourism. Tim has taken the reigns after running tourism in the Batemans Bay area and has impressive credentials to build upon the MRT's equally impressive record, especially after Mudgee's recent award as the top tourist town in Australia. Welcome Tim and partner Amanda, you will never want to leave.





Notes from the Editor

Welcome to the 21st Edition of MWM and unfortunately everywhere is feeling unquestionably waterlogged. Our beautiful region is really suffering from way too much rain with lots of roads closed, pot-holes you could lose yourself in and business disruptions. If you have been affected, please read below.

| Key Contacts | Telephone |
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| Agricultural and Animal Services Hotline | To request assistance with your animals call 1800 814 647 |
| Local Council | To report non-agricultural damage call your local council |
| NSW State Emergency Service (SES) | For emergency help in floods and storms call 132 500 |
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PLAN AHEAD AND REPORT DAMAGE

Farmers and landholders across the State are being urged to plan ahead and report any flood damage to their properties in light of the severe weather conditions.

With the forecast for further rainfall and increased flooding over the coming days, livestock producers are reminded that the NSW Government Agriculture and Animal Services Functional Area (AASFA) hotline, 1800 814 647 provides immediate assistance for affected farmers, landowners and communities in isolated areas.

Minister for Agriculture and Western NSW Dugald Saunders said it is critical that landholders are prepared for the wet conditions and encouraged them to **report** damage using the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) disaster damage survey www.tinyurl.com/3u7p6d62

Jointly funded disaster assistance is now available to 27 local government areas (LGAs) including Mid-Western, following the severe flooding across NSW which began on 14 September 2022. Assistance available under the DRFA may include:

- Help for eligible people whose homes or belongings have been damaged (eligibility criteria apply);
- · Support for councils to help with the costs of cleaning up and restoring damaged essential public assets;
- Concessional loans for small businesses, primary producers and non-profit organisations; and
- · Freight subsidies for primary producers.

For information on personal hardship and distress assistance, contact Service NSW on 13 77 88

To apply for a **concessional loan**, contact the NSW Rural Assistance Authority on 1800 678 593 or visit www.raa.nsw.gov.au

Information on disaster assistance can be found on the Australian Government's Disaster Assist website at www.disasterassist.gov.au

Primary producers affected by the February-March flooding event in New South Wales this year can now access additional funding of up to \$100,000 from a joint Commonwealth/State Government program. Funding is available for:

- Dairy up to \$100,000;
- Extensive livestock, broadacre cropping, turf production and perennial tree crops - up to \$75,000;
- Apiary, poultry and pork up to \$50,000;
- · Aquaculture, commercial fishers and other horticulture such as berries, vegetables, vine crops, cut flowers and nurseries - up to \$30,000, and
- Private native forests and timber plantations up to \$10,000.

Applications for the Critical Producer Grant program are now open. For more information and to apply, visit: nsw.gov.au/criticalproducergrant

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NOVEMBER

EVENTS THROUGHOUT OUR REGION IN NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER

'Sacred Country' Exhibition, Mudgee Arts Precinct (7 days 9am-5pm FREE)

NOVEMBER

Gulgong Holtermann Museum 'Then & Now' Exhibition (open daily 10am-3pm)

NOVEMBER

RSPCA NSW Central West Supporter Group Christmas Raffle tickets on sale

EVERY MONDAY

Reading Circle, Gulgong Library (11am)

EVERY MONDAY

Writing Circle, Mudgee Library (1pm-3.30pm)

EVERY TUESDAY

The Man Walk, Lawson Park (6pm)

EVERY TUESDAY

Junior Touch Rugby, Glen Willow Sports Ground, Mudgee (5.30-6.30pm)

EVERY TUESDAY

Mudgee Swim Club, Mudgee Swimming Pool (6pm start)

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Gulgong Men's Shed meet (9am)

EVERY WEDNESDAY TO SUNDAY

Kandos Museum (10am-4pm)

EVERY MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

Mudgee Men's Shed, 249 Ulan Road (9am-3pm & 9am-11am)

EVERY THURSDAY

Red Hatter Ladies meet (various times & places)

EVERY THURSDAY

Craft Group, Kandos Returned Services Community Club (11am)

EVERY THURSDAY TO SATURDAY

Mudgee Cocktail Bar, Balcony Bar, upstairs at Kelly's Irish Pub (Thursday 6-9pm / Friday & Saturday 4pm-late)

EVERY THURSDAY TO MONDAY

Hot Air Ballooning with Balloons Aloft

EVERY FRIDAY

Mudgee Little Athletics, Walkers Oval (5pm start)

EVERY FRIDAY

Rotary Club of Mudgee Sunrise meeting, Parklands (7am)

EVERY FRIDAY

Live Acoustic Music, Kelly's Irish Pub, Mudgee (from 6pm)

EVERY FRIDAY

'Publicans Shout' Centennial Pub, Gulgong (a free beer 6pm)

EVERY FRIDAY TO SUNDAY

Almost Anything Emporium, Rylstone (10am-3pm)

EVERY SATURDAY

Mudgee & District Junior Cricket Club, from 4years+ at various locations (9am start)

EVERY SATURDAY

Park Run (8am)

EVERY SATURDAY

Mudgee Heritage Walking Tours (from 10am)

EVERY SUNDAY

Mudgee & District Kennel & Obedience Club training classes, Victoria Park, Gulgong (10am)

EVERY SUNDAY

Muddragons, Dragon Boat Club, training at Lawson Park, Mudgee (9.30am)

1ST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Monday History Talk, Mudgee Library (10.15am)

1ST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Cudgegong Camera Club meeting, Club Mudgee (7pm)

1ST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Mudgee Library Evening Book Group (6pm-7pm)

1ST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Books that Made Us Book Group, Mudgee Library (6pm)

1ST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Cudgegong Valley History Group, Henbury Golf Club, Kandos (11am-3pm)

1ST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

CWA Day Meeting 48 Market St, Mudgee (11am)

1ST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Church Markets, St Johns Anglican Church grounds (9am-1pm)

1ST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Mudgee Makers Market, Robertson Park (8.30am-12.30pm)

2ND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

CWA Evening Meet, 48 Market St, Mudgee (5.50pm)

2ND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Crafternoon, Kandos Library - free for 12-20 years (3.45pm-4.45pm)

2ND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Mudgee Valley Writers meeting, Club Mudgee (12.00pm–3pm)

2ND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Crafternoon, Kandos Library - free for 12-20 years (3.45pm-4.45pm)

2ND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Mudgee Valley Writers meeting, Club Mudgee (12.00pm–3pm)

2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

Mudgee Library Junior Chess Club, ages 6-14 (4.30pm-5.30pm)

2ND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Folk Session, Centennial Pub, Gulgong (6pm-late)

2ND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Seniors Meeting, Kandos Returned Services Community Club (2pm)

2ND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Mudgee Library Afternoon Book Group (2.30pm)

2ND SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Rylstone Artisan & Produce Markets, Rylstone Memorial Hall (9am-1pm)

2ND SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Kandos Rylstone Film Society: Film Night, Rylstone Hall

2ND SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Lawson Park Markets, Mudgee (8.30am-12.30pm)

2ND SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Mudgee Miniature Railway (10am-2pm)

3RD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Poetry Circle, Mudgee Library (10am-12pm)

3RD WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Online Book Group, Mid-Western Libraries (7pm via Zoom)

3RD WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Manga & Anime Squad, Mudgee Library suitable for 12-20 years (3.45pm-5.45pm)

3RD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Mudgee Library Adult Chess Club (5.30pm-6.30pm)

3RD SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Mudgee Farmers Markets, Robertson Park (8.30am-12.30pm)

3RD SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Mudgee Branch of the Knitters Guild, Mudgee Lions Club rooms, Mudgee Showground (1pm-4pm)

3RD SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Cars & Coffee, Cudgegong Valley Pioneer Vehicle Club, Mudgee Railway Station (8.30am)

3RD SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

The Rylstone Community Markets, Rylstone, The Globe beer garden (10am-1pm)

3RD SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Guided Farm Walks, Mudgee (9am-12pm)

4TH WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Cudgegong Poets, The Book Nest, Mudgee (6.30pm)

LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

Gulgong Markets, Gulgong Bowling Club (9am-1pm)

1 NOVEMBER

Melbourne Cup Day

1-24 NOVEMBER

Local Australia Day nominations open via MWRC website

4-6 NOVEMBER

Movies at Mudgee Town Hall Cinema

5 NOVEMBER

Dinner with Bruce Pascoe & Masterchef Winner Elena Jo Duggan, Huntington Estate Mudgee (6.30pm start)

5 NOVEMBER

Bands in the Bush, Prince of Wales Opera House, Gulgong (6.30pm–8.30pm)

5 NOVEMBER

A yarn with Bruce Pascoe and Sharon Winsor, Mudgee Airport (9am-12.30pm)

5 NOVEMBER

Natural Sequence Farming: 1 Day Workshop with Stuart Andrews hosted by Watershed Landcare, Red Hill Education Centre (9.30am-3.30pm)

6 NOVEMBER

Behind the Scenes with NSW Rural Fire Service, NSW RFS Cudgegong District, 54 Depot Rd, Mudgee (9.30am-11.30am)

6 NOVEMBER

Brad Cooper Concert and Canapes, di Lusso Estate, Mudgee (4.30pm– 8.15 pm)

11 NOVEMBER

Remembrance Day

12 NOVEMBER

Broken Creek Concert and Pop-Up Choir Workshop, Prince of Wales Opera House, Gulgong (7pm-10pm)

13 NOVEMBER

Swap Meet, Gulgong Showground (9am start)

19 NOVEMBER

Girls Night Out Comedy Hypnosis by Wayne Donnelly, Gulgong RSL Club (8pm-11pm)

19-20 NOVEMBER

'Abstraction, Expressionism, Landscape' Workshop with Peter Griffin, Rosby Wines, Mudgee

22 NOVEMBER

Fireside Chat with Simon Leven hosted by Mid-Western Mentoring, 3 Tails Brewery (FREE 6pm-8.30pm)

22 NOVEMBER

Magnificent Mudgee Business Awards 2022 Finalists announced

26 NOVEMBER

'Open Mic' for Christmas, Henbury Sports & Recreation Club, Kandos (FREE 5pm-10pm)

1 DECEMBER

First Day of Summer

2 DECEMBER

Mudgee Cup, Mudgee Race Club

3 DECEMBER

Drag Bingo with Timberlina, Club Mudgee (7.30pm-10pm)

6 DECEMBER

Magnificent Mudgee Business Awards Ceremony 2022, Augustine, Mudgee

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR - Des Kennedy

As locals will know, the region was hit with a flood event in October that caused significant damage to Council infrastructure, particularly roads. Council is assessing and prioritising repairs, and has put all available resources to these works.

When roads teams are out and about, please be mindful of them and do not speed through work sites. Driving above the advised limit on a work site not only risks safety of staff, it causes further damage and unwinds any repairs. Please be patient as we work through these repairs and if you see a roads problem please report it to Council immediately at midwestern.nsw.gov.au, where you'll find a link on the home page or by calling 6378 2850. Posting to community Facebook pages is not a reporting method and is not captured by Council.

The recent flood event has shown our fantastic community spirit and the selflessness of many volunteers who work in organisations like the SES and RFS.

There are so many people in our community who give their time for the benefit of others. If you've noticed the service of someone this year, why not consider taking just a few moments to nominate them for an Australia Day Award and shine a light on their achievements. There are six categories in which to nominate including Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year and can all be done on Council's website (midwestern.nsw.gov.au). Nominations close 24 November and winners will be announced at Council's Australia Day ceremony at Rylstone Showground on 26 January, 2023.

It's fantastic to see the region's public art collection growing with three new works selected from the recent Sculptures in the Garden event. I'd like to congratulate the organisers and sculptors on yet another fantastic event with some amazing works featured. Council is proud to have been a partner of Sculptures in the Garden since its inception and in that time has acquired



works from the exhibition that are added to the Public Art Collection each year. Sculptures are scattered throughout the region, including Lawson Park. The collection will now expand into other areas beginning with Rylstone.

FRONT COVER FOCUS

This month's front cover features an amazing photograph from Col Boyd Photography.

Col has lived in the Mudgee Region for over 20 years and has extensive experience in all genres of photography. He is a fully accredited professional photographer with the AIPP and a member of Nikon Professional Services, featuring in Australia's top selling Photography Magazine. He is also the current president of the Cudgegong Camera Club.

Freelancing is mostly what he enjoys these days, being fortunate enough to photograph an amazing array of people from all walks of life, including then Prime Minister Tony Abbott, Danni Minogue, Olympian and three time world champion Jessica Fox, Lee Kernaghan, Jimmy Barnes, Angry Anderson, Shannon Noll and The Living End, to name a few.

Loving to get amongst the action,



Col has also photographed Nitro Circus for many years, the Australian Kayaking Team Olympic trials and Moto GP and World Superbikes for over 25 years. More locally, he has been employed by Fairfax Media as a photographer for the Mudgee Guardian and independently covered many local events, business and schools including Mudgee Regional Council, Mudgee High School, Gulgong High School, local dance companies, Mudgee Race Club and the Mudgee Small Farm Field Days.

His talents don't stop there. Col also captures many weddings in our beautiful region and interstate, delivering professional workmanship and premium quality images, albums and slideshows.

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The establishment featured two dining areas and employed cooks, maids, a yardman and a groom. The stables stood along the east fence, with a small farm nestled in behind it.

The hotel was extended again in the mid 1880's. From 1884 when the railway arrived in Rylstone, a 'Sociable' (horse and buggy) met the morning and night train to provide transport for guests and travelling salesmen. When the street level was lowered in the 1930's the front verandahs were lost, doors made into windows and new art deco entrances in keeping with the trends at the time.

Today, we have tried to preserve as much of this unique heritage as possible, while still providing contemporary comforts and amenities for our guests. Come and dine with us and enjoy this unique mix of old and new! The Globe Hotel, Bar & Bistro has it all.

Looking for something new to do on a lazy Sunday afternoon? This weekend, why not jump in the car and meander through our beautiful region which is bursting into life with the warmer Spring weather. Take in the views, catch up with friends and have a delicious lunch at our Sunday Drive suggestions.

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If you LOVE wine, then their cellar door is a must-visit!

With plenty of space to spread out, their cellar door lawns have 180 degree views over their 100,000 vines and is the perfect place to enjoy a glass or two of their gorgeous wines with a selection of cheese and pate. Cue serious relaxation and contentment vibes. For those in the know, their wines are sought after by Australia's best restaurants and luxury hotels. Aren't we lucky that they're located right here in Rylstone? With a small team, it is highly recommended that you book so that

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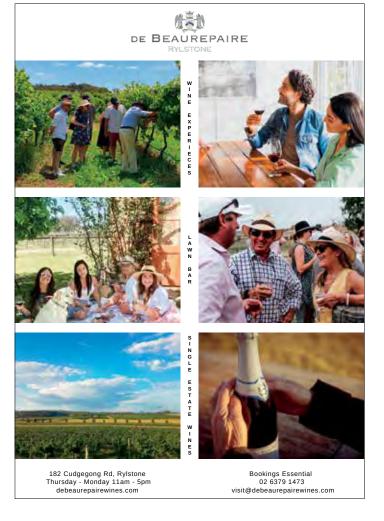
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AUSTRALIA DAY 2023 AWARD NOMINATIONS

Local Australia Day Award nominations opened on Tuesday 1 November and residents are encouraged to nominate someone they know who may be deserving of an award.

Mayor of the Mid-Western Region, Des Kennedy called on residents to take a few minutes to nominate a friend, family member or colleague who volunteers, is involved in sport or the arts, or has significantly contributed to their community.

"If you've noticed the service of someone this year, why not consider taking just a few moments to nominate them and shine a light on their achievements."

There are six categories in which to nominate including Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year.

The 2022 Citizen of the Year, Simon Bennett was recognised for 30 years of volunteer work across many local organisations.

"Simon is a prime example of someone deserving of the Citizen of the Year award," Cr Kennedy said.

"He has volunteered, most likely hundreds of hours with numerous local charities for more than 30 years and was deserving of recognition."

Nominees must be Australian citizens and must reside within the Mid-Western Regional Council area. Nominations available on Council's website, closing 24 November 2022. Mid-Western Regional Council's Australia Day Celebrations will take place at Rylstone Showground on Australia Day, Thursday, 26 January 2023.

MAGNIFICENT MUDGEE **BUSINESS AWARDS 2022**

Business Mudgee is always striving to acknowledge and support the wonderful businesses in the Mudgee Region and has, therefore, decided to hold the Magnificent Mudgee Business Awards once again this year.

The purpose of these awards is to highlight successful businesses and individuals who have shown excellence in 2022 as well as to provide an opportunity to celebrate and connect as a community.

This year's award categories will once again include: hospitality, entertainment, tourism, health and wellbeing, lifestyle, trades and construction, wine, agriculture and rural, retail, community and volunteer services, personal and professional services.





Based on a People's Choice format, there will be two stages to determine this year's results, consisting of initial nominations followed by voting.

Voting will be closing at midnight on 6th November and Finalists will be announced on 22nd November.

This year's awards ceremony will be held at Augustine's, Mudgee on 6th December, which will provide a wonderful opportunity for the business community to gather, network and celebrate together. Head over to businessmudgee.com.au and get your vote in today!

As a not-for-profit organisation, the success of events like the MMBA depends on the generous support of our sponsors, and we thank all our 2022 sponsorship.







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Pearl Daly-Swords, Managing Director of the Centre for Executive Development (CED) a Coaching & Leadership Development Consultancy based in Mudgee and the Founder & Program Manager of Mid-Western Mentoring Ltd has collaborated with local Business Leaders to bring together a program that delivers leading-practice leadership content, mentoring and coaching to our Mid-Western Region.

Since its pilot offering in 2021, two successful programs have resulted and as such, we look forward to bringing the 2023 Mentoring Program to our Mid-Western Regional Business Community.

What does the 2023 Mid-Western Mentoring Program involve?

It's an 8-month Leadership Development program (April - November, 2023) providing up to 40hrs of professional development!

As well as experiencing monthly mentorship in a one-toone capacity with a successful business owner from our Mid-Western Region, participants attend multiple 'business framing sessions' delivered by local experts on such topics as: business strategy; marketing for small business; HR, mindset & peak performance; finance; technology hacks and; legal aspects of running a small business.

Additionally, participants receive insightful one-to-one Leadership Coaching with Pearl and are provided with a multitude of opportunities to network and collaborate via learning circles or mastermind groups. The 'Fireside Chat' series with distinguished business owners have also received phenomenal feedback and invitations to such are extended also to the program's alumni.

What participants have said:

"I met and built friendships with other business owners. I got inspired by others on the program. I learned to step outside of my comfort zone."

"Being in the same space as accomplished business owners who are willing to share their experiences, knowledge and support is priceless."

"A great experience, working alongside like-minded individuals. I was able to gain perspective and support from all involved."

Next steps:

For more information, contact Pearl on 0419 237 619 Visit www.mwmentoring.com.au to review FAQs and/or to APPLY.



JOIN OUR FIRESIDE CHAT

What: Fireside Chat with Simon Leven

Simon Leven is the Managing Director of Leven Smash Repairs (LSR) Mudgee & Dubbo and part owner of the mechanic shop 'Advanced Automotive Services' next door to LSR Mudgee. Simon has been a Mentor on the Mid-Western Mentoring Program since its inaugural program in 2021.

Where: Three Tails Brewery, 13 Lewis St, Mudgee. When: Tuesday, November 22nd 6-8.30pm - for a

6.30pm start.

Who: Friends of the Mid-Western Mentoring program, current participants, alumni, any business owners

interested in knowing more about the Mentoring program (and its 2023 offering!) AND anyone simply wishing to hear Simon's business-related story moderated by the wonderful Summer Land. Why: Network, learn, be inspired and have fun! How: Come along on the night to this FREE entry business-related event – simply purchase a drink(s) at the bar and enjoy your evening.

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2023 DULUX COLOUR FORECAST by Jordan Crowe, Senior Stylist

With the new year just around the corner, it's time to update and refresh your home's interiors. What better way to revitalise your home than with the latest colour trends introducing the Dulux 2023 Colour Forecast. Comprised of "three emotive palettes inspired by our need to reconnect to nature, desire for balance and calm, as well as reviving our spirits with joy and play." (Dulux, 2022)

Dulux has created the following colour trends:



CREATE A STATEMENT IN YOUR HOME WITH PAINT

Paint is such a versatile medium that can instantly elevate and transform any space. Use this years colours to highlight architectural features such as bulkheads and alcoves to add interest to the lack lustre parts of your interior. Painting your front door is also a great way to update your home's faceard and create an inviting entrance for you and your guests. Don't be afraid to mix your colours and introduce more than one into a room.

Don't want to (or can't) paint? Decor is your best friend. If painting your walls seems like too much time and effort (or maybe you are a renter and still want to keep up with the trend) then simply swapping out some of the smaller items within the room can be a great alternative. The introduction of items such as cushions, throws, artwork, vases and floor rugs drastically changes the feeling of a room with little effort, investment and commitment.

DON'T FORGET THE WINDOWS!

Window coverings are such a big design feature for your home and can change the entire look of a room. This is great for when you want to update your interior without changing everything. They are also a great way to embrace colours, patterns and textures when creating a cohesive space. We always recommend selecting a feature colour to highlight other design elements in the room as well as complimenting the view of the exterior of the home. Stripes, florals and softlined geometric patterns will highlight this year's colours.

SO WHICH PALETTE HAS INSPIRED YOU?

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Rylstone's Epic Panzanella

Serves 6 as a side salad or light lunch

INGREDIENTS

4 loose cups of torn bread (preferably ciabatta) 1 Red onion (peeled and cut into 1/4) 4 Roma tomatoes - halved lengthways 2 punnets heirloom tomatoes (use cherry on the vine if not available) 1 large red pepper 1/2 bunch basil leaves 150ml Rylstone extra virgin olive oil 50ml red wine vinegar 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar 1 tbsp anchovy oil (add extra fillets if liked) Salt and pepper to season

NOTES

Before getting started please note that the riper your tomatoes for this dish the better!

DIRECTIONS

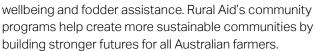
- 1. Start with your bread, pre heat fan oven to 1700c. Tear bread into random chunks bite size or bigger and lay onto baking tray, drizzle with a few glugs of Rylstone EVOO, and sea salt, bake until golden and crisp approximately 12-14 minutes. Set aside.
- 2. If you have a gas hob you can charr the pepper straight over the flames using tongs, but if not then cut the pepper into 1/4, de seed, and charr pepper, skin side up under the grill until blackened. Once soft and skins black place into bowl and cover with glad wrap, set aside.
- 3. Pre heat fan oven, 150, Prepare a baking tray with baking paper and arrange your halved Roma tomatoes and red onion. Scatter with salt, pepper and 2 tbsp of Rylstone EVOO. Take 1/4 of your basil leaves and "stuff" some of the leaves into the tomatoes. This will create great flavour! Cook for approximately 1 hour until tomatoes are dehydrated and onion is soft. Once cooked leave to cool to room temperature.
- 4. Meanwhile cut the rest of your tomatoes, place into a large mixing bowl with the olive oil, vinegars, anchovy oil and 1/2 of the crusted bread. Once pepper has cooled enough to handle peel the skin and slice into thin strips, and add into the mixing bowl.
- 5. Finish with the cooled roasted tomatoes, onion, remaining crisp bread and torn fresh basil (reserve small tips for decorating) and have a final seasoning check. Pile salad into generous sharing bowl and scatter with basil tips and last glug of Rylstone extra virgin olive oil.

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Contact: Maddison O'Brien maddison@watershedlandcare.com.au

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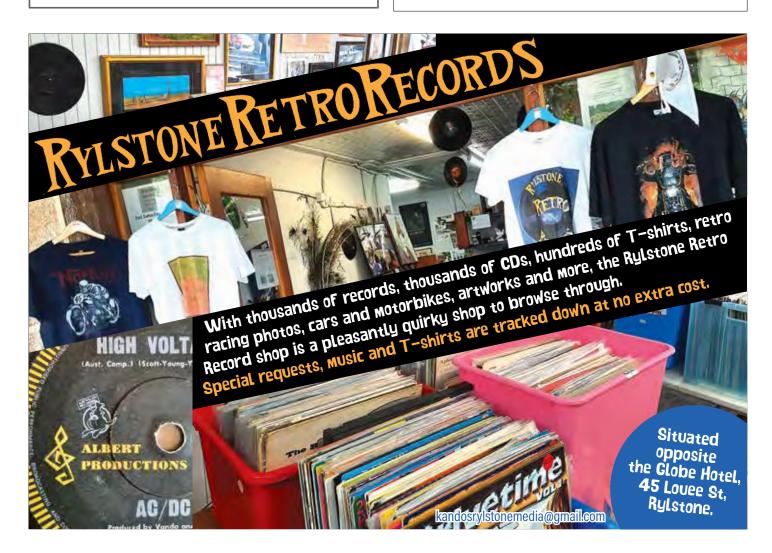
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MEET NIKKI AMPHLETT OWNER OF LIZZIE LULU DESIGNS

At Lizzie Lulu Designs, I'm the owner, designer, creator.... cleaner, packer, inventory manager, office administrator, book keeper, social media guru (ok, I'm not, but I try!). You get where I'm going though, right? Yes, this is a one woman show. That's great news for you because I didn't mention one of my most important job titles is quality control. You can be assured that I'm my own toughest critic, and if I wouldn't wear it, I certainly would never expect you to.

I've been creating jewellery since 2014, when I realised after the birth of my little girl that my oversized dangle earrings were definitely not going to be an option for the foreseeable future. Big earrings were my THING back then. I was openly devastated. But I did what I had to and I put them away. After having only recently had a baby I felt completely unknown to myself already and as silly as it sounds giving up my earrings, something that I felt made me 'me', just made it even more overwhelming. The solution to my dilemma would be found in large studs, they still stood out but didn't have the oh-sotempting drop for tiny fingers to latch onto. I felt better wearing them, happier, like I looked 'put together', rather than 'thrown together' and that was really important to me in those early post-baby days.

But I struggled to find studs that I really liked so to deal this problem I delved into the world of jewellery making. I initially only made studs, mostly in solid colours, because by removing the complication of patterns it made getting out of the house that bit easier. But as the years have gone by, I've broadened

my knowledge of materials, techniques and design because I know that it's much more than just new mum's that benefit from the boost that looking good provides. I work with a variety of materials, which allows me so much artistic freedom to create collections that are designed with women and their lives in mind... not just the latest trends. So, while you will definitely find contemporary designs and colours, you'll also find plenty of classic styles that will allow you to add great depth and longevity to your jewellery collection.

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I hope you enjoy my new shop in Market Street, Mudgee. Perfect timing for Christmas 'Silly Season' jewellery and gifts for family and friends.

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GULGONG HOLTERMANN MUSEUM

The UNESCO listed 1872 Holtermann Collection photographs and new 2022 touch screen activities make for an interesting, interactive, and impressive day out.

Visit Gulgong and take time to wander through the two iconic State Heritage listed buildings of the Gulgong Holtermann Museum to experience the unique Gulgong gold rush history. The well curated contemporary museum offers visitors a relaxing environment and the new interactive animated activities, a first in our region, encourages visitors both old and young to engage in the photographic history on the touch screen displays.

All activities, as well as the interactive photographic street trail, are included in the Museum entry fee.

Group bookings essential. Open daily 10am to 3pm.

www.holtermann.museum



RARE CARTE DE VISITE

Long before selfies were a thing, in fact, before Gulgong was even a town, there was another photographic trend called "Cardomania". This involved a thin paper photograph mounted on a thicker paper card (the size of Victorian-era visiting cards). They were traded among friends and visitors in a global craze stemming from the use of Napoleon's image in this format in 1859.

Widely known as a carte de visite (CdV) because of its French origins, these tiny souvenirs were very popular in the American civil war and served two roles. One was to share portraits of loved ones between soldiers and family members. Another was the collection of photos of celebrities like Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S Grant (at least in the North).

It is not known how many of the Holtermann Collection images were distributed in carte de visite format. This would have been a handy and inexpensive way to share images between hopeful prospectors on the Australian goldfields and family members who remained interstate or overseas.

It may be the reason that Holtermann subjects, like Peter Gondolf, fronted up to the Hill End studio of Merlin and Bayliss to sit for photographic portraits.

The Gulgong Holtermann Museum has been keen to obtain an original CdV. While some Holtermann-themed images exist in private collections, they are rarely available for purchase. The image is captioned by the State Library as "Mother and girls outside weatherboard house with bark roof, Gulgong area". Had a name been recorded by the photographers we might have been able to learn more about the subjects of this picture. This is the kind of work the Holtermann Research Unit is involved in. Our recent training session showed volunteers how to pursue the clues in a photo and look up online records such as Trove's digitised newspapers and NSW Births, Deaths and Marriage records to round out the stories of Gulgong residents from 150 years ago.

We plan to offer this course to members of the public in the near future. Anyone interested in developing these skills to delve into their own family history can attend. Follow our Facebook page to learn of upcoming dates and booking details.

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GULGONG GOSSIP

What a great town Gulgong is!

There are many fantastic events which have been held over the month of October and coming up in November. In October, the Arts Council held lantern making workshops for children, with some wonderful results. Watershed Landcare held a workshop on how RCS is transforming agriculture and soil solutions with Matthew Barton. Deserving local



businesses were rewarded at the Gulgong Business Awards at the end of October. Here's what we have coming up:

5 NOVEMBER – Bands in the Bush a Camden Community band and the Leichhardt Community Brass will be playing at the Gulgong Prince of Wales Opera House from 6.30pm–8pm.

12 NOVEMBER - Broken Creek duo, who, as a part of the Small Towns Anthropologies tour will be holding a pop-up choir in the afternoon of the 12th of November, followed by a concert in the evening, which will also be at the Opera House. This duo come from the small town of Broken Creek, Victoria and they sing Folk music based off life in small country towns.

13 NOVEMBER - Swap Meet at the Gulgong Showground which will feature a car, bike and tractor show, a market day and a trash and treasure. Entry is \$3 or \$10 if you are going to be selling items.

WATERSHED LANDCARE is holding two exciting events in November. On the 5th there will be a one-day course on Natural Sequence Farming with Stuart Andrews of Tarwyn Park Training, at the Red Hill Education Centre, from 9.30am to 3.30pm. This course will help landholders understand the patterns and processes of the landscape, develop new ways of looking at how water moves and fertility is created, and develop the skills to install natural sequence farming on landscapes. Entry is \$10 per person for this fantastic learning opportunity.

On the **26th**, there will be a talk and Q&A on **regenerative agriculture** with local innovators and experts in the regenerative agriculture field. This will also be held at Red Hill Education Centre, from 9am to 4.30pm, with entry being \$10 per person. To find out more about these fantastic events, head to **watershedlandcare.com.au/events**



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BOOK REVIEW

The Wrong Woman

by J.P. Pomare (4.5/5 stars)

This deliciously dark and twisty thriller alternates between the present perspective of private investigator Vince Reid, reluctantly returning to his hometown to investigate a suspicious car accident, and that of crash survivor, Eshana Stiles, over the weeks and months leading up to the fateful night.



Pomare has a keen eye for character and atmosphere, and by no means follows a repetitive style. All his books are uniquely different and this latest instalment is no exception. Another highly addictive read that is unpredictable, twisted, and leads the reader into a false sense of security. J.P. Pomare fans don't want to miss this one. This bingeable thriller is available in print from the Library.

READ ABOUT THE ROYALS



Interested in learning more about the royal family after the recent sad passing of Her Majesty The Queen? The library has a collection of titles on the royals including books on William and Kate, Harry and Meghan, Princess Diana, Prince Philip and Prince Andrew. Explore our catalogue here: https://midwestern.spydus.com

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MONDAY HISTORY TALK

Please join us at Mudgee Library on 7 November, 10:15am for our next Monday History Talk with special guest Fiona MacDonald (contemporary artist, and curator at Kandos Museum) who will discuss her recent portrait exhibition and the extensive research behind it of the eight women who were the closest to Henry Lawson. This talk has been rescheduled from June this year when it was cancelled due to illness. We hope you can make the new date!

Register at: mwrclibrary.eventbrite.com





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SMALL TOWN ANTHROPOLOGIES

Lachlan Heycox (guitar/banjo/ mandolin/percussion) and Erin Heycox (vocals/fiddle) grew up in rural Victoria, steeped in bushbands and balladeers before moving to Melbourne.

Named for the creek Erin grew up near, their chamber folk duo 'Broken Creek' signals a love of traditional folk music with an adventurous musical bent to "break" with the same old ways of playing folk music. "I love traditional folk songs but I'm sick of singing about murdered women" says frontwoman Erin.

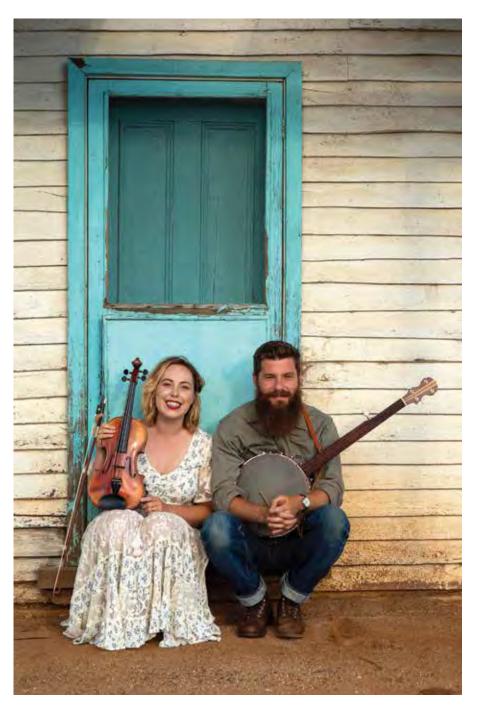
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2022 sees them releasing their debut album Small Town Anthropologies (finalist in the Australian Folk Music Award's Traditional Album of the Year) and launching a national Small Town Tour that includes pop-up choirs, church halls, folk festivals and recording tunes in gorgeous locations.

Broken Creek create compelling virtuosic folk music that only an obsessive guitarist and classicallytrained-gone-folk-rogue fiddle player who have been married for nine years can make.

Drawing on Old Time Americana and Celtic traditions, Broken Creek creates intricate chamber folk arrangements for banjo, guitar, violin and voice that reimagines songs, stories and musical traditions from the past to connect them to our present moment.

In the beautiful space of The Prince of Wales Opera House, Broekn Creek will take you on a journey through Ireland, Scotland, the Appalachian mountains of America with intricate arrangements of banjo, mandolin, guitar, violin and voice. This performance will also include special guest singers from the Pop-up Choir workshop which will be held earlier in the day and is open to anyone who is keen to sing.



Broken Creek will host a **Pop-up Choir Workshop** in the afternoon from 2 - 4pm. This will be a fun two hour workshop where we will learn the parts to a Broken Creek song, an evocative folk song and a rip-roaring sea shanty. No singing experience necessary (if anyone has told you that you "can't sing" they are wrong). In the safety of a group we will learn some vocal techniques that will help you feel in touch with your voice and build your confidence singing in parts.

Date: Saturday 12 Nov 2022

Location: Prince of Wales Opera House, Gulgong

- Pop-up Choir Workshop 2-4pm
- Album Launch Concert 7pm 10pm

For tickets search 'Broken Creek Concert' on www.events.humanitix.com

\$10 for choir workshop (with free entry to concert) \$25 for concert (\$20 concession, \$60 for a family tickets 2 adults 2+ kids)

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"My costume is 3 separate pieces; Kimono, Haori and Obi Inspired by Traditional Japan genre, recycling and the anime NGE. The sleeveless Haori is constructed from denim patches overlayed. The kimono is 3-part satin in colours green, purple, red and orange, created from recycled formal dresses. A yellow pleated chiffon overlay between the green/purple and orange layer features on the back. The lining of the kimono is marbled white Polyester. A black satin band runs the full length of the front of the Kimono. The obi is made from black satin and features a creative machine embroidered symbolic design in red and gold Angelina fibre."

Tyler Jupp





"My MTP is a multi-piece costume inspired by cottage core and mushrooms. It includes a large, felted mushroom hat with veil, puff sleeve blouse, under bust waspie and skirt supported by a bell-shaped hoop skirt and petticoat. The felted red to yellow ombre hat is embellished with varieties of felted mushrooms with white, fluffy crochet spots. Falling from the hat is a white chiffon veil adorned with blue, orange and maroon, satin ribbon roses and additional stitching of vines. The blouse has arrow smocked sleeves and waist. A transparent under bust black lace and white tulle waspie is lightly embellished with small handmade ribbon roses. The skirt features 10 interactable, frayed calico flaps covering different hand drawn, machine embroidered mushrooms."

Clare Chadwick



"My MTP design is a creative, highly embellished wall hanging about a folklore magical bird, the Ibong Adarna, traditional to the Philippines. Fabric marbling has been used to create the background print. Shapes on the background have been creative machine embroidered to highlight the flow of the fabric print. The Ibong Adarna is silk painted with Angelina fibre, crystal organza, rainbow pellon and Soluweb creating the underwing feathers. Individual feathers make up the underbody. 3 D flowers in white and pink are enhanced with felted flower shaped inserts and seed beads. Cording links, the sampaguita flowers."

Daisy Bufete





"My MTP is a contemporary knee length, brown, leather trench coat featuring welt pockets, felted wool sleeves and rabbit fur collar and cuffs. The single-breasted coat has four large Celtic styled buttons and satin stitched 'tree of life' back feature motif design. Rust dyeing forms the back yoke fabric, the welt pocket trim, and a stripe on each sleeve. Coffee grounds and iron bark dyed the felted wool fibre of the sleeves. 100% rabbit fur has been used for the collar and cuffs of the coat."

Lainey Fuller

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Please contact the school principal, Dyanna Thommeny for further information or to arrange a visit.

KANDOS HIGH SCHOOL



LEADING THE WAY AT KANDOS HIGH SCHOOL

In 2022 Kandos High School had four students completing Major Works in Industrial Technology Timber and Furniture Products. With high expectations they all custom designed, constructed and evaluated a range of high-end furniture items from timber. Students had one year to source and show off their skills and talents. All four students were nominated

for InTech Awards in 2022. This award nomination is given to students who have shown a high degree of skill and quality in the construction of their portfolio and project. This achievement shows smaller schools can outperform many larger schools as the students have individual attention with quality teachers.



NSW SQUASH CHAMPIONS

Kandos High School is extremely proud of our girls Squash Team, Jessica Reynolds, Latara Hammond, Teegan Reynolds and Halli O'Brien; who have represented our school playing squash this year.

At the end of last term, the team travelled to Parkes as one of the Top Four Schools in the NSW competition, where they competed against Leeton High School and Dunedoo Central School.

The team played Dunedoo Central School in the final and was successful in winning the gold medal; crowning them NSW State Champions for 2022. Our team went through this competition undefeated, without losing a single game; congratulations girls on a job well done!



ST MATTHEWS CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Good luck to our wonderful Year 12s as they sit their final HSC exams!

On the last day of Term 3 we celebrated St Matthews Day for the first time as a whole school community in three years. It was wonderful to have a whole school Mass which was followed by Mission Frolic. The students had a great time and put a lot of effort into their Mission Frolic stalls which resulted in \$6314 being raised for Catholic Mission.





MUDGEE WOMBATS



WOMBATS CELEBRATE A FANTASTIC SEASON!

Presentations for the 2022 season were held at the new Glen Willow clubhouse on Saturday, 17th September. During the day, the Sub Junior and Junior presentations were held while later that night the seniors celebrated the season with a Gala Dinner.

Major award winners in the Juniors were Lachlan Humphries (Junior Clubperson of the Year), Brock Roe (U/16 Best and Fairest), Angus Littler (U/14 Best and Fairest) and Tom Ryan (U/12 Best and Fairest.

Major award winners in the Seniors were Cam Bailey (Clubperson of the Year), Lochie Brown (Senior Clubperson of the Year), Vili Lautaumi (Supporter of the Year), Erin White and James Nicholls (Rookies of the Year) and Sophie Jewell (Contribution to Women's Rugby).

Other winners included Scott Hedrick (First Grade Best and Fairest), Mark Minter (Second Grade Best and Fairest), Erin White (Womens Best and Fairest) and Campbell Lee (Colts Best and Fairest).

A highlight of the evening was the bestowing of Life Membership on two club stalwarts, Geoff Bennett and service to all aspects of the club and fully deserved this most prestigious honour. Both were given standing ovations by the large gathering of players and supporters.

The 2022 rugby season came to close in Mudgee on Saturday 8th of October when the flooding rains caused the Annual Bowdens Silver Mudgee Rugby Sevens to be cancelled. It is the 4th year in a row that the tournament has had to be abandoned with the previous years cancelled due to the pandemic.

We look forward to this popular event finally returning in 2023.



MUDGEE SWIM CLUB

Mudgee Swim Club is a family-friendly club that encourages members of all ages from pre-school to parents and swimming abilities to join.

We are non-competitive, which means we do not award 1st, 2nd or 3rd in races, swimmers compete against themselves, trying to improve their own time each week.

We hold 16m, 25m, 50m & 100 metre races. The younger swimmers can have an older member/parent assist them if they are not a super confident swimmer.

We also offer lessons to our younger members and a training night.

We meet every **Tuesday at 6pm** at Mudgee Pool. Email us at mudgeeswimmingclub@outlook.com for more information.



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\$2 billion for **Great Western** Highway upgrade

√\$16 million for the Ulan and Cope Roads

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\$11.4 million for construction of the Glen Willow Sporting Complex plus the training camp and roads

√24 hour rescue helicopter for region

√\$1.5 million for the construction of the Mudgee Art Gallery

√ \$240,000 for Mid-Western Regional Family Day Care

√40 mobile phone towers and base stations for Calare

√\$859,700 for improvements at the Putta Bucca wetlands

√ \$1.15 million for Kanandah expansion

\$8,500 IN FUNDING FOR MUDGEE MEN'S SHED



Every Monday and Wednesday, you'll find members of the Mudgee Men's Shed doing a bit of hard yakka, or having a mean cup of tea, at their super-sized site!

Since a fire gutted the building in 2014, the Mudgee Men's Shed has gone from strength to strength, with members forging fantastic friendships while fixing bits and bobs for the community.

I stopped by recently to have a chat to the lads, and congratulate the group on securing a \$7,000 grant to extend their shed. At the moment, the group is being forced to store some of their projects in their rumpus room/gym area!

The group also received \$1500 in funding for fire-fighting equipment.

The funding was made possible thanks to the previous Coalition Government's National Shed Development Program.

SALUTING THEIR SERVICE GRANTS NOW OPEN

The Saluting Their Service Program provides funding to commemorate the service and sacrifice of Australia's service personnel during wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. Grants of up to \$10,000 are available for community-based commemorative projects and activities, while Major Grants of up to \$150,000 are available for initiatives that are significant from a national, state, territory or regional perspective.

For further details, visit: www.communitygrants.gov. au/grantsvisit, or the Department of Veterans' Affairs website:www.dva.gov.au/about-us/overview/ consultations-and-grants/grants-and-bursaries/ saluting-their-service

You can also contact the Community Grants Hub on 1800 020 283 or support@communitygrants.gov.au

MORE FUNDING NEEDED TO FIX RAIN-BOMBED ROADS!

Not only are potholes an incredibly dangerous issue that need to be tackled immediately, the road damage is also hitting our back pockets by puncturing tyres and bending wheel rims, and creating a roads funding crisis for many local council

The impact of the relentless rainfall is particularly being felt in country areas like ours, where local councils manage extremely large road networks. There is simply no way local councils can afford the cost of the road repairs, nor do they have the capacity in their workforce to do so. They need urgent help and it should be provided by both State and Federal Governments.

I think upcoming Federal Budget is the place to do it

as there's no better time for the government to step up with more funding.

It's not just a question of costs and economics. Damaged roads put lives at stake, which makes this issue urgent. We have a wet summer forecast, so this issue is only going to get more acute.

The road crews of many of our local councils are stretched and exhausted. Patching is the best many councils can do right now, but this is not sustainable. Funding is urgently needed to make these roads safe again. This needs to be a national priority that crosses party lines. I call on the Federal Government to lead the way and commit to greater roads funding for the safety of road users around Australia. Our local councils need immediate assistance!

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CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS YOU TO OUR LOCAL RFS

It was an honour to be with the men and women of the RFS at Club Mudgee and the Rylstone Showground recently for the NSW RFS - Cudgegong District medals presentation and vehicle handover.

Members of all Brigades distinguished themselves during the 2019 - 2020 Black Summer bushfires.

It was a dangerous time with communities like Kandos, Ilford and Clandulla plus many others directly in the path of the inferno at different stages of the emergency. I still can't believe that communities like Cullen Bullen escaped intact and that no lives were lost.

We owe an enormous debt of gratitude to the men and women of the RFS who worked to the point of exhaustion during that dangerous time. They are still out there every day

and night, serving and protecting.

Congratulations to all of the medal recipients and thank you to all members from a very grateful community!



I was honoured to present the keys to some shiny new vehicles, including a new Category 9 firefighting tanker to the Gulgong Brigade. The new Landcruiser has already been to put to use over the past few months tackling grass and bush fires along with supporting crews at other incidents. While we see the RFS at fires, it's a year-round commitment with training, motor vehicle accidents, missing person searches and community events.

Let's hope it's another quiet fire season!



DIXONS LONG POINT CROSSING AND OTHER KEY PROJECTS MUST CONTINUE!

The new Federal Government is about to hand down its first Budget.

Our local councils and community groups are nervously awaiting news on the fate of key regional projects and grants programs that are vital to the future of our country communities.

Key projects that need funding include:

- Dixons Long Point Crossing over the Macquarie River, which is funded through the Roads of Strategic Importance (ROSI)
- Bathurst RSL Car Park, which is funded through the **Community Development Grants Program**
- Orange City Council has an application in for the Orange Regional Sports Precinct for funding under the

Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF)

- The new Charles Sturt University Rural Clinical School, which the former Coalition Government allocated \$14.8 million for in the March 2022 budget.
- The Bathurst Regional Training Hub, which is one of three Hubs the previous Federal Government committed \$3.9 million towards.

I've met the new Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, Catherine King, and impressed on her the importance of funding the Dixons Long Point and Bathurst RSL Car Park projects. I also asked about the future of the BBRF program. It is absolutely essential that these and other vital regional projects are funded. Regional Australia deserves it's fair share.

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Your commonly asked legal questions answered

Dear Sally, I am looking at entering the property market but I'm not sure where to start?

I recommend following these tips and tricks to be best prepared to buy your next home.

- 1. Have your finance ready to go. Make sure you've obtained pre-approval from your lender or broker before turning up to an open home. There's nothing worse than falling in love with a property, only to find that you're not in a position to make a firm offer on the day and losing out to someone else who is better prepared.
- 2. Know your limitations. Have you started looking at fixeruppers, only to get a little distracted by the beautifully styled and fully renovated properties? Maybe you've decided that you'd like to live out of town? It's easy to find yourself a little off-track but try and stick with your original goals. Your preapproval might be for a residential property, not rural. It might also be for \$100,000 less than the properties you'd like to buy. Buying a property is an emotional decision, but if you can't afford that dream home, you're only going to be disappointed.

- **3. Review the listing contract.** Found the perfect place? Contact us to have a read through the contract before making an offer. We can let you know if there are any legal issues with the property that might affect your decision to buy it.
- 4. Consider your cooling-off period. If you've found a property that you'd like to buy but are concerned that another purchaser will come along and outbid you, you have the option of exchanging contracts with a cooling-off period. This way, you've locked in your purchase price and can use the coolingoff period to finalise finance and pest & building inspections of the property. You pay a 0.25% deposit, which you forfeit if you choose not to proceed. But the vendor cannot accept another offer while you're cooling-off, so it can be a handy tool to consider.
- 5. Buyer Beware. You're buying the property on an "as is" basis, so it's important to make sure that there aren't any structural issues hiding under the surface. Invest in pest and building reports from a reputable inspector - it could save you thousands.
- 6. I've had an offer accepted now what? Let the agent know who will be acting as your legal representative on the sale.

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