

# GEROGERY NEWS

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"Gerogery", Wiradjuri word for Magpie



Gerogery Hotel

## GEROGERY PUB VOTED NUMBER TWO IN PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD FOR NSW AFTER ALREADY VOTED BEST PUB ON THE BORDER!

*Quote from Norm and Lisa*

*"For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row, we were named as a Finalist in the AHA NSW Awards for People's Choice! The winner was announced on 29<sup>th</sup> October and we are pleased to share that we came in 2<sup>nd</sup> which is a huge achievement and we are so proud of our team and the work they do! We were one of only 2 country pubs named as a finalist for NSW! We also received a notice from Justin Clancy MP Albury sharing that he submitted a Community Recognition Statement to the NSW Legislative Assembly on 16<sup>th</sup> October, celebrating the G-Rodge's creativity and innovation! Back in April this year, we were voted the Best Pub on the Border in the Triple M The Border - Best of the Border Awards!"*

**Congratulations Norm, Lisa and Team for this outstanding achievement. This is a fantastic result and we support Justin Clancy's celebration of your creativity and innovation. The food and entertainment at the G-Rodge is always excellent and everyone feels included from little kids to oldies. We thank you for providing jobs for our local young people and the contribution you make to the Gerogery school, fire brigade, various sporting groups and also the work you do to bring awareness to mental health.**

**Here's cheers to Lisa, Norm and the team. You really go above and beyond.**

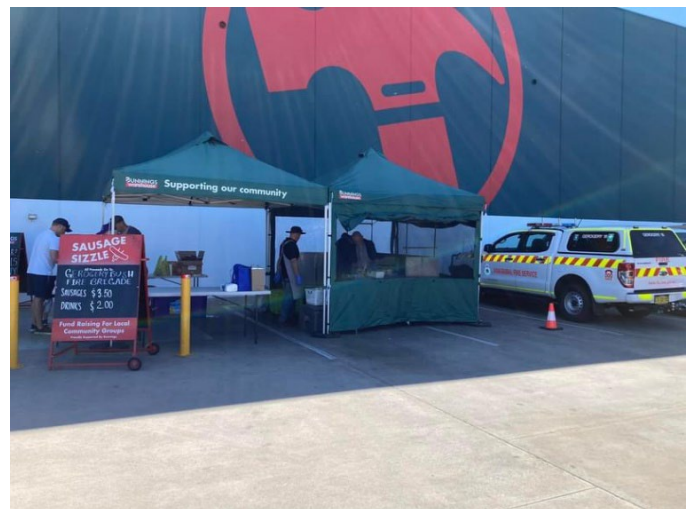
Please see more about what's happening at the G-Rodge as well as future plans further in the newsletter. Norm and Lisa won't be standing still for a minute.

There's great plans happening in 2025 as well as lots more in 2024.

## Gerogery Fire brigade had their annual Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 2nd November

Secretary, Cathy Schubert

We exceeded our previous sales and raised funds to support the running of the brigade. We thank all the volunteers who helped out and all those sausage eaters out there.



**The official fire season has now started and no fires can be lit without a permit.**

Check our Facebook site and Gerogery West Facebook site for details regarding fire permits. At least 3 days' notice is required, which allows time for the Fire Office to process your request. Please remember that permission to burn maybe subject change at short notice, depending on weather conditions. Days of Total Fire Ban mean there can be no open fires at all.

Any queries in regards to burns can be made to Col (Fire Captain) on 0412691889  
Have a safe and fire free summer.

Gerogery Fire Brigade



## Gerogery Presentation to Greater Hume Shire Councillors and Staff

### Jill Coghlan

For the second consecutive year, Ian and I had the privilege of representing Gerogery to Greater Hume Shire Council and Staff on 23 October. This is an annual event and in the October newsletter, I invited the Gerogery community to contribute or present on Gerogery's wants and needs. All communities in the Shire were represented.

It was a great occasion to meet and discuss opportunities with Councillors and other community representatives. Some Councillors, including newly elected Deputy Mayor, Ben Hooper have asked if we could show them around Gerogery and the Walla Working Group suggested Gerogery and Walla should work together to secure grants for projects.

We came away feeling very positive about our new Council and we were very impressed with the team support from other communities offering to work with Gerogery. If anyone is interested in helping to make this happen, we would be very happy to hear from you. We expect to follow through on this early in the new year. Also, if anyone would like to see a copy of the Gerogery presentation, please email me at: [eurimbla@live.com.au](mailto:eurimbla@live.com.au)

I really encourage Gerogery residents to be more active about Gerogery and to decide together about what would be good for Gerogery. It's much better for the community to decide what's good rather than the decisions to be made for us. So speak up! Please email me if you'd like to be involved. Gerogery is the only community in the Shire without a working group or focus group which makes Gerogery vulnerable because there's no community consultation or Gerogery misses out on opportunities.

### GEROGERY SHOP

Nola will be opening the shop this Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November from 9am till 1am for the Gerogery Community Garage Sale.

### GEROGERY HALL

This Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November is the last Culcairn Country Music Club meeting at the Hall.

As always, you are very welcome to call in and enjoy the music.

## Gerogery Public School Presentation Night and concert

Date: 16 December 2024

Time: 6:45pm - Gerogery Hall

Come and join our students for a fun evening.

All welcome

### Excursion to Crookwell

Our whole school end-of-year excursion to Crookwell and Talbingo School was very busy and exciting.

The students travelled to the Australian Agricultural Centre at Crookwell for a three-day excursion by bus. On the first day the activities included: Train Museum Tour, Goulburn Waterworks, Lindner Sock Factory and then drank hot chocolate and marshmallows around a bonfire before settling into yurts for sleeping.

After sleeping at Talbingo school the second night, the students assisted in planting trees and attended The Action for Change & Carbon Cycle Program before travelling to Talbingo.

On the third day the students toured the Yarrangobilly Caves. A great three days of experiences for our students before heading back to Gerogery.

The Gerogery School staff, Gerogery P & C and school community would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for the continued support throughout the year for our school events.



## Gerogery School students Spring Bird Survey

**Fiona McCooke**

Fiona McCooke from Birds on Farms, Maddie and Jill Coghlan had a very enjoyable morning leading 11 very engaged and observant pupils to sight and identify 18 different species of birds in an approximately 2-hectare bushland area, adjoining the Gerogery Public School. The number of species is more than likely under-reported as the group had only one pair of binoculars. However, most of the pupils demonstrated excellent observation skills, spotting birds well before older eyes had even focussed. They also made other discoveries such as empty mussel shells next to the water, bird feathers, large red ants, and an unidentifiable something in the billabong we circled.... great discussion topics for the classroom.

The enthusiasm and the attention to detail (checking off all the birds they saw) of all the pupils was quite inspirational and will ensure that Gerogery has a dedicated group of citizen scientists to record what is happening in their environment. Thanks too, to Maddie for guiding us around the site, organising the pupils, and providing encouragement and support to her enthusiastic charges. Overall, a great experience.

A favourite sighting was the Sacred Kingfisher and the Australian Wood Duck with 10 little ducklings. We'll look forward to doing a summer survey in the new year.



## CWA NEWS

The Gerogery Country Women's Association (CWA) held their AGM on 2nd October at the home of Tanja Schramm. The meeting was held in the morning followed by lunch. Set on the foreshore of the Lake Hume and with an abundance of bird life, good company and wonderful hospitality, it was a fabulous day.

Clare Ginnevan was re-elected President but our long term Secretary, Genevieve Knobel and our long term Treasurer, Jeanette Findlay stepped down. Also our long term Environmental Officer, Margaret Pierce has stepped down. We are very grateful to Genevieve, Jeanette and Margaret for their outstanding service to the group and are very pleased they will continue to contribute their knowledge and experience for the new office bearers. Our new Secretary is Karen Schoff & our new Treasurer is Loretta Ashford. Jill Coghlan is our new Environmental Officer.

The Gerogery CWA is a great local group that makes a wonderful contribution locally, nationally and internationally. The Gerogery CWA meets at 11.30am at the Gerogery Hall on the first Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 5th February and new members are very welcome to attend.

## GEROGERY PUB

We are very excited to see the announcement of a Café opening at the G-Rodge in 2025!

The holiday season is fast approaching and we know many are keen to know if we'll be open over the Xmas period, the Pub will be open until 10pm Xmas Eve and then reopen 5pm Thursday 2nd Jan 2025!





**EVERY WEEK @ THE G-RODGE!**

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| <b>Mon</b> | <b>Pizza Night!</b>   |
| <b>Tue</b> | Kids Eat Free!<br>Tight Arse<br>Tuesday!                      |
| <b>Wed</b> | Steak Night!<br>Pub Mega Draw!                                |
| <b>Thu</b> | Parmi Night<br>Members Cash Draw!<br>Raffles!                 |
| <b>Fri</b> | Toss the Boss<br>Big Dog Smokehouse<br>Joker Poker<br>Raffles |

**THE GEROGERY HOTEL**

The Gerogery Newsletter is to inform the Gerogery community about what's happening in and around Gerogery. It's been great to see the newsletter audience growing monthly as more and more people want to know what's happening in Gerogery. Newsletters are available at the shop or pub or by email. If you or someone you know would like to receive an email copy, please email me at: [eurimbla@live.com.au](mailto:eurimbla@live.com.au) and I'll add you to the group. I really encourage our audience to receive an email copy as it provides the opportunity to include council notices or other relevant information that's of interest and that can't be included in the hard copy because it's too long and therefore, too costly.

This will be our last newsletter for the year. Our next one will be in February. If you have any news or stories for our next newsletter, please contact Kim: 0427739376, Cathy: 0403082552 or Jill: 0488661585

**Kids Xmas party**

**FRI 6TH DEC  
5PM-8PM**

**THE GEROGERY HOTEL**

### What's happening in November

- 9 Walk and Dine Down Memory Lane @ Jindera Pioneer Museum
- 9 An Evening at the Blacksmiths @ Jindera Pioneer Museum
- 10 Gerogery Community Garage Sale**
- 14 Storytime for 0 - 5 Year Olds @ Holbrook Library
- 15 Saint Mary MacKillop College Twilight Country Fete
- 17 Table Top Mountain Charity Walk**
- 20 Greater Hume Council Ordinary Meeting @ Culcairn
- 21 Service NSW Mobile Service Centre @ Holbrook
- 26 Service NSW Mobile Service Centre @ Walla Walla
- 27 Service NSW Mobile Service Centre @ Culcairn
- 28 Service NSW Mobile Service Centre @ Henty
- 28 Storytime for 0 - 5 Year Olds @ Holbrook Library
- 29 Holbrook Christmas Markets and Festivities

**Monday, 23 December 2024 to Thursday, 30**

**January 2025 - NSW School Holidays**

**Friday, 20 December 2024 to Tuesday, 28**

**January 2025 - VIC School Holidays**

[Visit Events for more information on these and other events.](#)

[Visit Events Guide for information on planning, promotion, management and coordination with Greater Hume Council.](#)

**Calling for Nominations of Greater Hume's Top Citizens**

Citizen of the Year Young Citizen of the Year  
Community Event of the Year  
Sports Person/Team of the Year Sports Volunteer of the Year  
\*Volunteer/Volunteer Group of the Year\* New Award

Applications close Wednesday, 4 December 2024

Online nomination forms for all award categories are located on Council's website ([www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au](http://www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au)) or a hardcopy can be picked up at one of Council's Customer Relation Centres at Culcairn, Henty, Holbrook and Jindera.

Greater Hume's Australia Day celebrations will be held in Henty on Sunday, 26 January 2025.

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**Greater Hume Council**

**AUSTRALIA DAY IN GREATER HUME**