



“Gerogery”, Wiradjuri word for Magpie



Gerogery Public School

## Council elections Saturday 14 September Gerogery – East Ward

Gerogery is located in East Ward and at the forthcoming elections East Ward will **not** be required to vote for a representative Councillor. This is referred to as “an uncontested election” & has happened because there were only 3 nominees which was the required number of nominees for each Ward. This means all 3 nominees are automatically elected to Council. They are: Tony Quinn - Thurgoona, Lea Parker & Kerry Moton – Holbrook.

However, Gerogery residents will still need to vote for the referendum that asks you to vote “yes” or “no” to the following 2 questions:

Currently Greater Hume is divided into three wards that elect 9 Councillors in total. Do you favour

1. Abolishing this ward system in favour of a single area consisting of all voters that elects 9 councillors?
2. Making no change to this system; that is three wards and 9 councillors remain?”

If the removal of wards is supported by a majority of formal votes cast at the 2024 election, the 2028 local government elections would be conducted as an undivided area (without wards).



## Gerogery Public School

Nestled in a beautiful natural setting, Gerogery Public School offers a unique and enriching educational experience for students. Our school boasts spacious grounds that provide an ideal environment for both learning and play.

At Gerogery Public School, we pride ourselves on being well-equipped with modern facilities and resources that enhance the learning experience. Our dedicated and highly qualified staff are passionate about fostering a supportive and collaborative community. They provide individual attention to each student, ensuring that every child’s needs are met in a nurturing environment.

With a focus on small group learning, we offer an academic program that is both challenging and engaging, tailored to support students’ unique strengths and abilities. Our approach ensures that students receive the personal attention they need to thrive academically and socially.

Gerogery Public School is more than just a place of learning; it is a family-oriented community where every child is valued, and every parent is a partner in education. We believe in creating a welcoming atmosphere where collaboration and support are at the forefront, making it a perfect environment for children to grow, learn, and succeed.

Join us at Gerogery Public School, where education meets nature, and every child is given the opportunity to excel.

For more information [\(02\) 6026 0514](tel:0260260514)



## Gerogery Fire Brigade

A well **prepared home** is more likely to survive a bush fire.

Even if your plan is to leave early, the more you prepare your home, the more likely it will survive a bush fire or ember attack. A well prepared home can also be easier for you or firefighters to defend, and is less likely to put your neighbours' homes at risk. A well prepared home will also give you more protection if a fire threatens suddenly and you cannot leave.

Here are some basic maintenance tips to prepare your property:

- Clean your gutters of leaves and twigs
- Install metal gutter guards
- Repair damaged or missing tiles on the roof
- Install fine metal mesh screens on windows and doors
- Fit seals around doors and windows to eliminate gaps
- Enclose the areas under the house
- Repair or cover gaps in external walls
- Attach a fire sprinkler system to gutters
- Keep lawns short and gardens well maintained
- Cut back trees and shrubs overhanging buildings
- Clean up fallen leaves, twigs and debris around the property
- Have hoses long enough to reach around your house
- If you have a pool, tank or dam, put a Static Water Supply (SWS) sign on your property entrance, so firefighters know where they can get water
- Check and maintain adequate levels of home and contents insurance. Ensure it is up to date.

If you would like to join the Gerogery Fire Brigade, call Cathy on 0403 082 552

## CWA NEWS

The Gerogery Country Women's Association (CWA) meets on the first Wednesday of the month at the Gerogery Hall at 11am. Next meeting is 4<sup>th</sup> September and October 2<sup>nd</sup>. All interested people are welcome and a cup of tea or coffee is provided on arrival.

On 21<sup>st</sup> August, the Gerogery CWA hosted the Group International Day which this year, the country was France. We enjoyed delicious French food and a number of CWA Branches entertained us with poetry and information about France.

Our meeting on Wednesday will be our Gerogery Branch Land Cookery day.

The Gerogery CWA will be running the **Bunnings** sausage sizzle on **Saturday 28 September**. Money raised will go to the Gerogery Public School, Gerogery Fire Brigade & CWA Head Office to support other services. So if you're looking for a great sausage sizzle, come to Bunnings on Saturday, 28 September.



## Gerogery Hall

The Culcairn Country Music Club will be at the Gerogery Hall on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September from 12pm till 4.30pm. Everyone is welcome. \$5 members, \$7 non-members.

Council elections will be held at the Gerogery Hall on Saturday 14 September.

## Gerogery Tennis Courts

Work has started on the Gerogery tennis courts to get them back in shape. It'll be great to see these courts back in action and being used by the community again. We'll keep you updated with progress.

## **REROC ENERGY and INNOVATION CONFERENCE**

On 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> August, I attended a great conference hosted by the Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC) to showcase the latest energy technology to the 7 Riverina Councils that make up REROC, including Greater Hume Shire Council.

My interest was to see what technologies would benefit Gerogery with no cost to Gerogery. One thing of interest is Fast Chargers and Ultra-Fast Chargers for EV vehicles. Fast Chargers bring tourists and with 1.2 million tourists driving EV's and spending a minimum of 3 nights in our region, Gerogery is well placed to provide this service. We were shown a map of Fast Charger locations in the Riverina and there looks to be a gap along the Olympic Highway between Albury and Wagga. More than 50% of all new vehicles sold will be electric by 2030. A Fast Charger would be a great reason for tourists and others to stop and spend something in Gerogery. Grants are available for Fast Chargers through the NSW Government as Tourism Grants, allocating \$10million for kerbside and \$10million for Buildings.

Technology that would be useful for the Gerogery agricultural community is a Wagga based company EOM Bikes that converts agricultural bikes and buggies to electric. A Polaris Ranger had been converted with a lithium battery that could be recharged through a power point. A solar panel on the roof provided automatic charge to run a spray unit.

For anyone with a home solar and battery unit, a worthwhile technology is Amber Electric Australia that lets you access the true energy price at wholesale prices. The presenter of this technology had earned \$307 the previous day by selling stored energy at 5 times the average rate.

Other interesting technologies was a Wagga based company called Prefabulous that builds prefab modular housing that's about to achieve a 10 star energy rating. The longest module is 5 meters by 17.9 meters and they're currently building a house that'll be 5 of these modules.

Other fascinating technologies included a Wagga based company Halocell, making solar out of perovskite rather than silicon. This product is

ground breaking for its durability (25 years), high capacity, low-cost manufacturing, fully recyclable so no waste and usable for Indoor or Outdoor solar. The Outdoor solar won't be available for another couple of years but I discussed if its versatility in solar farms could preserve biodiversity by wrapping around rocks and trees because it could absorb solar from more angles and its thinness meant it could bend. I'll be interested to see how it develops.

There was also green hydrogen gas company AGIG, with plants being built in Wodonga and Wagga to fuel heavy machinery including trucks and farm machinery as well as aircraft. The first electric aircraft flight will happen next year using a battery only but larger planes will use green hydrogen or both.

It was forecast that EV Ute will be available in Australia in 2025 with brands, BYD, PHEV & RADAR arriving and flying cars would be available in 2030 with tests starting next year.

REROC's subcommittee, JONZA will facilitate Council to reach Nett Zero by 2050 through different upgrades and grants that will provide annual savings of \$100,000 or more to Council.

## **HENTY MACHINERY FIELD DAYS**

The Henty Machinery Field Days are regarded as southern Australia's single biggest agricultural event, showcasing the latest in machinery and farm equipment, outdoors and camping products, farm produce, agronomy, country lifestyle, government and health services, agribusiness and finance services. Gates open at 8am each day, September 17 – 19.

Book tickets - <https://www.hmfd.com.au/>



## GEROGERY HOTEL

Overtime Duo – Saturday, 7 September  
Live & free this Saturday night!  
Book a table so you don't miss out!

Paint, sip & laugh your Picasso off on Sunday  
22nd September 2pm-5pm! We're only 20mins  
north of Albury, why not come out for the day?

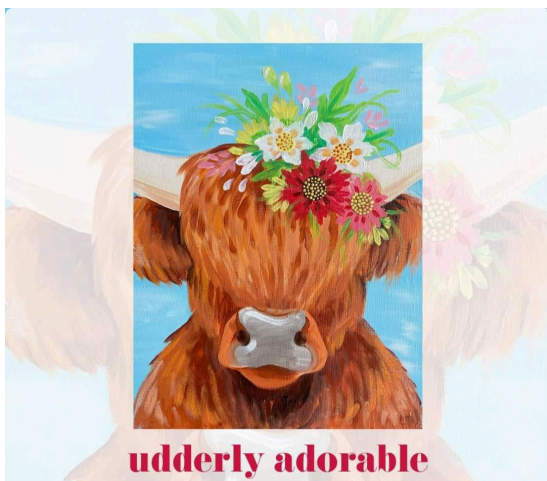
"UDDERLY ADORABLE"

Bring a group, meet new people & take home  
your very own masterpiece! This one isn't just for  
the ladies, everyone is welcome, but - fellas, bring  
the Mrs, you do one of our challenges while she  
paints?

Why not book a table for lunch before the  
session?

Book now so you don't miss out!

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### Weekly:

*Tuesdays* - Tight Arse Tuesday cheap meals  
and Kids eat free

*Wednesdays* - Steak Night \$25 steaks &  
Mega Pub Draw

*Thursdays* - Members Cash Draw & raffles

*Fridays* - Toss the Boss - 4pm-6pm, Big Dog  
Smokehouse 5.30pm-8pm. Joker Poker and  
raffles from 8pm

### Hotel Opening Hours:

Monday CLOSED

Tuesday to Thursday from 5pm

Friday to Sunday from 12pm

Lunch Fri-Sun

Dinner Tues-Sat

(Closed Sunday nights until 15<sup>th</sup> September)

**CULCAIRN**  
Ag SHOW  

109th Culcairn Agricultural Show

**SATURDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2024**

**WOOD CHOP** MARKET STALLS KIDS ACTIVITIES  
HORSE EVENTS DOG SHOW SHEARING COMP  
SCARECROW COMP POULTRY EXHIBIT  
PAVILLION - ARTS & CRAFT, PHOTOGRAPHY  
COOKING, FLOWER & PLANT DISPLAY

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**WALBUNDRIE**  
**SHOW**

**WHATS ON SHOW DAY:**

- ANIMAL NURSERY
- SHEARING COMPETITION
- YOUNG FARMERS CHALLENGE
- SIDESHOW ALLEY
- SHOWBAGS
- PAVILION DISPLAYS

**ATTRACTIONS:**

- BUSH MARKET
- DOG SHOW
- HORSE EVENTS
- POULTRY AND SHEEP DISPLAYS
- VINTAGE MACHINERY
- CAR CLUB DISPLAY

**MONDAY 7 OCTOBER**  
OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND

**NEW THIS YEAR!!**  
ONLINE ENTRIES FOR  
PAVILIONS

**ADULTS \$15**  
**PENSIONERS \$7**  
**SCHOOL CHILDREN FREE**



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