

Burrumbuttock Bulletin





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Merry Christmas.

Sending my best wishes to all in our community this Christmas season and wishing you and your family a happy and safe New Year.

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SAVE THE DATE

Monday 8 December

Bulletin AGM

Friday 19 December

Anglers Club Raffle at Pub

Monday 26 January 2026

Australia Day Celebrations @ Jindera

BURRUMBUTTOCK BULLETIN

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 8th December

AT 7.30PM

AT TENNIS CLUB PAVILLION

Please come along to support the ongoing future of this local publication!

Your ideas and input are welcome.



Burrumbuttock Anglers Club Christmas Raffle

Friday 19th December
Farmers Inn Hotel

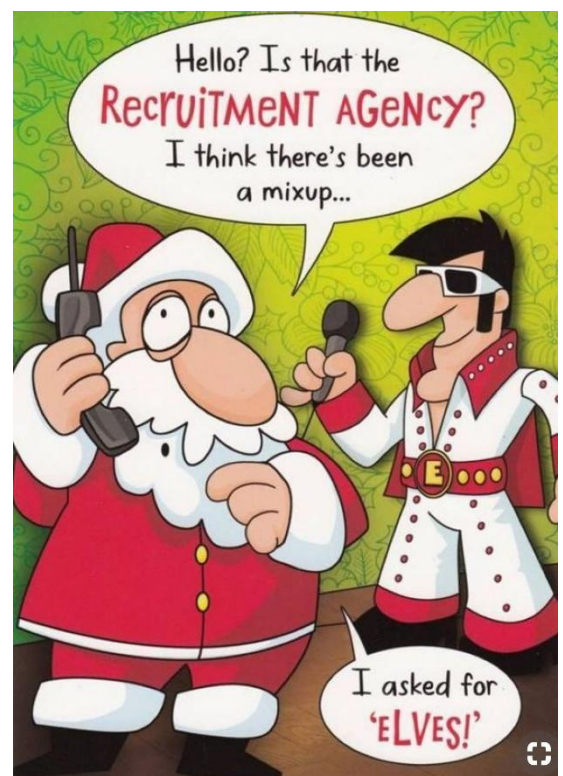
From 7.30pm

Nibbles provided

Tickets available now from Farmers Inn
3 for \$5

Eftpos Available on the night

HO-HO-HO!



The Bulletin needs You and Your ideas

The Burrumbuttock Bulletin has been published consistently for the past 36 years.

This is an outstanding credit to the many volunteers who have been involved in its production over the decades.

The local community continues to support the Bulletin by submitting articles each month – you will find something about the BB Saints Football and Netball clubs, Tennis Club, Anglers Club, Public School, Pre-School, Community Forum, Public Hall Committee, and interesting pieces of local news, along with upcoming events or activities.

We are looking for some new people to get involved in the committee – assisting the editor, submitting articles of interest, proofreading, printing, and collating.

It is not a big commitment each month but is rewarding working with fellow committee members in producing our local newsletter.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 8th December at 7.30pm at the Tennis Club pavilion.

Marion Vile, Secretary

Burrumbuttock Tennis Club

The Tennis season is at the halfway mark, with all 4 teams doing well. Section 1 are at the top of the ladder, Section 3a sits 4th and should play finals. Section 4 have been the outstanding team being undefeated while Section 6 have had 1 win and improving each match.

Coaching

The club has been conducting Junior Coaching Classes each Thursday afternoon for learners. Thanks to Brad for doing the coaching.

Night Tennis

The Club is looking to start Night Tennis during February – March 2026. If you are interest in playing, email Ash at ashleynbec@bigpond.com. It is a very casual evening with a bit of fun, and you are able to beat the heat.

Bunnings BBQ

The Club held a very successful Bunnings BBQ on Sunday November 16.



Front of the table: Sam Marshall, Bindi Marshall
Back of the table: Peter Lawrence, Nicola Lawrence
enjoying the Christmas Party

Christmas Party - Was held on Saturday November 29. Members enjoyed a Christmas party with delicious salads and BBQ meats cooked expertly by Ash Lindner wearing his very professional striped apron. Until next year have a great Christmas and a successful 2026. President, Maurice Tynan



Christmas Raffle Winners
Mark Korzeniowski, Valerie McCormack, William Lindner, Maurice Tynan

Greater Hume's Australia Day Celebrations

Monday, 26 January 2026
at the Jindera Recreation Grounds, Jindera
8am for Breakfast, 9am Official Ceremony commences.
This is a FREE event.

The Australia Day celebrations include the Australia Day Breakfast, Australia Day Ambassador's address, Citizenship Ceremony, presentation of Citizen, Young Citizen, Sports Person/Team, Sports Volunteer, Individual and Group Volunteer and Community Event of the Year and presentation of School Citizenship and Local Awards.



AUSTRALIA DAY
IN GREATER HUME

Jindera community invite you to stay on for the family fun activities to be held after the Australia Day Ceremony:

- Live Music by 'Whiteline'
- Kids Entertainment
- Local RFS Display
- Free Pool Entry and Wally Wipeout
- Free Morning Tea

Our Ambassador

**Will be announced in
January.**

For more information please contact - Emily Jones, Tourism and Communications Coordinator
0448 099 536, ejones@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au.



Pic Australia Day Ambassador James Pittar and crowd at the Henty Recreation Ground

2025 Greater Hume Australia Day

Citizen of the Year - Alison Schuster, Henty

Youth Empowerment Award- Lucy Grills, Holbrook

Sports Person/Team of the Year- Ashley-James Bender, Holbrook

Sports Volunteer/s of the Year - John Mullavey, Walla Walla and Debbie Mills, Holbrook

Joint Community Events of the Year - Brock-Burrum Big Freeze and Walla Walla Lutheran Church Centenary

Individual Volunteers of the Year - Kerry Small, Henty, Colin Barrett, Henty and Andrew Kotzur, Walla Walla

Group Volunteers of the Year - Holbrook Meals on Wheels and

**Burrumbuttock 150th Celebration has been nominated for the
Community Event of Year.**

Burrumbuttock Recreation Ground

Merry Christmas readers and users of the Burrumbuttock Recreation Ground precinct.

We have just recently had our Annual General Meeting where the President specifically acknowledged the amazing group of volunteers who maintain the entire complex.

'A special mention must go to our unsung heroes – those who quietly turn up of their own accord to mow, clean, sweep, blow, spray, fertilize, set up, pack up, sow, harvest... the list goes on. It is your pride in this place that makes our facilities the envy of many communities'

The committee remained unchanged with Ashley Lindner as President, Jacko Whitty as Vice- President, Janice Whitty, Secretary, Matthew Hunt, Treasurer, along with our additional members and sporting club representatives.

This year we welcomed Jason Smith to the team partway through the year. Jason was a former Burrumbuttock Footballer. His professionalism and expertise have allowed us to make real progress on the MPCC project. Jason's guidance has already led to financial savings in the build, and we are thrilled to have him on board.



Throughout the year the Rec Ground Team liaised with Council to ensure residents were able to continue to walk their dogs within the precinct, given dogs have been banned in other such venues across the shire. With this in mind **PLEASE ENSURE ALL DOG WALKERS DO THEIR BUSINESS AND CLEAN UP AFTER THEIR DOGS DO THEIRS, OR DOGS MAY NOT BE ALLOWED.** Our volunteers do an amazing job keeping the place looking smart however it should not be their job to clean up after dogs.

As the new toilets are also cleaned weekly by our volunteers, we just ask that those using the facilities would be mindful of our volunteers and clean up after themselves. Some things our volunteers have to deal with are not pretty. So please be respectful and help us take pride in our facilities, as the toilets are phase 1 of a huge revamp the Recreation Ground Team are undertaking to ensure this community facility serves us well both now and into the future.



The Team are also workshopping ways in which they can bring in additional finances to assist with development. All ideas and suggestions will be received with open arms. If you have experience with fundraising, project management, financial planning or you know a financial planner, please let either Janice or Ashley know as together we can achieve so much!



Wirraminna News

Yes, it is still very dry with only 365mm of rain so far for the year. The average for Burrumbuttock is 587mm. Hopefully we will get some soon.

We have a great team of volunteers watering the many plants by hand. Each team member has a specific area to water. Brian Schilg is a welcome addition along with Brian Leathbridge who look after the newly planted grasses in the woodland.

In early November Dave, Darryl and Judy drove to Adelong and purchased two taxidermy specimens, a tawny Frogmouth and Blue tongue Lizard to add to our collection. You can view them in the Discovery Centre.

Also, the committee has decided to reinvent the Aquarium replacing the tanks with a terrarium display and keeping one tank for fish.

This project will take some time to complete, and we hope will complement the other educational displays in the Discovery Centre.

Finally, Wirraminna committee wish to congratulate the Burrumbuttock 150th committee for a job well done. We enjoyed being part of the parade and welcomed the many visitors in the Discovery Centre over that weekend.

Does anyone know of a local contractor who could mow our Woodland Paddock?



Play group in Burrumbuttock

BURRUM PLAYGROUP DATES for December 2025

Playgroup is held fortnightly at the Burrumbuttock Preschool
but will **NOT** be held during school holidays.

The preschool offers a safe and fun venue for the kids/parents and carers.
Toilets and tea making facilities also available.

For further information please contact: Jan Skerry – M: 0407 602 263
email: janskerry5@gmail.com

All welcome – children 0-5yrs – parents and carers

Wednesday fortnightly 10am – 12 noon - join the fun



Dates for December:

- 3rd December - Burrumbuttock Preschool
- 17th December - Burrumbuttock Preschool
- 18th December - SAVE THE DATE

Thursday 18th December

The playgroup has been kindly invited to join the Preschool for
“The Christmas Story”

which will be presented by Pastor Christian Fandrich at 11am

It would be good if playgroup members could be there at 10.30am if
attending.

A great time for reflection on the coming of the Christmas season



**THIS ACTIVITY IS BEING OFFERED TO THE
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BURRUMBUTTOCK**



Burrumbuttock Public School Newsletter



Education

BURRUMBUTTOCK PUBLIC SCHOOL

Invites you to our
PRESENTATION DAY AND
YEAR 6 FAREWELL

Friday 12th
December 2025
10am



AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Dominic - Even though it is Dominic's first year of school, he is emerging as a positive leader who helps and supports others. He sets a good example by being responsible, respectful and fair. Even when things are difficult, he stays calm and persistent. Dominic is always polite and works well with classmates, teachers and staff.

STUDENT AWARDS BANKSIA

Fraser - for engaging positively in group activities and having confidence to contribute to class discussions.

Angus - for your resilience when playing games and learning new sports in the playground.

Ella - for engaging fully in excursion learning opportunities while consistently exhibiting excellent behaviour.

WARATAH

Kruze - for working well in maths and always being keen to extend his learning.

Lara - for going over and above in her worked examples during maths.

Celeste - for being willing and confident to share school news via our social media platforms.

PRIDE PLAYGROUND AWARDS

Harriet - for tidying up sports equipment and using initiative.

Kruze - for great umpiring and encouragement for league tag.

Patrick - for being a good friend.

Reilly - for excellent leadership in sporting activities.



Grandparents Day



Grandparents Day!

NSW Grandparents Day celebrates the diversity of grandparent relationships across age groups, cultural backgrounds, and geographical locations. Thank you to everyone who joined us for Grandparents Day!



Burrumbuttock Lutheran Parish

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve, December 24

Bethlehem Jindera 6pm

Trinity Bethel 7.30pm

Christmas Day, December 25

St Peter's Gerogery 9am



**Come, sing carols and celebrate the birth of our Saviour,
Jesus Christ**

www.burrumbuttocklutheranparish.org

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CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER

Bethlehem Jindera 9am

Trinity Bethel 9am

St Peter's Gerogery 11am

SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER

Bethlehem Jindera 9am

Holy Cross Burrumbuttock
9am

SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER

Bethlehem Jindera 9am

Trinity Bethel 11am

WEDNESDAY

24 DECEMBER

Bethlehem Jindera 6pm

Trinity Bethel 7.30pm

THURSDAY 25 DECEMBER

St Peter's Gerogery 9am

SUNDAY 28 DECEMBER

Holy Cross Burrumbuttock
9am

Also, check out our website
for further information.

[www.burrumbuttock-
parish.lutheran.org](http://www.burrumbuttock-parish.lutheran.org)



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What's On Summer 2025



CHRISTMAS CRAFT AT GREATER HUME COUNCIL LIBRARIES

COME AND DECORATE A 3D CARDBOARD HOUSE WITH GLITTER, STARS, SPARKLY PIPE CLEANERS, BELLS AND CHRISTMAS BAUBLES THIS CHRISTMAS

COST \$4 PER HOUSE

FOR ANY AGE!

LIMITED KITS SO BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

PHONE: 02 6036 0100

HENTY LIBRARY 3PM WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2025

HOLBROOK LIBRARY 4PM WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2025

JINDERA LIBRARY 4PM WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2025

CULCAIRN LIBRARY 10AM THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER 2025



December

5 - 7 Border Carriage Club - Battle of the Border @ Mullengandra

8 - Service NSW Mobile Service Centre @ Walla Walla. Offering the following services like:

- Driver Knowledge Tests
- Driver licence, mobility parking and photo card applications
- Working with Children Checks
- NDIS Worker Checks
- Birth, death and marriage certificates
- Cost of living support and more.
- Contact: 13 77 88 – service.Nsw.gov.au

12 - Jindera Community Christmas Carols

13 - Walla Walla Community Christmas Carols

17 - Storytime @ Jindera Library

17 - Greater Hume Council Ordinary Meeting @ Holbrook

21 - Christmas Wreath Making Workshop @ Jindera Pioneer Museum

CCTV Camera on Bowna Road, Bowna

A CCTV Camera has been installed on Bowna Road by Albury City Council. The Camera does not record

footage; it sends a live stream direct to the Albury Police Station. It will be in place for four weeks.

Council Meeting - At the meeting Council resolved to –

Adopt the following policies and place them on Council's website for public exhibition. View the draft Policies and have your say here - <https://www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au/Your-Greater-Hume-Council/Have-Your-Say-On-Exhibition>

- Safe Use of Digital Technologies and Online Environments Policy – Centre-based Care/Out of School Hours Care
- Safe Use of Digital Technologies and online Environments Policy – Family Day Care
- Responsible Person Policy – Centre-based Care/Out of School Hours Care
- Responsible Person Policy – Family Day Care
- Adopt the draft chapter titled “Molkentin Road & Funk Road – Jindera Large Lot Residential Precinct” as exhibited and insert it into the Greater Hume Development Control Plan 2013.
- Endorse the lodgement of the Low-Cost Loans Initiative Infrastructure Funding Grant Application for Jindera Water Augmentation to a value of \$1 Million.
- Purchase the property identified in Council's confidential report located in Holbrook to support the relocation of a Doctor.
- For more information on these decisions and to read the full Council minutes from the meeting, click here – <https://shorturl.at/Rgwxv>.

Burrumbuttock's 150th: 'A masterclass in rural celebration'

by Vanessa Hayden



Ashley Lindner,
Chairman 150th Celebration

"Punching above its weight" was a term bandied around many times during the planning and development of Burrumbuttock's 150th celebrations.

When Ash Lindner first floated the idea of marking Burrumbuttock's 150th anniversary back in 2023, few could have imagined the scale, spirit and splendour that would follow. What began as a hopeful suggestion quickly gathered steam, and soon a small but fiercely committed team of volunteers found themselves steering a celebration that would rival towns ten times the size.

On October 3, 4 and 5 the organising committee staged a three-day extravaganza, starting with the fashion retrospective on Friday night, a street parade, bush dance, cemetery walk and old-fashioned games on Saturday and finishing with a re-enactment of Ray Hall's ringing of the town bell to signify the end of WWII in 1945, by his daughter, granddaughter and great

granddaughter no less.

Naturally, there were moments of doubt. Some feared they'd bitten off more than they could chew; others questioned whether the plans were simply too ambitious. Could they really squeeze it all in and pull it off across one weekend? A few even joked they might be completely mad!

But in those final months leading up to the big celebration, the committee rallied. Week after week, they met sharing ideas, sorting logistics, figuring out who could do what and how to make it all happen. And in the end, it was their unstoppable community spirit that triumphed. The 150th anniversary wasn't just a success it was a spectacular showcase of what Burrumbuttock can do when it pulls together.

Ash commented after the event that the weekend just kept getting better and better.

"After the Friday night fashion retrospective, which went off so well, I was thinking how are we going to top that, we've set the bar so high! But the organisation of the street parade on Saturday, the whole day, the trajectory kept going upwards.

"The whole weekend went like that; everyone just did their part so well.

"The 150th organising team were just so flexible and solved any issues and accommodated things as they occurred; they went with the flow and as a result the event was brilliant.

"I'm actually in disbelief that all this preparation that has gone into it now has passed! It's a memory now. A great one."

In the lead-up to the big weekend, a few key turning points helped shape what would become a truly unforgettable celebration. One inspired idea came from Elizabeth Newton, who proposed hosting an open garden day and classic car show at her property, The Elms, in Walla Walla West. Elizabeth had opened her garden to the public once before, but this time she added a twist—pairing it with a display of vintage vehicles. And what a twist it was.

Despite her initial concerns—after all, planning a garden event during a drought felt like tempting fate—the day bloomed into a roaring success. Visitors wandered through Mediterranean-inspired garden paths, admired dozens of gleaming old cars and a charming vintage tractor lineup, and swayed to the sounds of a live rock and roll band serenading the crowd from a gazebo.

The atmosphere was electric, the feedback glowing and the generosity overflowing. The event raised a phenomenal \$8000 and everyone who attended left with smiles, stories and a renewed appreciation for what community spirit can achieve.



Brendan Mott pictured with his family and the Melbourne Cup Trophy

Perhaps the most inspirational suggestion came from Brendan Mott, a racing fan and follower of the Melbourne Cup who had seen an article about communities applying to be a part of the People's Tour, which saw the Cup visit towns all over Australia.

"I just thought it might add something a bit different and exciting to the 150th celebrations," he said.

He attended the tour's launch at Flemington Racecourse on Thursday, May 29, to celebrate the news.

"There was a bit of disbelief, I got the email and I was like, 'yeah right'. "I suppose there was a bit of panic, now we've got to add that in there and do it justice when it gets here," Brendan said at the time.

Burrumbuttock was one of just 24 regional towns selected to host the prestigious Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour, and the community embraced the honour with gusto. The 18-carat gold trophy—valued at a dazzling \$850,000—was paraded and photographed in true country style: perched on a tractor in a sea of golden canola, nestled in a woolshed, riding atop a horse and cart, and even held aloft by local MP Justin Clancy. It made a glittering cameo in the finale of the Friday night fashion retrospective, adding a touch of racing royalty to the runway.

In a heartwarming show of local spirit, Burrumbuttock's schoolchildren returned from holidays in full uniform just to glimpse the Cup. Their excitement was palpable, their pride unmistakable—it was a moment they'll hopefully never forget.

But the Cup's visit wasn't just about spectacle. Since its launch in 2003, the Melbourne Cup Tour has travelled more than one million kilometres, visiting more than 680 destinations across Australia and the globe. Its mission? To connect communities, raise

funds for local causes and share the magic of "the race that stops a nation" with those far from Flemington.

Ash Lindner was quite right when he was interviewed by Region Riverina. "This will really create a point of difference. Walla and Jindera's events were brilliant, but having the Melbourne Cup here takes ours to another level."

After the weekend, Dan Clohesy, VRC's Head of Community, who accompanied the Cup to Burrumbuttock, said the town's celebration was the 'perfect' example of what a leg of the Cup tour should look like.

"I have not stopped talking about the fashion retrospective since coming back to Melbourne. I thought it was an incredible, unique and original idea and I hadn't seen anything like it before.

"To display the history of the town through fashion and have those young people wearing their own grandparents' clothes was fantastic.

"I loved that the Melbourne Cup didn't take over that event and that the organisers highlighted it toward the end, rather than make it all about the Cup which is not what we would have wanted or expected," said Dan.

"It was really nice the way we were included without taking away from the primary focus of what the whole weekend was about, which was the 150th celebrations.

"I enjoy all parts of my job, but it's things like this that really bring me joy and Burrumbuttock was my idea of a perfect leg of the tour.

"Everybody's got a different idea; our PR and marketing team love when the Cup ends up on the front page of the paper or they get a magical location like Bondi Beach with a lifeguard, but none of that matters to me at all.

"I'm all about the community events and the reaction of the people, and all of those Burrumbuttock kids turning up on a non-school day in their uniforms – I couldn't have enjoyed it more."

Diary of the Cup Entry: October 3 & 4, 2025 – Burrumbuttock

Dear Diary, Today I traded Flemington glamour for golden canola and gumboots—and I've never felt more adored. I arrived in Burrumbuttock to a hero's welcome. First stop? A tractor ride through a paddock so yellow it could've been my twin. I posed like royalty (which, let's be honest, I am), then bounced from woolshed to horse cart like a seasoned bush celebrity.

The fashion retrospective? Divine. I made my cameo in the finale—held aloft like Simba in The Lion King—while locals strutted in vintage threads that told stories older than me. I even caught a glimpse of myself reflected in a sequined lapel. Stunning.

And the kids! They came back from holidays, in full uniform, just to see me. I mean, who else gets that kind of devotion? Not even Phar Lap. Justin Clancy held me like a newborn. Sheila Laxon gave me a nod of approval. And Dan Clohesy? He called this leg of the tour "perfect." I blushed (internally—gold doesn't flush).

Honestly, Burrumbuttock nailed it. I've been to Bondi, I've been to Brisbane, but this little town with a big heart gave me a weekend I'll never forget. Tomorrow: onward to the next town. But Burrum? You've got a permanent place in my handles.

Yours in prestige and paddock dust, The Cup.

The Street Parade That Nearly Wasn't



The morning of the parade dawned bright and glorious blue skies, a gentle breeze, and the kind of weather that makes you believe the universe is cheering you on. Burrumbuttock's main street was lined with eager faces, folding chairs and homemade bunting. Locals and visitors alike gathered shoulder to shoulder, ready to witness the spectacle that would take a full hour to roll through town.

But just two weeks earlier, nerves were fraying. Entries for the street

parade were trickling in at a snail's pace and organiser Louise Habermann found herself staring down the possibility of a very short procession. "*Will we have enough?*" she wondered aloud, the question hanging heavy in the air.

Then, as if summoned by sheer community willpower, Burrumbuttock rallied. In the final days—mere moments before the metaphorical bell rang—the entries surged. Tractors, floats, vintage cars, marching groups and costumed characters came out of the woodwork. By Saturday morning, 97 entries were locked in and ready to roll.

And roll they did. With colour, character and country charm, the parade became a moving tapestry of Burrumbuttock's past, present and playful spirit. It was a triumph not just of logistics, but of heart.

Local James Jelbart, dressed in full historical regalia as "the town crier," kicked off the street parade with cheeky flair and a spirited ring of the town bell, setting the tone for what was to come.

In a dazzling display of heritage and horsepower, Burrumbuttock's 150th street parade was led by a pair of freshly groomed Clydesdales, straight from the Royal Melbourne Show. At the reins was Walla Walla's own Julie Barber, beaming with pride as her gelding Aarunga Spot On teamed up with a companion horse to pull a historic German wagon—complete with the Melbourne Cup gleaming up front and centre. Beside her rode racing royalty Sheila Laxon, holding the prized trophy aloft as the crowd cheered.

The wagon itself is a community treasure; a replica built in 1921 to honour the original German wagons that carried settlers to the region in 1869. Usually housed in Walla Walla's main street, it was carefully dusted, cleaned and trailered to Burrumbuttock for this once-in-a-generation event. Julie, President of the Walla Walla Heritage Conservation Committee, said the wagon only comes out for truly special occasions—and this one certainly qualified.

Julie and her horses had barely caught their breath from the Melbourne Show before preparing for the parade. The logistics were no small feat: coordinating horses, harnesses, and insurance paperwork nearly derailed the plan. But thanks to support from the Commonwealth Clydesdale Horse Society of Australia and the event's official sanctioning, the team was cleared to roll—and roll they did, to the delight of hundreds lining the streets.

Julie's connection to the Clydesdale tradition runs deep, and her friendship with well-known Clydesdale breeders, the Marriotts, made the pairing of horses seamless. Spot On, bred by the Marriotts, had previously starred in their four-horse team at Melbourne Royal, making the pairing both symbolic and smooth. The sight of the Cup aboard the wagon, flanked by two majestic Clydies, was a showstopper—one that perfectly blended history, pageantry and pride.

Julie's smile said it all: this was more than a procession—it was a tribute to the past, a celebration of community, and a moment that will be etched in local memory for years to come.

Among the standout features of Burrumbuttock's 150th street parade was the jaw-dropping convoy of vintage tractors led by farming brothers Lyle and Justin Burns. With around 20 machines rumbling down the main street, they were the largest single participant in the event—and arguably the most eye-catching. It marked the first time their entire private collection had been seen in full operational glory.



The Burns brothers inherited their passion from their father Les, now 89, who began collecting decades ago. Though some of the fleet was sold off years ago—thanks to a nudge from Les's own father—the remaining tractors span a remarkable range, from a 1926 Caterpillar Crawler to a 1959 John Deere Lanz Model Q. Three prized Lanz Bulldogs, sourced from South Australia, were the spark that reignited their restoration efforts about a decade ago.

Lyle has meticulously documented the history of many of the machines, including rare models like the 1956 13hp Lanz D 1306 and the 1957 11hp Lanz Bulli D 1006—the smallest bulldog ever made. Others in the collection carry sentimental value or

were simply irresistible to the brothers, who now take time off from farming to showcase some of their fleet at events like the Henty Field Days.

On parade day, the Burns brothers were up before dawn, rallying a crew of family, friends and fellow farmers to help steer their convoy through town. As the engines

chugged and the crowd applauded, Burrumbuttock witnessed what may well have been one of the largest displays of operational vintage machinery of its type in the country.

After the street parade, Burrumbuttock's collective eye turned to the recreation ground where an official ceremony saw leader of the opposition, Sussan Ley, open proceedings. There were market stalls, old fashioned games, food, displays and lots of jaw japing going on as people who hadn't seen each other for years caught up.

In one corner there was a reunion with an extra special flavour. Five friends from the 1967 Year 6 class at Burrumbuttock Public School were re-united.

Trish Ryan (nee Jelbart) had the brainwave and thought it was a great opportunity to get the gang back together again.

"The idea came from nowhere in particular but came to me when I was travelling in northern NSW during the winter and I thought wouldn't it be good to celebrate the 150th with a gathering of that class.

"There were only five in our class: Sue Nation from just north of Sydney, Jenny Eggins (nee Doolan) from Sydney, Gordon Habermann from Albury, Joe McGrath from Tumut and myself, from Splitters Creek.

"Sue and Joe, I located by a search on Facebook. Jenny, I found through her brother who lives locally, and Gordon I found via his cousin who I know."

At the stroke of midday, the classmates gathered—swapping memories of playground days, sharing snapshots of their lives now, and marvelling at the 57 years that had unfolded since they last sat side by side in class.

"After Burrumbuttock we all went to different secondary schools," said Trish.

"We discussed what we had all done with our lives: work, travel, family etc. When we started at Burrumbuttock the K-2 classes were held at the Burrum Hall, until the second school building was built.

"K-2 was in the little classroom and 3-6 was in the big classroom. When we were at school we would have Nature Study classes, which were held at the travelling stock reserve – that reserve is now the famous Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre – back in the 1960s it was a paddock with a dam and gum trees."

In particular, Trish said the group were delighted to meet up with Sue's mother Thea Nation, now in her 90s and the only parent still living.

"I had with me a Barbie doll coat that Thea made for my Barbie all those years ago. She remembered the sewing machine that she made it on."

"Another thing we chuckled over from those early days was the small bottles of milk for morning play lunch. Every primary school in NSW had daily milk that arrived in little glass bottles. These travelled out from Albury each day, but unfortunately during summer it was always warm by the time we had to drink it – it was awful!"

Now, as they stand on the threshold of 70, the classmates took comfort in more than just shared memories they celebrated the enduring gift of friendship and the simple joy of being together, fit and well, after all these years.

What began in a tiny Burrumbuttock classroom has stretched across decades and distances and is a reminder that some connections truly last a lifetime.

The Verdict Was In: Burrumbuttock Nailed It

As the dust settled and the bunting came down, one sentiment echoed from every corner of Burrumbuttock: *"That was amazing."* From the pub to the paddocks, locals and visitors alike were still buzzing. *"Better than I expected,"* they said. *"Can't believe how good it was."*

The fashion retrospectives left jaws on the floor—bold, nostalgic and brilliantly curated. The Melbourne Cup's presence added a touch of prestige, with many declaring, *"How good was it having the Cup here!"* It wasn't just a trophy—it was a symbol of how far the town had come.

The weekend had promised something special. What it delivered was unforgettable.

Publicity officer Nicola Lawrence, who came on board just three months before the big weekend, reflected on the many heartfelt moments that unfolded during the celebrations. She was struck by how the event brought joy to so many—uniting past and present residents, along with their families, in a shared sense of pride and connection.

For Nicola, one moment stood out above the rest: watching the young models take to the catwalk during the fashion retrospective, which Nicola compered on the night and developed alongside Elizabeth Newton. Many were daughters or granddaughters of the region, and despite their nerves, they stepped out with poise, grace and infectious enthusiasm.

"I enjoyed the whole weekend and thought every event was wonderful and a credit to the committee, however my favourite events were the Fashion Retrospectives, largely due to my pride in the models.

"Some of them were so tentative on the catwalk one week earlier but approached the task with much grace and enthusiasm and ultimately displayed the fashions with elegance and poise.

"They were and are a credit to their families and to Burrumbuttock and the wider community - this includes Austin who stepped in at the last minute to assist the models on and off the catwalk – and did this with such a gentle gallantry that I felt brought an extra loveliness to our events." Looking back on the Fashion Retrospective, Nicola said she would like to acknowledge the extraordinary efforts of Elizabeth Newton - from sourcing garments, to hosting countless morning and afternoon teas, held to gather pieces and connect with contributors. She immersed herself in the history of fashion with such care and curiosity, ensuring every decade was thoughtfully considered. Nicola said that she admired Elizabeth's gracious approach - how she made everyone feel valued, whether they were lending a garment, walking the catwalk or simply attending. It was a huge undertaking, she said, and she carried it with much generosity.



"I truly believe her vision was not only realised—it was elevated, particularly by the spectacular, theatrical set design that was created by former local, Pascal Proteau and his partner Jason Hickford. This included not only the floral and foliage installation, but the magic of the lighting. Pascal's creation added a dimension to the Retrospective that was beyond what we had hoped and will be talked about for years to come.

"The retrospective was a great success and so much of that is thanks to Elizabeth and her belief in what this event could be."

The Centre of the Universe



Fleur Hall is another who felt moved by what she experienced over the weekend.

She was the "one official member of the Old-Fashioned Games Sub Committee" and said the event was only meant to run for two hours but kept going because everyone, young and old, was having so much fun.

"My Mum was actively involved in Burrumbuttock's 100th celebrations held when I was three months old," said Fleur.

"She sadly passed away 16 years ago but she would have been smiling down upon us as I ran the old-fashioned games with my older sister, who I roped in to help me for the afternoon." But it was one special moment that will stay with Fleur forever. Here's her

story:

"I was chatting with Karen Ofak on the Saturday—something we always love to do, especially when it comes to remembering Allan. Allan Ofak, her late husband, was the beloved owner of the Burrum Bus service for many years.

He famously called Burrumbuttock *"The Centre of the Universe"*, a phrase Marion Vile quoted in her speech that day. Allan passed away from cancer several years ago, but his spirit was everywhere during the celebrations.

Karen was deeply moved to see a piece in the history book written by their daughter Petrea, honouring Allan's legacy. She'd also been invited to ride in the school bus during the parade by the current operator—a gesture that meant the world to her.

But what touched us both most deeply was something Karen said quietly as we talked: *"I always knew how much Allan loved Burrumbuttock... what I didn't realise until today was just how much Burrumbuttock loved him back."*

It's true. Allan was a tireless supporter of our preschool, serving as Treasurer long after Petrea had moved on. He was part of our preschool family, and he was a dear friend to me—and to my mum.

His kindness, humour, and unwavering commitment to our community left a mark that still lingers.

Karen was genuinely blown away by the affection and respect shown for Allan throughout the weekend. And I was reminded, in that moment, why we do what we do.

This was just one of many moments that made all the planning, all the effort, and all the late nights worthwhile. Burrumbuttock didn't just celebrate its history—it honoured the people who shaped it. And Allan Ofak will always be one of them."

“The Centre of the Universe” For Allan Ofak

He drove the Burrum school bus rain or shine,
With a wave, a grin, and always on time.
To the kids, he was more than the man at the wheel,
He was part of the journey, part of the deal.
He called it the Centre—the town he adored,
Where friendships were forged and memories stored.
Though Walla was home, his heart made it clear:
Burrumbuttock was where he held most dear.
He gave without fuss, with humour and grace,
A steady hand in every place.
From Preschool treasurer to mate and guide,
He stood for the town with quiet pride.
On parade day, his spirit rode high,
In stories, in laughter, in tears in the eye.
Karen, so proud, rode the bus once more,
As the crowd lined the streets and the memories soared.
And now we all know what he never did see
How deeply he mattered to you and to me.
He loved this town, and now we can say:
Burrumbuttock loved him the very same way.



150th celebration committee and the team of volunteers.



“From Then to Wow!” *A Burrumbuttock Ballad*

In a town where the paddocks stretch golden and wide,
 Where the sheep and the stories both wander with pride,
 Came a sesquicentennial, bold and grand—
 A weekend of wonder, all carefully planned.
 There were whispers at first: “*Are we dreaming too big?*”
 “*A parade? A fashion show? A Cup on a rig?*”
 But the doubters were silenced by teamwork and flair,
 And Burrum said, “Watch us—we’ll take it from there!”
 The Cup came to town with a glimmering gleam,
 Perched on a tractor like part of the team.
 It posed in a paddock, it dazzled in sheds,
 It even got cozy near horse carts and beds.
 The kids, still on holidays, donned their school best,
 To welcome the trophy, all proud and well-dressed.
 And the crowd? Oh, they loved it—each moment, each cheer,
 As the heart of the Hume beat loud and clear.
 At The Elms, old cars had lined up with pride,
 While a rock band had crooned from a gazebo side.
 A vintage tractor display rolled in with a roar,
 And eight grand was raised—could you ask for more?
 From retro couture to a street parade swirl,
 With locals and legends and every small girl,
 The big weekend was magic, a jubilant spree—
 A toast to the past and what’s yet to be.
 So, here’s to the town with the mightiest name,
 Who threw such a party, it lit up their fame.
 Burrumbuttock, bravo! You’ve shown us the way
 How to honour the past and still seize the day.



Re-enactment of the ringing of the bell to announce the end of World War 2.
 L to R Janene Whitty, Haven Sherman and Brittany Whitty, Lucy Burns on horse.



150th Celebration Cake cut by Dulcie Schmidt 100 years of age and Jack Burns



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