

GEROGERY NEWS

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"Gerogery", Wiradjuri word for Magpie



Inland Rail comes to Gerogery

GEROGERY SHOP

The cooler weather is settling in and we still have had very little rain. We can't help with rain but we can help with some everyday grocery, kitchen and bathroom items, saving you the trip into town when you find you are out of something.

Friday night Take-Away night are becoming like a meeting place. It's great! We have the gas heater set up outside and the fire burning inside. It creates a great atmosphere and our locals get to know each other. We like a good conversation ourselves and love seeing you sharing your time with each other.

We are now cooking Take-away all day, every day. If your short on time feel free to call ahead on 02 6026 0540 and place your order. 📞



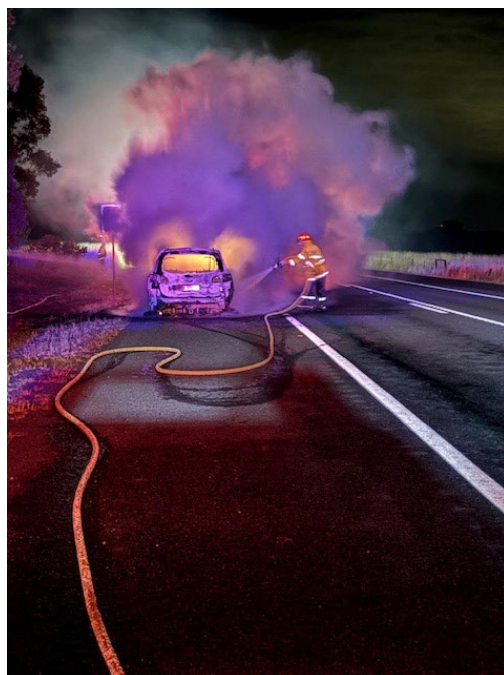
GEROGERY FIRE BRIGADE

We are happy to say we never met many people this fire season. It's not that we don't want to meet you, just don't want to meet you in the way that we do, attending your fire.

It's good to see that people are getting better at notifying RFS and their neighbours when they have a pile burn. It reduces unnecessary all outs. The person driving past who calls the fire in does not know it is a pile burn, but if you have notified RFS they do and won't send a fire truck out unless necessary.

We had two call-outs in a week for vehicle fires. A car and a truck. The biggest risk to us was the passing traffic, whizzing past at 100km/h. NSW law says to reduce your speed when passing an incident where Emergency vehicles are present with flashing lights. Not only for our safety but you don't know what debris could be laying on the road. Car parts, oil, glass.

Cheers, Cathy Schubert.



GEROGERY SCHOOL

We have had a wonderful and busy start to Term 2. We started off with a camp in Talbingo and Southern Riverina Cross-Country for our Senior students.

One of our Year 6 students, Hilton, was selected for the Riverina basketball team and recently participated in a tournament in Sydney.

We recently celebrated our Walbundrie Small School's Athletics Day, where three of our senior boys excelled, earning the title of age group champions. Additionally, our school triumphed in the overall Athletics receiving the championship- a remarkable achievement! This year has already seen some outstanding sporting results.

We recently held our Trivia Night fundraiser, which saw a fantastic turnout and raised over \$2,300. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the businesses that donated and to everyone who attended for making it such a wonderful evening.

We also have our Open Days coming up and we invite all prospective parents and children from any age group.



GEROGERY PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEW ENROLMENTS OPEN DAYS

Come along to our open days where your child/ren can enjoy some activities with our students and teachers while you have a tour of our school and chat to our Principal, Julie Twitt.

Tuesday 3 June 2025 - 9:30am-10:30am
Wednesday 4 June 2025 - 2:00pm-3:00pm

41 Coach Road Gerogery, NSW

For any information, contact us:
gerogery-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
phone: 02 6026 0514

Proposed Morven Solar Farm – planning progress update

In late 2024, following a review of the scoping report, the NSW Minister for Planning issued the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the proposed Morven Solar Farm. The issuing of SEARs marks an important next step in the planning and development application for the Project, which includes preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Mott McDonald has recently been appointed by Elgin, the Project developer, to lead the preparation of the EIS. The EIS will assess the impacts and benefits of the proposed Project across topics such as social, economic, biodiversity, Aboriginal heritage, historic heritage, visual, noise, transport and hazards, and involves ongoing consultation with the community.

During this next phase of development Elgin is looking forward to continuing to hear more from the community about the proposal and will be hosting engagement activities over the coming months to listen to community concerns, learn about how they can support the local community, and provide information about the planning and development activities for the proposed Project.

Visit the website at www.morvensolarfarm.com.au for more information, or contact the community team directly on 1800 311 859 or email morvensolarfarm@premierstrategy.com.au



ELGIN

Morven Solar Farm Community Drop-in Sessions

Our team will be in the region later this month to provide an update on the proposed Morven Solar Farm project, answer your questions and listen to your feedback.

Visit the Project website for details on when we'll next be in the region, or reach out to a member of the Project team.

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► 11 km north of Gerogery
► Proposed 125MW AgriSolar and 125MW Battery Energy Storage Systems
► Ability to power 48,000 homes once operational

INLAND RAIL MEETING

**4pm, Tuesday 10 June at the
G-Rodge**

I'm pleased to say we have been able to arrange a meeting to find out more about the Inland Rail project and how it will affect our Gerogery community. Phil McCartney, President of the Culcairn Working Group will give a presentation. Phil has been meeting with Inland Rail, along with the Henty Working Group for the last few months to know the best way to mitigate any impacts on their communities. It'll be good for Gerogery residents to be informed about this project.

Hopefully we can also have a representative from Inland Rail to speak at the meeting. It will be an informal discussion to update any interested Gerogery residents about the project.

GEROGERY HOTEL

Although we're coming into winter, there are no signs of slowing down here at the G-Rodge! We've got the fires roaring, the tunes happening on Friday nights and winter warmers for meal specials coming up! We've got live music every Friday night through until at least September! Fantastic local talent bringing the good vibes to the G-Rodge! Our Joker Poker jackpot continues to rise and it currently sits at \$6900! There are so many ways to win at your local!

Markets @ the G-Rodge are back! Saturday 11th May was our first one back for the year and it was such an amazing day. So fantastic to see so many people out and about, supporting local makers and creators and just enjoying a relaxed vibe. We were so happy to hear that the P&C at Gerogery Public School completely sold out of snags! This is a great way to raise much needed funds for our beautiful little school and we thank them for being part of the day!

Norm was recently invited to be part of the Murray Regional Tourism campaign "Mates of the Murray".

We are so proud of Norm and his ability to put not only himself out there (it's not easy!) but to really push what this area means to him and how what we are doing is having a positive impact on the region. The purpose of the campaign is to promote the region as a memorable, must-see region and Norm, along with 5 other "Mates" tell their story, in their own words. If you haven't seen the 2025 season of their campaign, we encourage you to check it out at www.visitthemurray.com.au !



We recently purchased a new (and of course BIGGER!) smoker! It's still in project stage but we can't wait to see it finished and on the tools to help us keep up with demand!



As you may know, we smoke a lot of meat at the G-Rodge and we are struggling to keep up so this new toy for Norm was a must!

What's on in June @ the G-Rodge

EVERY WEEK @ THE G-RODGE!

MONDAY - CLOSED
TUES - THUR 5PM - CLOSE
FRI-SUN 12PM - CLOSE
02 6026 0516

THE GEROGERY HOTEL

CAFE @ THE G-RODGE
MON TO FRI 6AM-2PM
SAT 6AM-2PM
SUN 8AM-2PM
02 6026 0516

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| Tue | Kids Eat Free! Tight Arse Tuesday! |
| Wed | Steak & Pizza Night! Pub Mega Draw! |
| Thu | Parmi Night Members Cash Draw! Raffles! |
| Fri | Toss the Boss Big Dog Smokehouse Joker Poker Raffles Cocktail Night |

Friday 6th June- Live music with Josh Campbell @ 6.30pm

Friday 13th June- Live music with Jared Buckley @ 6.30pm

Friday 20th June- Live music with Jason Ivill @ 6.30pm

Friday 27th June- Live music with Jus Gordon @ 6.30pm

Save the Date

Sunday 6th July- Pinot & Picasso "F.R.I.E.N.D.S" theme with TRIVIA 1pm-4pm



Saturday 30th August- Low N Slow Smoke Off @ the G-Rodge



Saturday 13th September- Markets @ the G-Rodge

CAFÉ AT THE G-RODGE



Settling in at the cafe really well now and again, it's so great to see familiar faces, repeat visits and continued support! Some slight changes to our opening hours are coming as well as an updated menu! Watch this space!

We've recently been advised by the Greater Hume Council that a "No Stopping" sign will be placed on the Olympic Highway, right outside Cafe at the G-Rodge. This is fantastic and we are so happy that the Council again are looking after the safety of our community, our visitors and staff! There is plenty of parking in the pub car park as well as in the paddock out the back. There's a lot of work happening in the background at the G-Rodge as always and we have some exciting news coming! Watch this space and also our Facebook page for all the details.

GEROGERY CWA

Gerogery CWA meets on the first Wednesday of the month and new members are very welcome. Meetings are held at the Gerogery Hall at 11am. At our last meeting various reports were given that included recognition of Culcairn school girl Ilish Retallick who came runner-up in Australian Idol and the New Arrivals bus orientation activities in Albury.

NSW CWA DROUGHT RELIEF FUND

Thank you to the NSW CWA for their generous offer of \$250,000 in drought fund relief to support farmers in South Western NSW.

What Support Is Available?

Eligible applicants can receive up to \$3,000 per household to help cover essential *household expenses*, including:

- Groceries
- Vehicle maintenance
- Electricity, gas and water bills
- Telephone and internet bills
- Rates
- School expenses
- Medical, dental or pharmacy bills (including travel to treatment)

This is not business support – the funds are to help meet the everyday costs of living for people on the land doing it tough.

For more information and to apply, go to:
<https://www.cwaofnsw.org.au/Web/Web/About/Drought-Aid.aspx>

Monthly Rainfall for Gerogery

The May monthly rainfall for Gerogery was 35.5 mm giving an accumulative total of 117 mm. Rain finally fell on 23th, 24th & 26th May which was a little over a month since the previous rain. Since then, we've received some very cold minimums which has limited any pasture growth. However, there's good rain forecasted to start next Saturday with warmer minimums so hopefully that will be the change we've all been waiting for.

Greater Hume Council Settlement Strategy – Public Meeting

Council are seeking your input to help guide the development of the new **Greater Hume Settlement Strategy 2026-2046**.

The **Greater Hume Settlement Strategy** will outline where new homes, businesses, and jobs should be located across the Council area through to 2046.

If you live, work, own property, or are otherwise impacted by the purpose of the Greater Hume Settlement Strategy, we want to hear from you.

Your feedback will help shape how our towns and communities grow and thrive into the future.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Council will be hosting a public meeting and we invite you to join us and share your thoughts and ideas to help shape the future of our towns and communities.

Date - Thursday, 12 June 2025

Time - 5pm until 6pm

Location - Culcairn Memorial Hall

RSVP by Sunday 8 June

[02 6036 0100](tel:0260360100)

ejones@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au

[Register Here](#)

Greater Hume Council Website -
<https://au.openforms.com/Form/9d50408b-433a-4f7a-98ba-4417b6506e69>