

CHRISTMAS ADVERTORIAL

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at  
**Len Mutton & Co**

Gift giving ideas for ...

- The little ones
- Older children
- Home lovers
- The fashionista
- The gentlemen and ladies in your life.

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Braidwood  
THE CORNERSTONE OF CUSTOMER SERVICE IN THE BRAIDWOOD COMMUNITY FOR OVR 100 YEARS

**With Christmas only weeks away (who's counting!) it's hard not to feel stressed, but the team at Len Mutton & Co are here to help!**

A huge selection of everything Christmas is now in store, from wrap, ribbon, Bon Bons to a lovely pure cotton nightie for your mum. We truly have something for everyone this Christmas at Len Mutton & Co.

**GREAT GIFT GIVING IDEAS:**

- For the little ones — Beautiful books, wooden toys & games.
- For older children we have Bath & Body products, Candles, Beach Towels, Wallets, Belts, Funky Jewellery & more.
- The Home Lover will be thrilled with our Japanese Ceramics, Le Chasseur, Blue & White Ceramic Pots, Bone China Mugs and more.

• For the Fashionista there is Jewellery, Accessories & a range of pretty Scarves, and all the latest Summer Fashions are in store now, including Betty Basics, Foil, Namastai, Corfu, See saw and more.

• For the Gentleman we have Stylish Polo Tops, Akubra Hats, Designer hankies, Funky socks, Leather wallets, Pocket Knives, Gourmet Food and more.

• And for the Ladies in your life, call in and see our beautiful Fashions, Cotton Nighties, Bath products, Candles, Jewellery, Bags, Scarves, and so much more.

Come in and be surprised at everything we have to offer, but we're confident that you won't be disappointed by our old-fashioned customer service and value for money! There really is 'Something for Everyone' at Len Mutton & Co and we're open seven days.



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EDITORIAL

**H**ow many shopping days 'til Christmas? Not enough if you leave it all to the last minute I guess. This issue is packed to the gills with suggestions for keeping your hard-earned dollars here in town.

On the local political front the honeymoon with QPRC has, for some, come to an abrupt end. Someone blew in the ear of a councillor to have the possibility of a skate park removed from the proposed plan for Ryrie Park.

The problem here is that if council is going to hold community meetings to ask for suggestions and then include them in a consultant's report, it is not a good look to change bits on-the-fly with a surprise meeting motion.

Our community is now becoming divided by passionate support for, or opposition to ... what? We haven't been allowed to get an actual proposal put out there for discussion.

If both sides dig in, one opposed to a skate facility of any type in Ryrie Park and the other refusing to consider any other location, there may never be a skate park in Braidwood. We need to have the freedom to discuss all possibilities without retreat to the trenches or calling for a council-dropped nuke.

Speaking of which, I'm grateful to John Barilaro for spending time with me in the making of the story I've called 'Barilaro the Brave'. Regular readers of my *Time & Energy* column will understand when you read what he says that I think John is crazy-brave on some issues but sensibly-brave on others.

In fact it reminds me of the always-pertinent 'Yes Minister' episode where Sir Humphrey says, "That's a very courageous decision Prime Minister". Jim Hacker replies, "Thank you Humphrey". Then the blood drains from his face as he gets the nuance. "In what way is it 'courageous'?" he squeaks.

It's a fairly dense issue this one, designed to get you through a summer of reading about locals, once-were locals, and even people from far away places. But I still need more stories.

Artplan Graphics and BWD have come back to town after a few years in the bush at Mongarlowe and now share space with William Verdon Jewellers at 43 Wallace Street, the 'Paris end of town'. Feel free to drop by.

Until next year cheerio — I hope we all find what we're looking for.

Paul

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