

## INSPIRATION



## A kanga jumped over the Tasman

Jack Featherstone expresses his sorrow in a painting

The kangaroo, he lives in this hollow log but he jumped across the Tasman over to Christchurch where he committed the horrible crimes in the mosques.

The sky shows dark clouds over Australia but brightening over New

Zealand when their PM made that great speech in the House of Representatives in Wellington that Barack Obama said was one of the most beautiful speeches he'd ever heard.

And then there's Prince William laying a wreath at the mosque in Christ-

church. At the base are the people with their floral tributes and over on the right that represents the sun lighting up the world because Jacinda Ardern introduced immediately new gun laws.

I called my painting, 'A kanga jumped over the Tasman'.



*"I think that's the best one yet!" exclaimed 90 year old Jack Featherstone of the recent festival. He might even know – since he's been involved in all eight.*

So writes Julia Green, one of the organisers of the 2019 Two Fires Festival held in Braidwood last month. The full report starts on page 10.

[RIGHT] JULIA GREEN, QPRC MAYOR TIM OVERALL AND JACK FEATHERSTONE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.



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Here we go again, chop that wood, save those newspapers, snap that kindling and split the wood. Repeat every night until late September.

As usual I was caught by the suddenness of the sub-zero night's arrival. If I've wrecked another impeller housing down at the dam I'll be a slow-learnin' city slicker still.

The Braidwood Community Association has been busy keeping up with plans for Braidwood that can easily pass us by until the scaffolding goes up, so to speak. It seems like the roundabout at the IGA corner and the kerb extensions for Duncan Street are still on a works schedule somewhere.

Traffic up Wallace Street continues to trouble many people. The bypass may make it onto the QPRC agenda, at least in terms of possible routes; like how far out and which side of the town would provide the greatest benefit.

The mining trucks will be on the increase on their way out, Port Kembla I believe is their destination, and there might be pressure on the council to find solutions for heavy vehicles apart from a full-blown bypass.

Someone commented on social media the other day about the poor state of Boppings Crossing. I'd be careful what you wish for there.

The Braidwood Council building, the 'Literary Institute', may be getting a makeover. There is a plan to move the customer service counter closer to the library counter for staff efficiency and safety. We're a peaceable folk generally speaking but it's not unheard of for the odd person to go ballistic at the staff.

If moving of the counter and relocation of the staff were to happen, it is planned to make the downstairs front part of the council building available for community use. It could be a business hub with shared facilities, or meeting rooms or something completely different.

If you have an idea for future uses of the space, get in touch with the Community Association or the council directly so that QPRC can see that we are interested in the changes that amalgamation is bringing.

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