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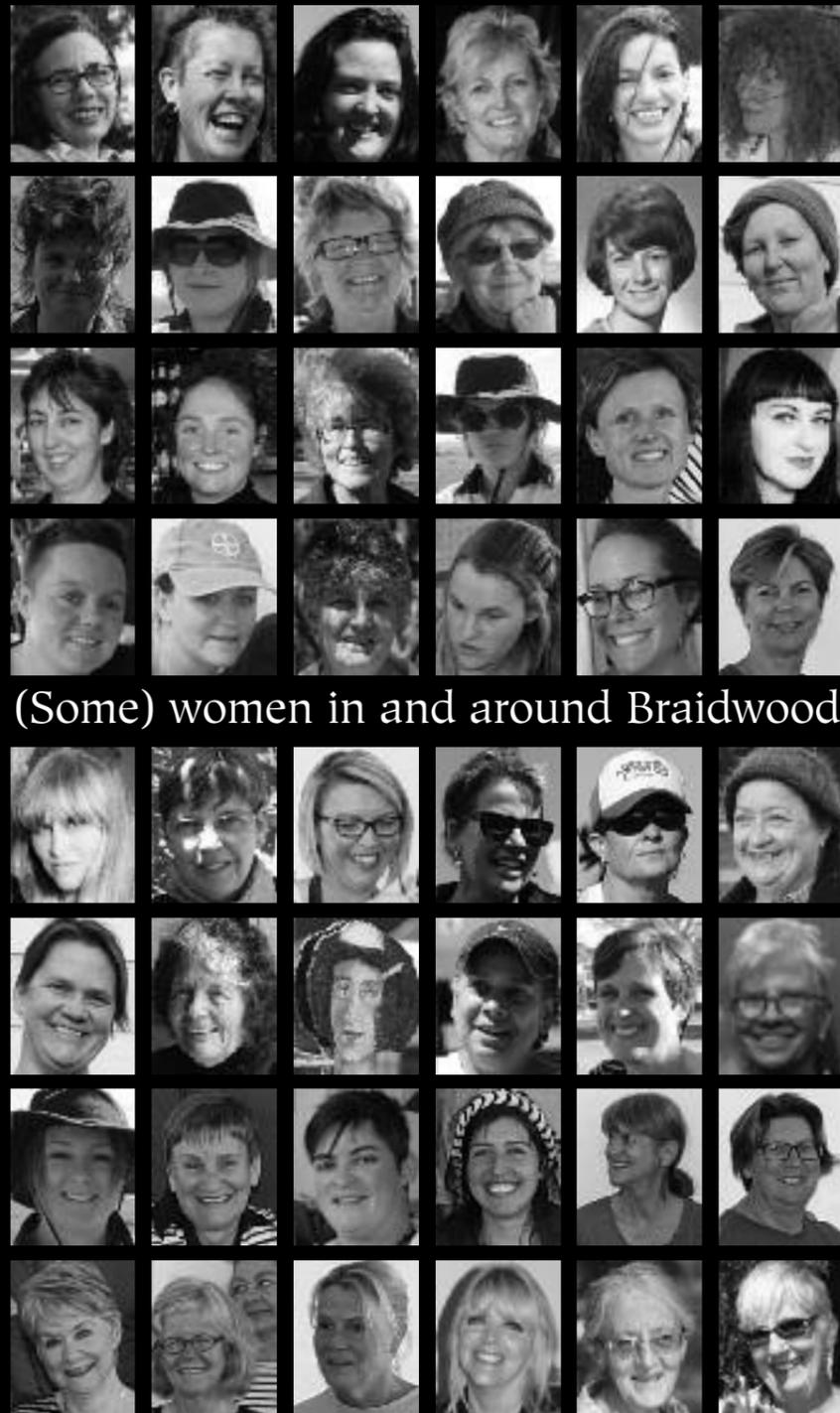
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(Some) women in and around Braidwood

Welcome to this women's issue of *BWD*. My partner Alison and I, together with our resident friend Maggie, came up with the idea after thinking about stories for future issues.

I suggested a feature on the clubs and groups in and around Braidwood. [This might very well be in the next issue.] Anyway, as we were preparing a list of people to contact for the clubs and organisations story, an interesting theme emerged.

Most groups, clubs, organisations and loosely affiliated assortments of odd bods in this region are run by women. Perhaps it's the same everywhere.

So, the women featured in *BWD* #9 may not represent as accurate a cross-section of locals as you might like, perhaps you're one of the many I missed asking, but that's life. A few people who I would really have liked to include were too busy, or for some other reason declined.

Here is a standing offer: if you have an interesting story to tell, there is space available in these pages. [Most of the time even a male tale will do.]

Advertising is a bit down this issue and I'm mighty grateful for the support of those businesses that grace these pages. I know many town shops and services are doing it tough right now.

There are calls from people in town for Braidwood to organise itself an advocacy organisation like a chamber of commerce. It's a good idea. Regardless of whether the good ship Palarang hits the IPART rocks and disintegrates, to be washed up on neighbouring shores, Braidwood will need a strong voice.

That's the trick, the voice. There is not ever one voice, there are many voices and quite often they're all saying different things. We need a town group that allows for, encourages even, the many and varied interests that drive our people.

We all have at least one thing in common — a liking for living here. Hopefully that is enough to get us through the other stuff.

Paul Cockram

PS: Not all the people pictured [at left] are specifically featured in this issue.

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