

Khancoban

JOTTINGS

2026

FEBRUARY



Congratulations to **Khancoban Landcare Group** who this year were awarded the Snowy Valleys Council 2026 Environmental Award at a special dinner ceremony held on Saturday 24 January, with invited finalist nominees joining Councillors and dignitaries at the Batlow Literary Institute. This award honours individuals, groups, schools, local businesses or organisations actively leading environmental initiatives or promoting litter reduction within the local community and making a meaningful impact on the Snowy Valleys environment. Khancoban Landcare Group was noted for its community-led environmental stewardship, the ability to bring together landholders, government agencies and community members to deliver projects that enhance both the health of the local environment and the wellbeing of the Khancoban community through initiatives such as the Platypus Conservation Project and dung beetle monitoring.

Congratulations also to **David Wallace** who was a finalist for this award, recognising his role in the ongoing success of the Khancoban Wellness Walk, dedicating countless hours to the care and maintenance of plantings and ensuring the space continues to thrive as a welcoming and educational community asset. His attention to detail and hands-on approach have helped transform the walk into a place that promotes environmental awareness, health and wellbeing. In addition, David actively collects and propagates seeds from native and endemic plants, preserving local biodiversity and ensuring future community plantings are well suited to the unique climate and ecology of the Khancoban area.

And congratulations also **Ron Aarons** who was a finalist for the Senior Citizen of the Year, recognising older adults (typically 60+) for significant community contributions, volunteering and cultural achievements. Ron was recognised as a dedicated and tireless contributor to the Khancoban community for many years. For eight years he served as Treasurer of the KUVA, a role he has recently retired from. In that time, Ron played a key role in securing and managing grant funding for significant community projects, including the Khancoban basketball court, the Snowy Monument and the Nature Walk. His commitment to the town has helped deliver important community assets that have strengthened local connection and pride. His contribution extends beyond infrastructure to the heart of community life. He has been involved in the organisation and running of community events each year, including the Christmas party, fireworks and, the Long Lunch.

Take the time to read these full citations for these recipients at : [Snowy Valleys Council 2026 Australia Day Awards Announced - Snowy Valleys](#)

Join us to celebrate our

Australia Day Awards

Khancoban Community Hall

Saturday 28th February

9:00am Ceremony Commences

9:30 am Community Breakfast

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Australia Day Honours—Medal of the Order of Australia

Congratulations to Tom Moss for being awarded Medal of the Order of Australia awarded on Australia Day. Tom is widely known for his volunteer work at the Golf Club, but his volunteering and community service extends to much more than this, and has been recognised in the Australia Day 2026 Honours List. Thank you Tom for your time and efforts across a range of volunteering.

Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the General Division

Mr Thomas William Moss, NSW

For service to the community through a range of organisations.

Khancoban Golf Club

- Former President.
- Former Board Member.
- Volunteer Groundsman.
- Committee Member, 30 years
- Member, over 20 years.

Murray Border Association of Vietnam Veterans

- Former Committee Member.
- Former Volunteer.
- Member, 1980-2016.

Albury Legacy

- Former Regional Coordinator.
- Fundraiser, current
- Leader, Junior Legatees Camp Wollongong, c10 years
- Former Member, Appeals Committee.
- Former Member, Camps and Holidays Committee.
- Former Area Liaison, Khancoban/Corryong.
- Certificate of Service, 25 years, 2020.
- Legatee, since 1993. Community –

Other

- Volunteer Community Transport Driver, Tumbarumba Shire Council, 2005-2017
- Member, RSL Corryong Sub-Branch, over 25 years.
- Justice of the Peace, over 25 years.

Australian Defence Force

- Citizens Military Force, 1967-1968 and 1969-1970.
- Regular Army, 1970-1976

Awards and Recognition include:

- Citizen of the Year, Snowy Valleys Council, 2023.
- A range of Service medals, including the Australian Active Service Medal 1945-75 with Clasp 'VIETNAM'.





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WEATHER JANUARY 2026



Minimum Temperature:

Lowest: 8.1° (23rd)

Highest: 21.3° (31st)

Average: 14.1°

Maximum Temperature:

Lowest: 27.8° (16th)

Highest: 43.6° (28th)

Average: 34.6°

Rainfall

Highest : 18.2mm (4th)

Total : 26.2mm

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KHANCOBAN GOLF

The recent hot weather has seen a slight decline in the numbers playing in the competitions, but with (slightly) cooler weather here its hoping that players will return to enjoy the course and camaraderie that golf brings. Again thanks to all who have joined the watering roster, and a reminder to seek a replacement if you are unable to do it.

Competition times are:

Tuesday / Thursday : 8:30am for 9:00am start

Saturday: 8:30am for 9:00am start

Green fees are \$20 for 9 holes, 18 holes or practise.

For enquiries please contact

Sam 0400 598 729 or

Sean 0497 802 274

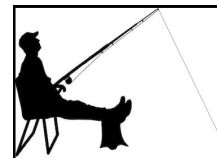


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KHANCOBAN ANGLING CLUB



Fish Stocking



After a couple of aborted attempts due to the recent fires and inability to access areas 11 400 Murray Cod fingerlings were finally released in to the rivers at numerous points from Tintaldra to Damm's Bridge along with the Tumbarumba Creek at Tooma. A huge thank you to Pete, Stormy, and Anne for their flexibility in timing, to Leigh and Bailey from Tara Fish Hatchery for the healthy fish, the NSW DPI Fisheries for supporting the restocking and to our sponsors and supporters of our fundraising events



who make it possible. Thank you.

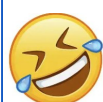


Weekend at Walwa Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th January 2026: Due to the Bushfires and the need to free up accommodation for essential services we are DEFERRING the Weekend at Walwa until a later date. Late Feb or early March most likely but we will work with accommodation outlets and keep you posted.

Meat raffles: These should restart late January or early February. Keep an eye on Facebook for updates.

Thanks to Jason Musgrove for sending in this pic. His first metrey (110cm) caught a bit upstream of Bringenbrong Bridge on soft plastics. They caught a few and had lots of hits and seeing this bloke swim off was glorious!!

Find us on 



Joke of the Month



A man decided that as he was nearing retirement age, it was time that he got around to making a will.

So, he went to his lawyer and said, "I would like to make a will, but I don't know exactly how to go about it."

The lawyer smiled at the man and replied, "That's not a problem, leave it all to me."

The man looked somewhat upset and said, "Well, I knew you were going to take a big portion, but I would like to leave a little to my family too!"

QUILTER'S CIRCLE

Meeting every Thursday fortnight from 6pm-9pm

Khancoban Golf Club

Next meeting 19th February

Beginners welcome



St Joseph the Worker Catholic Church Khancoban

Sunday Services

5:30pm

Every 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of the Month



The word "queue" sounds the same even if the last four letters are removed. Before it meant "line," a queue meant the tail of a beast in medieval pictures and designs.



LEVEL 1
WATER RESTRICTIONS
NOW APPLY
across the Snowy Valleys

-  Trigger nozzle watering
-  Irrigation systems limited
-  Car washing only on grass



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Hello Khancoban Community,

It has certainly been a rough start to 2026 with the heat waves and fires. This has been my first experience of living in such a remote location and having a fire so close. It was lovely to experience the different threads of connection and support amongst the community through those first couple of days. In keeping with our theme of heat, I am pulling out a Spicy Baked Black Bean Nachos recipe. I usually add 500g of beef mince and then increase everything except the beans. I can either just increase the bean mixture and freeze half of it or increase all the ingredients and have more to serve. It asks for a small bundle of spices. I usually check the local The Khancoban Kitchen spice mixes, and whichever one has the closest ingredient list to the required ones in the bean mix, gets thrown in as a substitute. For the nachos, I just use whatever tomatoes are available (keep an eye out on the community garden ones). I love making homemade pickled red onions and will make a batch and keep in the fridge.

Produce ready in the community garden includes: tomatoes; chillies; silver beet; kale; French radishes; zucchini (yellow and green); strawberries and herbs.

Warmly,

Monique

Spicy Baked Black Bean Nachos* by Beth Moncel at Budget Bytes <https://www.budgetbytes.com/spicy-baked-black-bean-nachos/>

Serves 4

Ingredients

Spicy Black Bean Mixture

1 Tbsp olive oil
1 small brown onion, finely diced
1 285 g can diced tomatoes with green chillies
(or diced tomatoes + 1–2 tbsp chopped green chillies if unavailable)
1 400 g can black beans, drained but not rinsed
½ teaspoon chipotle powder
½ teaspoon ground cumin

¼ teaspoon garlic powder

¼ teaspoon salt

Nachos

225 g sturdy corn tortilla chips
120 g cheddar cheese, grated
1 Roma tomato, finely diced
1 jalapeño (or other chilli), thinly sliced
80 ml (⅓ cup) pickled red onions
1 small handful fresh coriander, chopped
60 ml (¼ cup) sour cream

Instructions

Finely dice the onion. **Heat** the olive oil in a large frying pan over medium heat and sauté the onion until soft and translucent (about 5 minutes). **Drain** the black beans without rinsing, leaving some of the starchy liquid clinging to them. **Add** the beans and the undrained tomatoes with green chillies to the pan, along with the chipotle powder, cumin, garlic powder, and salt. **Stir** well and simmer for about 10 minutes, until the mixture thickens and liquid no longer pools at the bottom of the pan. **Preheat** the oven to 180°C (standard, not fan-forced). **Grate** the cheese, dice the tomato, slice the jalapeño, and chop the coriander. **Line** a baking tray with baking paper or foil. Arrange a single layer of tortilla chips (minimal overlap). **Spoon** over half of the black bean mixture, then sprinkle with half the cheese. **Repeat** with another layer of chips, beans, and cheese. **Bake** for 5–7 minutes, until the cheese is fully melted and the chips are just starting to turn golden at the edges. **Remove** from the oven. **Add** dollops or drizzles of sour cream, then scatter over the tomato, jalapeño, pickled red onions, and coriander. **Serve** immediately.

*Recipe has been put through ChatGPT to convert to Australian measurements and ingredients



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Khancoban Swimming Pool 2025 / 2026 Season

Saturday 22 November 2025—Sunday 15 March 2026

Season Trial

Residents of Khancoban (with proof of postcode) can buy an unsupervised swipe card for daily pool access from 7am to 8pm. Swipe cards are available for families and young people aged 15-17.

Opening Times—General Admission

Weekends 12:00pm —6:30pm

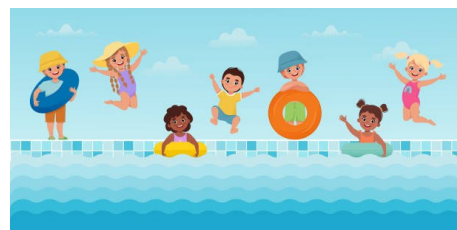
Closed all public holidays except Australia

After— Hours Swipe Card Access

Saturday 8 November 2025 to Sunday 22 March 2026

7 days: 7:00am—8:00 pm

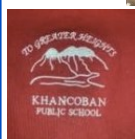
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Khancoban Public School



Khancoban Public School has welcomed back 11 students for the 2026 school year with a special welcome to 2 new students and their families Saira and Max. We hope you all enjoy your school year.



Our Facebook page has regular posting of things happening at our school, please follow it to keep up to date with these things. The icon you are looking for is the school logo.

People who count their chickens before they are hatched act very wisely because chickens run about so absurdly that it's impossible to count them accurately.

Oscar Wilde

Monday Night Games

Khancoban Community Hall

High School Students— Adults

Gold Coin Donation

New players \$5 one—off registration

For more information contact Christine Christesen

WHEN A WOMAN SAYS "WHAT?"

It's not because she didn't hear you. She's giving you a chance to change what you said.



5 unusual English words you probably didn't know

- Widdershins: moving counterclockwise or in the opposite direction
- Pandiculation: stretching and yawning simultaneously
- Tittynope: a small portion of food or drink left over
- Sialoquent: Someone who spits while talking
- Cattywampus: Crooked or askew

Staring tomorrow whatever life throws at me, i'm ducking so it hits someone else!



Placenames of the region: *Lighthouse Crossing*

by 'Homonymus'

Microtoponyms (names of small, usually uninhabited places) are often colourful and candidly descriptive names. Most are known only to people living nearby.

An interesting one is *Lighthouse Crossing*, just off the Murray River Road, 4 kms from Towong, and 14 kms from Corryong, and is situated in the *Lighthouse Crossing Murray River Reserve*. The traditional owners of the region are the Jaitmatang (Dhudhuroa) people.



Figure 1.



Figure 2.

Aerial view of *Lighthouse Crossing*.
(Source: *The Border Mail*, May 3, 2020)

At first reckoning the name seems somewhat incongruous given its location. However, the origin of the name is quite simple. The crossing takes its name from a nearby homestead that overlooks it. This is undisputed. What is however disputed, is the origin of the homestead's name. There are at least three published sources that have quite distinct origins. The first is from a 1912 article by anonymous correspondent from the *Cobram Courier* (page 4), who states the homestead belonged to Mr R.J. Whitehead, and the reason for its name is that a light was kept burning there every night, and its commanding position makes it visible for miles. The second source is from a 1954 *Weekly Times* article of Wednesday 3 March (page 51), by Lynette Walker. She claims surveyors gave it the name because of the magnificent view it commanded over the Murray away to Mt. Kosciusko. "The first house here was called 'Big Lighthouse' and when Mrs Whitehead's father-in-law, the late William Whitehead, selected his land on the lower ground, he called the property 'Little Lighthouse' — now abbreviated to 'Lighthouse'. [...]". The third is from Jean Carmody's *Early Days of the Upper Murray*: the homestead "overlooked a crossing place in the river. The name originated some time before the when a surveying party camped on the slope above the river, and the sight of their campfires at night had reminded people of a lighthouse high above the surrounding countryside. Willie [Whitehead] began calling his home *Young Lighthouse*, but that name was soon shortened to *Lighthouse*."



Figure 3.

The second *Lighthouse* before it burned in 1939.
(Source: R. Lee (2014), photograph courtesy John Whitehead)



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Emergency	000	Family Violence Helpline	1800 737 732
Emergency Mobile out of range	112	Mensline	1300 789 978
Nurse on call	1300 606 024	Beyond Blue	1300 224 636