

Khancoban

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Khancoban Australia Day Awards Ceremony.

Khancoban's Australia Day Awards Ceremony was held on Saturday February 28th at the Khancoban Community Hall.

With more than 40 people in-attendance, awards were presented by Mayor Julia Ham with Councillor Grant Hardwick as MC to the following recipients :

Khancoban Community Citizens of the year -

- Ron Aaron's : For his dedication over 8 years to KUVA,
- Robert "Bob" Daley : service to the community through driving the community bus, and general care and assistance to community members especially the elderly, and those experiencing difficulty

Environmental Award -

- David Wallace for his contribution through Landcare and work on the Khancoban Wellness Walk
- Khancoban Landcare Group - Platypus program: which identified platypus populations and raised awareness about protection of the species

Thank you to the following people and businesses for assisting on the day:

Adrian Cass, Nat & Nigel Mouat, Kate & Bones McCallum, Lyn Fulford & Ross Manning, KUVA, Pickled Parrot Providore & Hare & the Moon flowers, Rachael Daniel - Holbrook Landcare & Brooke White - Snowy Valleys Council.

Hopefully next year we can continue with this event and make it an even bigger celebration.



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As of Tuesday 10th March the time for Tuesday Dinosaur and Thursday Chicken Run will revert back to 12.30 for 1.00pm start.

Competition times are:

Tuesday / Thursday : 12.30pm for 1:00pm start

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

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

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Minimum Temperature:

Lowest: 6.4° (2nd)

Highest: 21.3° (1st)

Average: 14.2°

Maximum Temperature:

Lowest: 25.3° (12th)

Highest: 38.0° (5th)

Average: 32.2°

Rainfall

Highest : 49.2mm (23rd)

Total : 89.6mm

*Sourced from bom

Khancoban Public School



ALPSS Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to everyone who competed at the ALPPS Swimming Carnival.

Jacky, Elexxis, Austine, Hazel and Mikkaliah all had a fantastic day in the pool. Every swimmer brought their best effort and came away with multiple first and second place finishes — an incredible achievement and a true reflection of your hard work and dedication.

A very special mention to Jacky and Austine for being crowned Age Champions in their respective age groups — what an outstanding accomplishment! Your determination and commitment have truly paid off.

Great swimming, everyone — we are so proud of you all!

Swimming Program

Our 10-day swimming programme wrapped up last week. A big thank you to everyone involved for their hard work and dedication in helping improve the children's swimming skills. I'm sure the kids benefited greatly from the experience and the support they received throughout the programme.

We finished off with a fun afternoon of games and activities in the pool, which was a fantastic way to celebrate all the progress the children made over the 10 days.

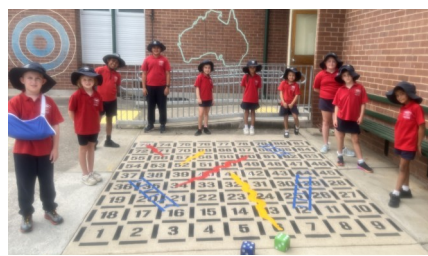
School Playground

We're so excited to share a wonderful new addition to our school playground!

Our brand-new Hopscotch and Snakes & Ladders games have been beautifully painted onto the cement, creating a fun and colourful space for our children to enjoy during break times.

These classic games aren't just fun — they help support learning too! Hopscotch encourages balance, coordination and number recognition, while Snakes & Ladders promotes counting skills, turn-taking, and positive social interaction. It's learning through play at its best.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in bringing this fantastic idea to life. We can't wait to see our students laughing, playing, and learning together on our vibrant new playground markings!



Monday Night Games

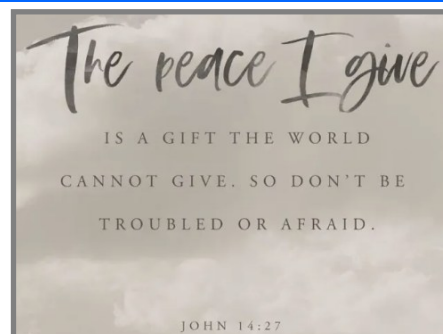
Khancoban Community Hall

High School Students— Adults

Gold Coin Donation

New players \$5 one—off registration

For more information contact Christine Christesen



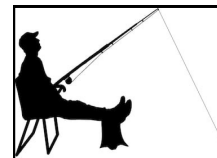
At Sydney Airport today, an individual, later discovered to be a school teacher, was arrested trying to board a flight while in possession of a compass, a protractor, and a graphical calculator.

Authorities believe he is a member of the notorious Al-Gebra movement, which has struck terror into the lives of many for generations. He is being charged with carrying weapons of math instruction.





KHANCOBAN ANGLING CLUB



Weekend at Walwa

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th January 2026

We invite all members and guests to join us for a relaxing weekend at Walwa. Come for the day or stay overnight—whatever suits you. Surrounded by the tranquil beauty of the Upper Murray, it's the perfect chance to unwind and enjoy great company. We'll be setting up a small base at the [Walwa Riverside Caravan Park](#), where the Club will provide a BBQ lunch on Saturday (and possibly some light refreshments).

Whether you have a boat or canoe, enjoy fishing from the bank, love a peaceful read, or prefer swimming, walking or bike riding, the area has something for everyone—and it's only a short trip if you're already in the Upper Murray.

Saturday we will be doing a couple of canoe fishing trips (or boat). First up from Neales Bend to Walwa Caravan Park in the morning and then after lunch sometime head from there down to Jingellic, so it's a great opportunity for a pleasant 1/2 day or even full day paddle and fish.

Heaps of prizes and giveaways for those attending!

If you'd like to join us, please post a reply or send us an email to register your interest.

We hope to see you there!

Check out the area for camping, caravanning or accommodation options at -

[Walwa Riverside Caravan Park](#)

[Walwa Hotel](#)

Fish of the Month

A catch up on the results as we have missed them in the past couple of months. Remember to log your catch (or no catch) into the the collection centre QR codes to go into the monthly draw for a \$50 voucher. Congratulations to these winners.

December Emily Kaye

January Bev McFarland

February Tom Butler

Upper Murray Fishing Challenge : 3rd to 25th April

\$20 members and \$40 non-members. Half price for U16's

Categories include: Rainbow, brown, native, redfin, and carp for Men, Women, and U16 with multiple vouchers in each category.

NB We encourage that all trout less than 35cm be released and recorded and Catch and release. We do understand that this is not always possible, however it is an important part of maintaining a sustainable fishing environment.

All entrants go in the lucky draw to win one of the following three prizes-

- 1 nights accommodation + \$100 voucher at Khancoban Alpine Inn (provided by Waterfox)
- 2025 Challenge shirt and stubby holder (sizes may be limited)
- \$50 in miscellaneous tackle and merchandise.

There will also be prizes for those who go fishing and don't catch a fish. These also need to be recorded in the record your catch form

Fishing Challenge Raffle - Proudly sponsored by The Great Outdoors Lavington and Waterfox

1st Prize: 1 night accommodation and \$100 voucher at Khancoban Alpine Inn, kindly donated by Waterfox

2nd Prize: Weber Baby Q 1200N. Kindly donated by The Great Outdoors and Fireplace, Lavington

3rd Prize: 6 x 4 trailer of wood.

Tickets available from local outlets.

Memberships

A friendly reminder that membership is now open for the 2025/26 season

Membership prices remain the same as for previous years and are as follows;

Family \$30

Single \$20

Pensioner Couple \$25

Pensioner single \$15

Junior (U18) \$1

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Hello Khancoban Community,

The signs of changing seasons are in the air. Flowers have finished blooming up in the mountains. Local deciduous trees that line our streets have leaves starting to show a tinge of red. Darkness is creeping back into our mornings and evenings, and local summer produce, like cherries, is starting to come to an end. While I always love to feature recipes grounded in the seasonal produce available to us locally, this month it felt important to focus on something a little deeper. I was speaking with a colleague recently about my interest in sustainable diets and my desire to define what *good* food really looks like. He has Fijian heritage and raised a beautiful point: food can't be only about nourishment or availability — it also carries spirit, culture, religion, memory, and connection. As we head into March, I've been thinking about Harmony Week, which Australia will celebrate from Monday 16 to Sunday 22 March 2026. Harmony Week is a time to recognise and celebrate our diversity, and to reflect on inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone. For such a small community, we are lucky to have a rich mix of backgrounds and cultures. This month, I wanted to honour that diversity by inviting members of our Filipino community to lead the article. While I was out gardening one afternoon, I heard my neighbours moving around and promptly raced out to intercept them at their front door, enthusiastically asking if they might share a Filipino recipe close to their hearts. Aiken and Gena very kindly shared their recipe for Pork Adobo. Pork Adobo is a much-loved Filipino dish and is often considered the national dish of the Philippines. I'm very much looking forward to trying this and some other Filipino recipes in the coming months.

Produce ready in the community garden includes tomatoes, and Korean Melons (known as Chamoe in South Korea). The melon is a yellow fruit with white strips. Local resident Louise recommends peeling the skin, scooping out the flesh, and slicing, then eating chilled.

Warmly,

Monique

Pork Adobo by Aiken and Gena

Ingredients:

Main Meal

1.2 kg pork belly (cube)
15-20 cloves garlic, minced (adjust to taste—more is better)
1 onion, chopped
500 ml pork broth
190 ml soy sauce
100 ml vinegar

3 bay leaves

1 tbsp whole peppercorns

25g brown sugar, (adjust to sweetness)

Toppings

Onion leeks

Crispy garlic bits

Boiled eggs



Instructions:

Sear the pork until lightly browned on all sides, then remove and set aside. In the same pot, sauté the garlic until lightly golden and fragrant. Add onions and cook until softened. **Return** the pork to the pot, pour in the pork broth. **Add** the soy sauce, vinegar, bay leaves, peppercorns, and sugar. **Cover** and let simmer on medium heat for 5-10 mins **don't mix to allow vinegar to cook. **Turn** to low heat for 1 hour, or until the pork is tender and the sauce has reduced. you want it to be almost swimming in its own fat like a confit.



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Congratulations to the Khancoban Landcare Group and David Wallace on winning the Snowy Valleys Council and the Khancoban Township Environmental Australia Day Awards.

The Swampy Plains Platypus Project was completed on Saturday with amazing results that shows the Swampy Plains River has an abundant Platypus population living and breeding in this waterway from Geehi all the way to the junction at Bringenbrong bridge including the Indi and Murray Rivers.

A display of the awards and an information leaflet are available for the public at the NSW NPWS Visitor Information Centre in Khancoban. Please go and have a look.



St Joseph the Worker Catholic Church Khancoban
Sunday Services
5:30pm
Every 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of the Month



NEXT VISIT:
 THURSDAY 12TH @11.55AM

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- 7th Towong Cup
- 8th Upper Murray farmers Market
- 15th Corryong performing Arts and Creative Festival
- 28th Walwa Community Market

We often suffer more in imagination than in reality.

Seneca



The apples and oranges origin of *Batlow*

by 'Homonymus'

Researching the origins of placenames is never straightforward. Often they have diverse apocryphal stories regarding their origin, this is because there is usually little or no documentary evidence detailing their naming. *Batlow* is a case in point.

Before European occupation, the Batlow region was inhabited by the Wiradjuri people. Batlow is situated between Tumbarumba and Tumut in the south west slopes of NSW, and is famous for apple, cherry and stone fruit growing.

The first Europeans to explore the area were Hume and Hovell in 1824. When gold was discovered in the area in 1854, a small settlement arose named *Reedy Flat* to service the miners, who were ultimately responsible for the planting of the first fruit trees in the district. In 1889 the township, and was renamed *Batlow*.

The NSW Geographic Names Board declares it was named after a certain Mr Batlow who surveyed the plan of the townsite. This origin story was obtained from Reed (1969) who probably obtained his information from Irish (1927) or Stretch [n.d.]. Indeed multiple references and websites echo the same story (e.g. *Aussie Towns* website: the <https://www.aussietowns.com.au/town/batlow-nsw>). However, King (1947) made enquiries with the NSW Department of Lands but failed to trace any surveyor by the name 'Batlow' having ever existed. It must also be noted that none of the sources that claim "Mr Batlow" as the origin of the town's name provide his given name or any initials before his name, which is unusual in such cases, and thereby shedding further doubt to the veracity of the story.

King (1947) made enquiries with the NSW Department of Lands but failed to trace any surveyor by the name Batlow having ever existed.

Kennedy & Kennedy (2006) claim *Batlow* was originally the name of a pastoral run when the area was surveyed in 1853 by the obscure Thomas Scott Townsend, the surveyor responsible for mapping the Great Dividing Range, discovering the source of the Murray and setting out towns and cities across Victoria and NSW, and after whom Australia's second highest peak is named. King (1947) corroborates Townsend being the surveyor of the area as a 1853 map by him shows the name *Batlow* alongside the name 'Mara' (i.e. Timothy Mara) who had leased land there. His lease was granted on 1 January 1852. *Batlow* is likely to be the name of Mara's homestead. Another map, dated 1863, shows the Parish of Batlow. Herring (1975: 41) confirms this aetiology.

Finally, to illustrate an example of a laughable apocryphal origin story for *Batlow* we need not go further than a letter dated 19 August, 1935 written by Mr. O.C. Barberie, the first schoolmaster at Batlow, who wrote: "Various ideas some years ago got about as to its origin. One was that Tumbarumba cricketers went to Reedy Flat to play and were advised to bat low, and by so doing won the match; and so the name of Batlow." (King 1947).

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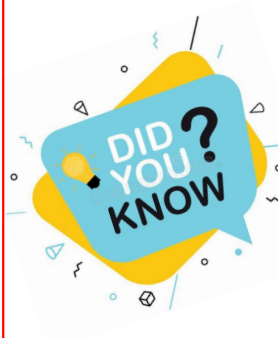
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