



"We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the Land on which our School is situated. We pay our respects to Barapa Barapa Elders past, present and future." KTHS Community.



# TECH TALK 2024

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### R.U.OK? DAY:

The annual RUOK? Day campaign held the second Thursday of September is a National Day of Action highlighting the importance of meaningful conversations. This year's event was acknowledged at KTHS Thursday, 12 September 2024.

In conjunction with Northern District Health and Headspace the students participated in a variety of activities at lunch time. This was to encourage students and staff to check in with one another and ask the question RUOK?

The theme for this year's RUOK? Day is: 'Ask R U OK? Any Day'. In 2024, R U OK? is calling on everyone to 'Ask R U OK? Any Day' because life happens every day.

The reminder to ask R U OK? comes as the Suicide Prevention Australia Community Tracker shows that 72% of Australians reported experiencing

elevated levels of distress in the latest June data. R U OK?

encourages Australians to check in with others all year around. Recent research commissioned by R U OK?

found that people who are regularly asked if they are okay feel more supported, connected and cared about.

Katherine Newton, CEO R U OK? says, "There is an increase in supporting behaviours around R U OK? Day, our National Day of Action. However, we don't want people waiting until September to reach out to the people in their world who might be struggling because life happens every day. R U OK? encourages everyone to share this message across networks to help support and promote R U OK? Day."



The shared vision of Kerang Technical High School is to provide our students with a quality education for the future in an inclusive and supportive environment.



### AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE PRESENTATION:

On Tuesday, 10th September, students from Years 9 and 10 met with representatives from the Army and Navy to listen to the many and varied job opportunities within the Australian Defence Force. The presentation focused on the opportunities available as a member of the Australian Defence force including the skills you can acquire and the various requirements to be eligible to join the Defence Force. See Page 5 for photographs and info.



### DID YOU KNOW?:

Did you know that KTHS is now running beginner's guitar classes? Each week, students receive tutoring from Mr. Kallio. Additionally, these music students will have the chance to meet with the band members who performed at the RUOK? concert in Cohuna on Thursday. This meeting aims to provide them with songwriting tips.



### SCHOOL REVIEW:

Next week is the first day meeting of KTHS's School Review. The first day is a planning day and will work out what the review will focus on, how the school will complete it and which groups of people will we talk to. On this day the staff will meet the reviewer Graeme Bastion. A component will be parent interviews

School Council Meeting: 16th Sept  
A REMINDER THAT WE FINISH UP FOR  
TERM 3 ON FRIDAY, 20th SEPT.  
School closes at 2.30pm

Principal, Dean Rogers

## IMPORTANT NOTICE:

All students will receive a hard copy notice of family details. In order to receive the School Saving Bonus, families will be required to check their details and return to the General Office by Friday, 20th September prior to 2.30pm as we close for school term holidays. *Thanking you in advance.*



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### School Savings Bonus

Dear parents and carers,

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks.

The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

#### Actions for parents and carers

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

- **Complete enrolment:** If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025. For more information, read about [Enrolling in School](#).
- **Check your contact information:** Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us. You can check this information by contacting us directly.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:

- in October, to verify your email address
- in November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus and access to an online system.

Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, download the [School Saving Bonus Information sheet for government school parents and carers](#)  
[https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/SSB\\_information\\_government\\_school\\_parents\\_carers.docx](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/SSB_information_government_school_parents_carers.docx)  
or visit [vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus](http://vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus).



# K.T.H.S. TERM PLANNER 2024



## TERM 3:

**Fri. 20/9**  
Last day  
of Term 3  
2.30pm Finish

## TERM 4

## OCTOBER

**Mon. 7/10**  
First day of Term 4  
**Thur. 10/10**  
LMR Athletics  
**Tues. 15/10**  
Intermediate Cricket  
**Mon. 21/10**  
Yr 10 Work Experience  
**Tues. 22/10**  
Unit 4 Last Classes  
**Wed. 23/10**  
Gr 6 Transition- All  
Schools  
LMR Table Tennis  
**Fri. 25/10**  
Unit 4 Deadline  
Unit 4 SAC SAT results  
due  
**Tues. 29/10**  
VCAA Exam Period begins  
**Wed. 30/10**  
2025 Year 7 Info. Night

## NOVEMBER

**Fri. 1/11**  
Unit 2 Deadline  
**Mon. 4/11**  
CURRICULUM DAY  
Pupil Free Day  
**Tues. 5/11**  
MELBOURNE CUP DAY  
Public Holiday  
**Mon. 11/11**  
Unit 1/2 Exam Week  
**Mon. 18/11**  
Unit 3 2025  
Transition Week  
**Wed. 20/11**  
Year 10 Exams  
**Thur. 21/11**  
Year 10 Exams  
**Fri. 22/11**  
Year 10 Exams  
VALEDICTORY EVENING  
Yr 7/8/9 CATs Deadline  
**Mon. 25/11**  
Unit 1 & 3 2025  
Transition Week  
**Fri. 29/11**  
Year 11's Finish

## DECEMBER

**Mon. 2/12**  
Unit 1 2025  
Transition Week  
**Fri. 6/12**  
Year 10s Finish  
**Tues. 10/12**  
State Wide  
Orientation Day  
**Thur. 12/12**  
VCE Results  
available to students  
**Wed. 18/12**  
Reports Published  
SPEECH NIGHT  
Day #1 Yr 7-9 Activities  
**Thur. 19/12**  
Day #2 Yr 7-9 Activities  
**Fri. 20/12**  
Day #3 Yr 7-9 Activities  
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL  
Finishing at 1.30pm



## 2025 ENROLMENTS

*Kerang Technical High School are now  
accepting 2025 Enrolments.*

*Please submit your enrolments to our  
General Office*

Further Enquiries:

Yrs 7-9: [Zoe.Ferrier@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Zoe.Ferrier@education.vic.gov.au)

Yrs 10-12: [Nathan.Henry@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Nathan.Henry@education.vic.gov.au)



## STUDENT ILLNESS



A reminder to families, as per the Department of Education Infectious Disease Policy students with cold or flu-like symptoms are required to stay at home until symptoms have passed. Students experiencing vomiting or diarrhoea are to remain at home until there has not been vomiting or a loose bowel motion for 24 hours.



# SCIENCE EXPERIMENT

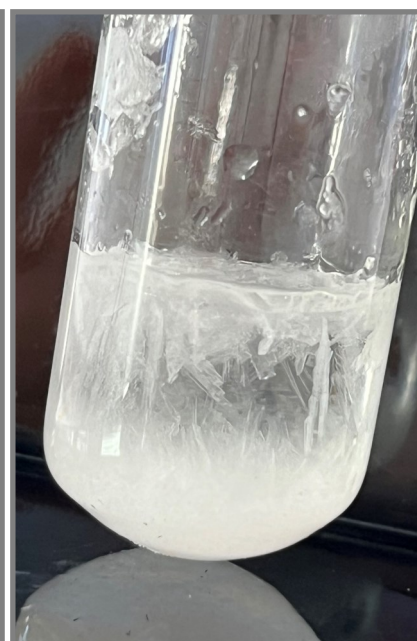


Katherine Bramich recently, Year 11 student, completed two VCE core practicals required for Unit 2 Chemistry, which she is completing by

distance. She was well assisted by Ms Batchelor, our very own Science Laboratory Technician.

The first practical was the Determination of solubility of a salt in water, and second the Determination of HCl content in brick cleaner. Included are some images showing the process and results of each practical. We get to create and investigate some pretty cool things in Science. Our KTHS Science Domain supports students, particularly Kerang and District's VCE students, with a qualified Laboratory Technician, as well as four dedicated Science

Teachers - Mrs Meaden, Mrs Aumann, Mr Kallio and Mr Beard.



# Swan Hill Field and Game School Shoot

Successful day at the S'Hill FGQ School Shoot. We had four first time shooters and ended up in a shoot off for Senior Boy (Hunter Ash) and Junior Boy (Mitchell Wilson) Champions. Both narrowly going down. Well done to all.

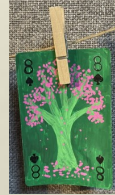
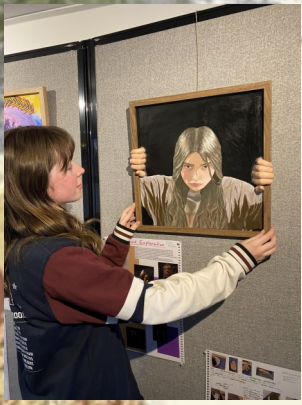


# ADF VISIT



Thank you to Rob, Doug and Gus (dog) from the Australian Defence Force (ADF) Albury, for visiting our Year 9 students on Tuesday, 10th Sept. to discuss future career pathway opportunities into the ADF today! Students learnt everything from entry requirements, the application process, employability skills and employment perks through to fitness requirements. *Great presentation!*



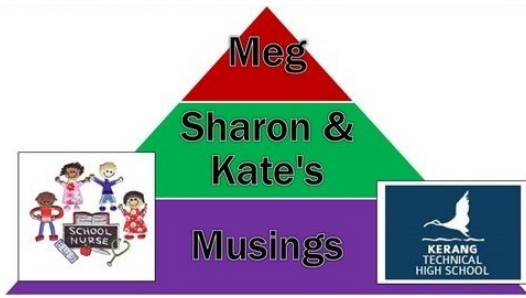


# CREATIVE STUDENTS



## MR SMITH'S YEAR 9 WOODWORK



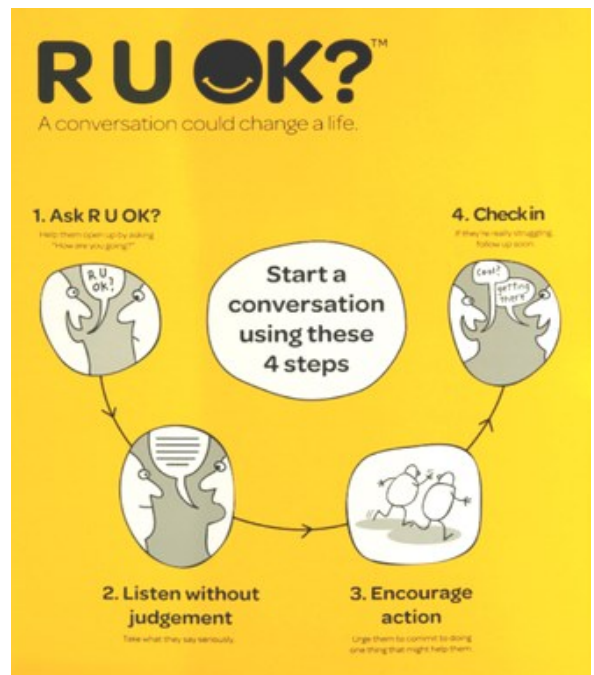


RUOK? Day is about encouraging people to look out for their friends, family and themselves by asking them, "Are you OK?", and listening to the answer. We don't have to be an expert to do this because we all have the capacity to reach out and support anyone around us. If they are not OK, remind them that help is available (as listed) & you can support them making that initial contact for help.

### What are the signs of a low mood?

When people feel low, they often:

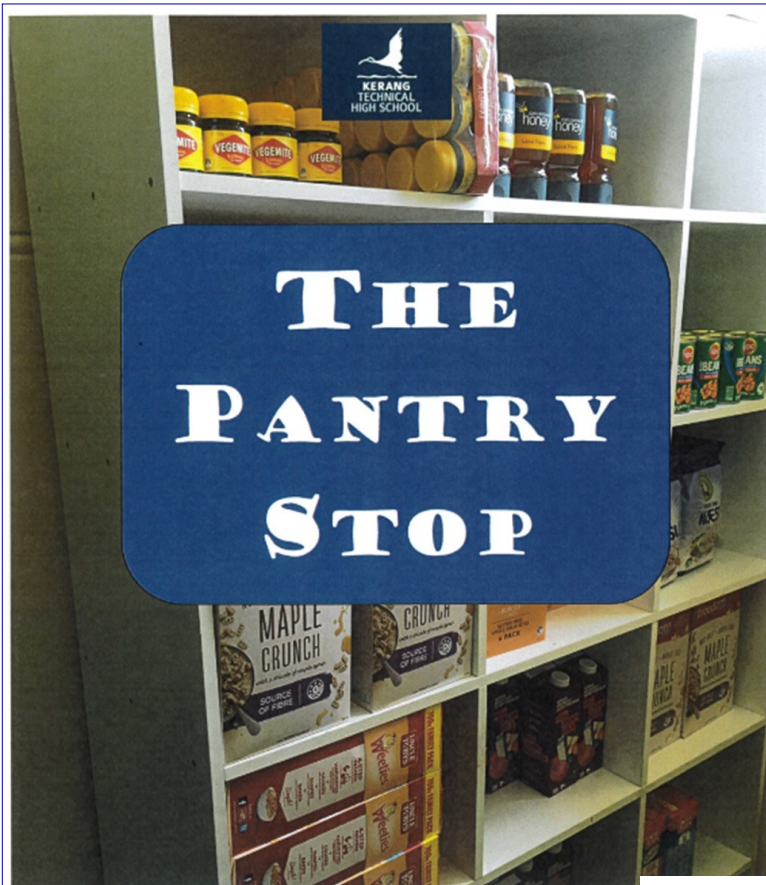
- Withdraw from their friends or their family
- Lash out at people and get angry or upset really easily, including towards the people they care about
- Cry or become emotional
- Lose interest in activities and things they usually love
- Have changed sleeping patterns. They might be sleeping all the time, not sleeping much at all, or sleeping at strange hours (such as in the middle of the day)
- Have a changed appetite. They could be eating more than usual, or less.



**RUOK? Gives to the courage to ask and help someone get some help.**

**The School Wellbeing Team, Doctors in Schools  
Your Doctor, Counsellors,  
Lifeline 13 11 14  
Kids Help Line 1800 55 1800  
headspace, Beyond Blue, and Reachout.**

*Cheers Meg*



**The Pantry Stop is in the Wellbeing Room (next to Room 7)  
Students can come to take food home for their wellbeing.**

**OPEN MONDAYS and FRIDAYS**

**••Recess Bags are also available if you have forgotten your snacks••**

Don't be embarrassed, everyone needs to eat.



Dear Parent/Guardian

A number of our senior school students are driving or intend to drive to school this year and some have indicated that they intend to carry another student as a passenger.

Despite the fact that most young drivers try to be careful, safety conscious and considerate when driving, research clearly shows that they are at a higher risk of having a serious crash than older, more experienced drivers.

The presence of young passengers also greatly increases the risk for teenage drivers and, the more passengers, the greater the risk.

It is important that all students and their parents/guardians are aware of these risks and the type of behaviour that the school expects from student drivers.

Copies of the school Policy on student drivers and the Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form are available upon request.

The policy outlines the school's expectations and provides information regarding the transport of passengers. Of particular note is that student drivers are not permitted to carry other students as passengers to and from school.

Under the Graduated Licensing System, no more than one peer aged passenger (aged 16-22 years) is permitted to travel with the driver, unless the passengers are siblings of the driver. The school requests that only siblings to travel to and from school with the licensed driver. This is based on research that shows that young drivers carrying several passengers are more likely to engage in risk taking behaviour. For more information, go to:

<https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/driver-safety>

To ensure that all involved are aware of these requirements, student drivers and a parent/guardian are required to sign a Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form.

The form must be signed and returned prior to students using the designated parking area on Burgoyne Street

These requirements are intended to ensure the welfare and safety of students at our school and the local community.

Mr. Dean Rogers  
Principal





# KTHS CANTEEN PRICES—SEMESTER 2, 2024

## ROLLS/WRAP/SANDWICH

Buttered Roll	\$2.50
Chicken Salad Roll	\$6.00
Ham Salad Roll	\$6.00
Salad Only Roll	\$6.00
Sandwiches	\$4.50
Wraps	\$6.00
Salad Tubs	\$6.00
Fruit Tubs	\$6.00

## HOT FOOD

Ham & Cheese Toastie	\$3.50
Hot Cheese Roll	\$3.00
Pies	\$5.00
Chicken Curry Pies	\$6.00
Sausage Rolls	\$4.00
Specials	\$6.00
Cup Noodles	\$3.00

## SNACKS

Cookie	\$0.50
Homemade Muffins	\$3.50
Glazed or Iced Donuts	\$3.50
Chip Varieties	\$2.50
Mentos	\$2.00
Raspberry Twists	\$1.00

## ICE CREAMS

Frozen Yoghurt	\$2.50
Icytwists	\$2.00
Paddlepop	\$3.00
Everest icecream cup	\$3.00
Ben & Jerrys	\$5.50

## HEALTHY EATING LEGEND



## DRINKS

Water 600ml	\$2.50
Pump 750ml	\$3.50
Pump Flavoured 750ml	\$4.50
Nippy's 375ml	\$4.00
Nippy's 450ml (JUICE)	\$4.00
Nippy's 500ml	\$5.00
Aussie Squeeze 350ml	\$3.50
Prima	\$2.00



# HEADSTART

Head Start Referral Form (Loddon Mallee Hub)

Congratulations to Flynn Mc Knight and Abraham Keating for embarking on their exciting journey with the School-Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship (SBAT) program through Headstart! This initiative offers a remarkable opportunity for students in years 10, 11, or 12, who are at least 15 years old, to gain invaluable practical skills and hands-on experience while completing their secondary education. Kerang Technical College is proud to support thirteen SBAT participants at present and extends thanks to the employers who have generously offered these opportunities. Your commitment to investing in these young individuals is truly commendable. It not only equips them with essential skills but also plays a crucial role in shaping their future careers.

Thank you for your continued partnership in fostering the growth and success of our students. If you would like to any more information on the Headstart program please contact Kristen Noles on 0408897642 or [Kristen.noles@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Kristen.noles@education.vic.gov.au)



Student	Certificate	Employer
Abraham Keating	Engineering- Fabrication Trade	North Fabrications & Hydraulics Pty Ltd
Brylee Clingan	Early Childhood Education and Care	Gannawarra Shire
Chase Coulter	Engineering -Fabrication Trade	AB Building Construction
Coco-Bella Crellin	Individual Support	Kerang District Health
Cooper Meehan	Electrotechnology Electrician	Mat Coates Electrical
Flynn McKnight	Carpentry	KM Bray Building
Hallie Murphy	Individual Support	Kerang District Health
Harry Bremner	Fitness	Form Athletic
Henry Ellison	Agriculture	Toohy Farms
Maia Velleley	Allied Health Assistance	Avenue Health
Thomas Campbell	Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology	Kerang Toyota
William Mellington	Heavy Commercial Vehicle Mechanical Technology	Kerang Truck and Trailer
Zarne Thamm	Agriculture	Koorangie Farms



# KERANG SHOW OCTOBER 7 2024



## 138TH ANNUAL KERANG SHOW

Sun 6th Dog Events 12 noon

Mon 7th Dog & Horse Events 8.30am

Show Pavillion 1pm

Sideshow Alley 4pm

Amusements and Rides

Camels and more

## KERANG SHOWGROUNDS



QR LINK  
TICKET SALES 2024



**MURRAY MALLEE  
TRAINING**  
CO. LTD.

### Current Traineeships

#### Current Apprenticeships

- **Baking**—Leitchville  
Preparing a variety of baked goods such as bread, cakes and pastries.
- **Bricklaying**—Swan Hill  
Setting up and laying bricks using plans and calculations.

- **Business**—Swan Hill  
Office management, data entry, answering phones and upkeep of records.

- **Dental Assisting**—Swan Hill  
Chair side assisting for Dentist, sterilising instruments and reception duties.

**For more information**  
contact Rob Hackney on:  
0419 347 206  
Or our Swan Hill office on:  
5033 1216  
Email—[info@mmtc.com.au](mailto:info@mmtc.com.au)

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KERANG NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE FUNDED BY  
NAB FOUNDATION IN ASSOCIATION WITH MALLEE  
FAMILY CARE

FOR MORE INFO:  
4403 6640

# Disaster MANAGEMENT TRAINING

PREPARE & RESPOND FOR NATURAL CRISIS

TO EQUIP AND EMPOWER  
OUR COMMUNITY WITH  
CRUCIAL SKILLS AND  
KNOWLEDGE AND  
RESOURCES TO BUILD  
SAFETY, PREPAREDNESS  
RESILIENCE AND A PLAN

HEAR FROM THE FOLLOWING SERVICES  
ABOUT SUPPORT AVAILABLE :

- ✓ CFA
- ✓ LOWER MURRAY WATER
- ✓ EMERGENCY RECOVERY VICTORIA
- ✓ SOCIAL SECURITY RIGHTS VICTORIA
- ✓ RED CROSS
- ✓ POLICE
- ✓ RURAL FINANCE
- ✓ SES VIC

## LOCATIONS:

### ~~MURRABIT~~

~~10TH - 11TH SEPTEMBER  
10AM - 4PM EACH DAY  
MURRABIT HALL~~

### BENJEROOP

17TH- 18TH SEPTEMBER  
10AM - 4PM EACH DAY  
BENJEROOP HALL

### KOROOP

24TH- 25TH SEPTEMBER  
10AM - 4PM EACH DAY  
KOROOP HALL

### LAKE CHARM

1ST - 2ND OCTOBER  
10AM - 4PM EACH DAY  
LAKE CHARM HALL

### MYALL

8TH- 9TH OCTOBER  
10AM - 4PM EACH DAY  
MYALL HALL

### QUAMBATOOK

15TH - 16TH OCTOBER  
10AM - 4PM EACH DAY  
QUAMBATOOK HALL



KERANG NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE  
Building and building our community to provide opportunities to thrive, contribute, learn and grow.  
11 Scoresby St, Kerang 3579

4403 6640 | www.kerangnh.org.au | www.facebook.com/kerangnh



Kerang and District Community Centre Inc. trading as Kerang Neighbourhood House, is a Public Incorporated entity that has the authority to accept and manage all funds, assets and providing services to all members of our community.

### KERANG

21ST - 22ND OCTOBER  
10AM - 4PM EACH DAY  
KERANG NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

LASER TAG IS BACK!!! Friday 13th September Laser Tag will be at KTHS. Cleo's Kitchen will be at the front of the KTHS hall selling delicious food and water and nibbles will be available for purchase inside the hall by the Student Voice Team. Thanks to NDCH for supporting this event!

BLG  
YOUTH  
FEST

# LASER TAG & LIVE MUSIC

FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 5-12



**FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER**  
**6-10PM**

(6-7:30PM FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL  
AGED STUDENTS ONLY,  
7:30-10PM OPEN FOR ALL)

**THORNELY HALL @ KTHS**  
**48 MURRAY ST, KERANG**

**FREE ENTRY**

**MUSIC BY COLOUR COURT**



**DINNER AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM CLEO'S KITCHEN FOOD TRUCK**





# THE UNBREAKABLE FARMER



"Resilience, Persistence, Determination -  
These are the three words that best describe me."

## October is Mental Health Awareness month in Australia.

St. Mary's Primary School, Cohuna, is hosting a Community Event with inspiring Guest Speaker Warren Davies, the 'Unbreakable Farmer'.  
(Suitable for people aged 16 and over)

Warren is one of Australia's leading rural mental health speakers and advocates.

His ability to engage with individuals or organisations is through the journey of him piecing back together his life, as well as the life lessons he has learned along the way.

Warren's down-to-earth approach makes his story and strategies relevant to everyone. He provides tips and tools that his audience can easily implement in day-to-day life

**Date:** Sunday, 13th October

**Where:** Memorial Hall COHUNA

**Time:** 12.00pm - 1.30 pm

12:00 - FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND MINGLE (Thanks to the Cohuna Lion's)

12:40 - 1:30 Guest Speaker - WARREN DAVIES - The Unbreakable Farmer

To secure your spot register via the link or QR Code:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CUXTL>

