



# **Ordinary Meeting of Council**

**23 November 2022**

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**QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG REGIONAL COUNCIL  
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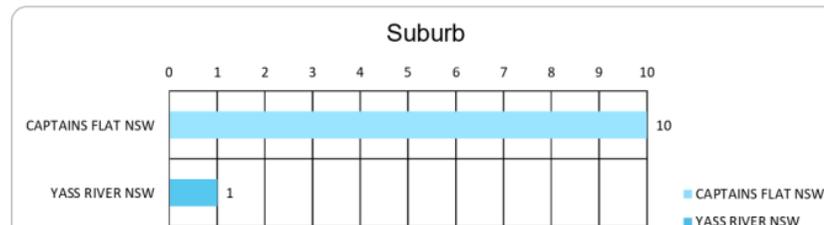
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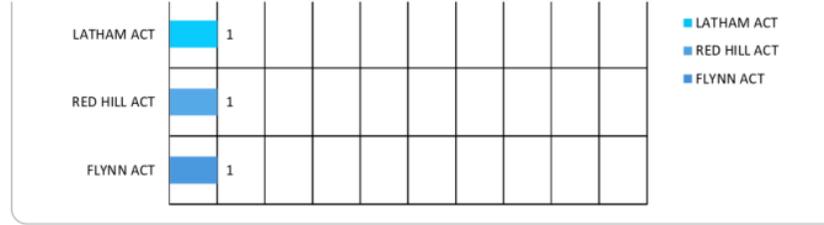
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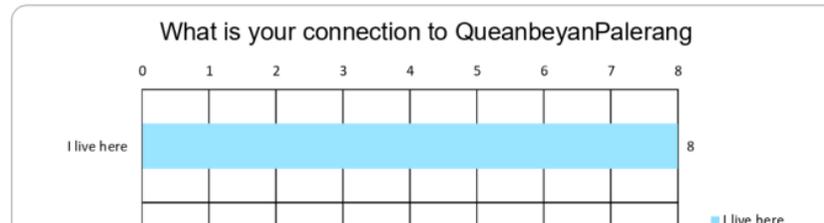
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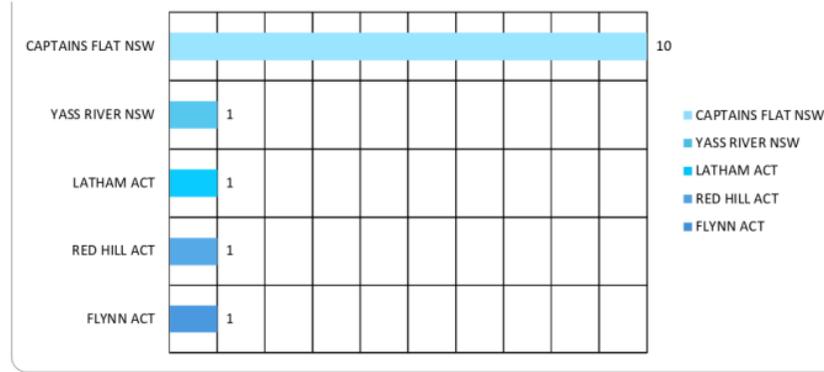
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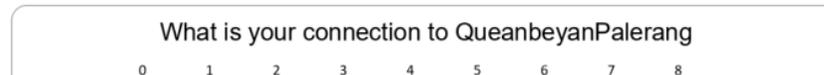
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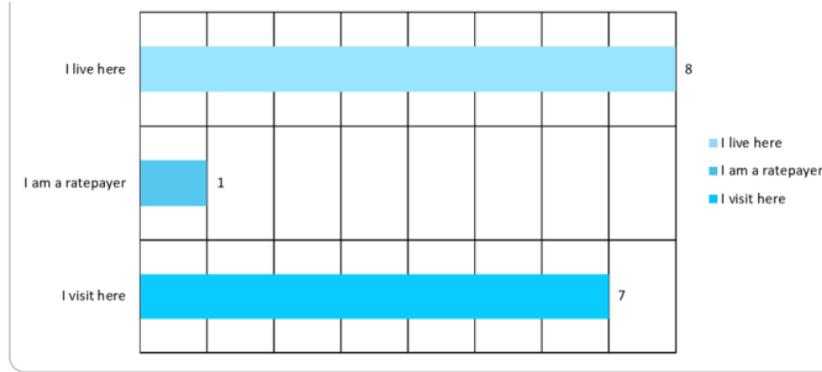
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# Nerriga Recreation Area and Main Street Upgrade



Australian Government  
National Recovery  
and Resilience Agency



## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

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| <p><b>Public Open Space</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-To encourage quality, secure, accessible public open space.</li> <li>-To ensure public open space meets the needs of the community.</li> <li>-To combine recreational, social and environmental functions of public open space.</li> <li>-To create public open space that requires minimal maintenance.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Pedestrian routes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-To provide safer routes for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.</li> <li>-To encourage increased physical movement and healthier lifestyle within the village.</li> <li>-To provide connections between places of interest within the townships.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Street trees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-To enhance local street character and reinforce thematic changes throughout the village.</li> <li>-To provide shade and habitat to village.</li> <li>-To ensure tree species are appropriate for the local area and resilient to changes in environment.</li> </ul> |
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\*The following drawings are for illustrative purpose and not a true representation of final design.



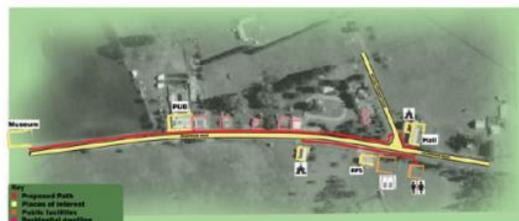
Tree lined approach to town (Species TBC).



Hard surface paths.



New plantings in recreation area upgrade.



## Suggested Tree Species

### Nerriga Rd

- Pin Oak – *Quercus palustris*
- Cimmarron Ash – *Fraxinus Cimmarron*
- Crab Apple – *Malus ioensis Plena*

### Recreation Ground

- Trident Maple – *Acer buergerianum*
- Sensation Box Elder – *Acer negundo Sensation*
- Flowering Plumb – *Prunus Oakville Crimson Spire*



Recreation ground upgrades including new playground (Playground design selected).



Path network to improve connectivity of town and encourage exploration.



Improved parking amenity to support local business.



Formal avenue plantings at town entrances to signal to drivers a change in traffic conditions ahead.



Consultation closes on 22 September 2022.

For any comments, refer to Council's contact information below.



Go to Council's Your Voice page at: <https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au/>



or Email Council at: [council@qprc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@qprc.nsw.gov.au)



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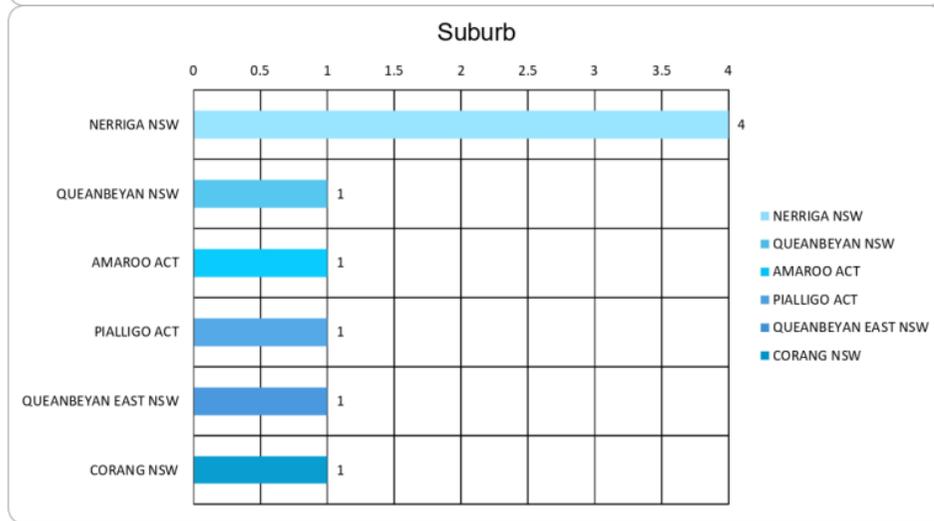
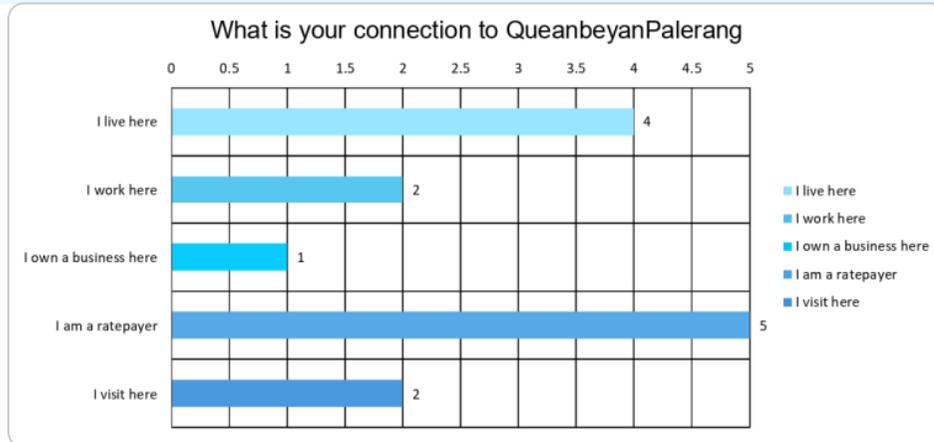
Tool Status	Archived	Survey Response	Staff feedback
Visitors	14	<b>Do you have any comments you would like to make on the upgrades?</b>	
Contributors	9	<p>Why is Council spending such a large sum of money on this project?            Seems to be overkill solution for the potential use this area will provide to the community.            The footpath only very few properties. Will it really promote healthier lifestyles within the community.            Lot of motherhood statements used to justify spending money and outcomes unlikely to be realised.            Just because funding is available should not mean it needs to be spent.</p>	A new playground at the recreation area is also being installed as part of this upgrade. The surface of the tennis courts will be upgraded also. The upgrades will benefit visitors to Nerriga as well as the local community.
Registered	9	<p>Will the water crossings at the south be upgraded so access will be made easier to the upgraded Nerriga town ?            Any future bushfire protection?</p>	Not included in the scope of works for this project.
Unverified	0	<p>I encourage Council to consult with residents on the future design of community facilities in the Nerriga township.</p> <p>The locals should consider future infrastructure on one of the side roads rather than the narrow Main Street, especially as it is frequented by speeding Canberra drivers. I would prefer to enjoy a short break on my trip away from the busy main road.</p> <p>The need for fuel reduction burns in cooler weather over large areas of the surrounding native forest areas is now obvious.</p> <p>This should be removed from the control of NPWS and granted entirely to the local RFS branch with no interference from the Sydney RFS headquarters.</p>	All new infrastructure will be placed into the recreation area, where visitors are encouraged to park and rest. Toilet facilities, playground and picnic facilities have been included in the recreation area upgrade. Fuel reduction burns are out of the control of the QPRC.
Anonymous	0	<p>Maybe having the Federation Monument that is situated at the moment in the middle of town relocated to be included in the new tourist info / gardens at the recreation ground.</p> <p>This is such a busy road now, not forgetting that it is a preferred route to the coast for travellers and not just weekends, width and space for safety would and should be paramount not clutter.</p> <p>please consider the amount people that are entering the area and the need or rather necessity for garbage bins to be added to the main street design.</p> <p>Public Toilet/ Rest Areas signs prior to entering town</p>	Relocation of any monuments in the Nerriga main street is not included in the scope of works for this project. There will be garbage bins located within the recreation area. Signage indicating rest areas will be considered.

10.2 Outcome of Community Consultation - Nerriga Main Street Upgrade  
 Attachment 2 - Survey Responses Nerriga Recreation Area and Main Street Upgrade (Continued)

Admin	0	<p>The upgrades look fabulous. Would like to see substantial street plantings of trees for shade, environment and bird diversity. Large species such as the suggested pin oak for the approaches to the town would be great with a mix for colour and blossom through the centre - also shade along the pathways. I would hope that the approach plantings would be substantial in length to create a cool avenue. Would be nice to have the town feel cool and inviting instead of the barren dustbowl it is now. Lots of planting in the Rec ground for shade as well. Perhaps some stately evergreens such as the Deodar Cedar for year round green. Trees should be a good size to cope with extremes in weather and temperature. Some street surveillance could be worthwhile given we do experience vandalism from time to time. Given the current grants available, our lack of facilities and the increasing number of cars coming from Canberra to the coast EV chargers would be worthwhile in the Rec ground. Also, considering our distance from emergency services an AED placed in a public space would be welcome. Suggestions for trees:          Pin Oak          English oak          Deodar Cedar          Acer Negundo Sensation          Crab Apple          Pear - Snow, Aristocrat, Capital, Manchurian          Prunus - Elvins, Nigra          Lipstick Maples, trident maple          Ash          chinese pistachio          dogwood          liquidambar          magnolia          ginko          persian witchhazel          So many to choose from!          WinterHill Tree Farm has a great selection and very informative web site.</p>	<p>The Urban Landscapes horticultural team have taken these tree species suggestions on board, and will plant the most appropriate species for the Nerriga environment. Tree planting is planned for both the main street and within the recreation area.</p>
SUBMISSIONS	9	<p>Looks a great plan....maybe a bit more parking if can fit in....bus park? Need also acces to water to maintain the trees and park...even if only to tank water.          But great planning!!!!</p>	<p>Parking is planned within the recreation area. Watering of trees has been considered by the Urban Landscapes team.</p>
		<p>The 2019 bushfires destroyed Nerriga's landmarks: McNamara's slab house, the sawmill, etc. We want to ensure Nerriga Ned is preserved at its present location for passing tourist to enjoy for many years to come. He has been in his present location for about 20 years and many people stop for a photo shoot with him. He is a celebrity on Facebook.</p>	<p>No works are planned for the "Nerriga Ned" installation. It will remain as is.</p>
		<p>Are current trees being removed to make way for the tree line approach. The Ned statue across from pub. Is this remaining. It's a great tourist attraction and is very popular for social media and promotion of the pub</p>	<p>There are no trees being removed. "Nerriga Ned" to remain in its present location.</p>
		<p>1. The play equipment needs its own fence around it as it's so close to the road and small children could run out and be hit by a car.          2. The Main Street needs speed limit changed to 50 km/h and speed humps or some sort of speed deterrent both ends of town especially on the Nowra end where people come flying into town not doing the speed limit, there is going to be a serious accident or death there if something isn't done to control the speed limit.</p>	<p>1. The playground is within a fenced area. A second fence is not being considered at this stage. 2. The 50km/h speed limit request to be referred to Council's Traffic Management Committee for consideration.</p>

DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS of Contributors - Based on Sign-up form responses

What is your connection to Queanbeyan-Palerang	
I live here	4
I work here	2
I own a business here	1
I am a ratepayer	5
I visit here	2
Suburb	
NERRIGA NSW	4
QUEANBEYAN NSW	1
AMAROO ACT	1
PIALLIGO ACT	1
QUEANBEYAN EAST NSW	1
CORANG NSW	1



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# QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG REGIONAL COUNCIL

## Council Meeting Attachment

23 NOVEMBER 2022

ITEM 11.1 MINUTES OF THE QPRC SPORTS COUNCIL MEETING -  
AUGUST 2022

ATTACHMENT 1 QPRC SPORTS COUNCIL MINUTES HELD 8 AUGUST 2022



**QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG SPORTS COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday 8 August 6.00 PM**

**ZOOM Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**1. Welcome and Apologies – Co-Chairs**

Cr Wilson opened the meeting at 6:05pm.

Cr Wilson did an acknowledgement of Country

Apologies:

- Cr Biscotti (Co-Chair)
- Mark Unwin (Hockey)

The following attended via zoom:

Councillors	Cr Wilson (Co-Chair)	Council Representative
Archery	Sarah O'Sullivan	Monaro
Basketball	Shannon White	Queanbeyan
Football	Anthony Nicoletti	Monaro
	Antoni Aslimoski	Queanbeyan
Netball	Tiffany Knight	Bungendore
Rugby League	Zara Baker	Queanbeyan Roos
Tennis	Wendy Grant	Queanbeyan
Staff	Tim Geyer	Service Manager – Urban Landscapes
	Mark Spear	Program Coordinator – Recreation

ACTION – Mark Spear to ensure that a meeting reminder goes out prior to the meeting.

**2. Adoption of May Minutes**

No issues identified with the May Minutes and adopted.

### 3. Action Items

ACTION – Mark Spear to ensure that meeting invites go to all other Councillors. Complete (and ongoing).

ACTION – Cr Wilson to prepare a report to Council to propose waiving of fees. Reducing sporting facilities hire by \$12,000 adopted through Integrated Plans on 22 June. Tim Geyer explained the process of how this would work with certain clubs – by re-issuing current unpaid invoices or by having a credit for future seasons.

ACTION – Staff to work on project costings for Urban Landscapes workshop. Workshop was cancelled.

### 4. Summer Ground Allocations

Rob Sheffield is compiling information and will distribute information to relevant clubs.

ACTION – Rob Sheffield will distribute information to relevant clubs.

### 5. QPRC Sports Facilities Strategic Plan

Still being compiled. Once complete, a Councillor Workshop will occur to talk through key projects. It will then be published on Your Voice to get some final feedback from the QPRC Sports Council. The public will also have an opportunity to comment.

ACTION – Mark Spear to communicate once available.

### 6. Current and Planned capital works projects

- Update on Bungendore Sports Hub – Tim Geyer
  - Council awarded the contract to construct the amenities to Rice Constructions on 13 July
  - Despite a lot of water falling in Bungendore, the sports hub was not impacted which was pleasing
  - Questions / comments:
    - Tiffany Knight – how long before access  
Hoping for Winter 2023 but might need temporary buildings.
- Update on Regional Sports Complex – Tim Geyer
  - Tim Geyer shared some photos on the progress which has primarily been bulk earthworks including stormwater provisions
  - Expected to have synthetic fields in by Christmas, grass fields hopefully by Winter 2023
  - There have already been significant rain delays, with all wet weather contingency days already being used up
  - A site tour is being planned for October for Councillors. Invitations to interested QPRC Sports Council members will be looked at for the same time.

## 7. Grants

- Council resolved on 22 June to fund the following Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program Phase 3 grant:
  - Finalisation of current work at the Bungendore Sports Hub - \$565,418.
- Council has formally accepted \$1.1 million from the NSW Government under the Multi-Sport Community Facility Fund for the Bungendore Sports Hub.
- Applications for Round 5 for the Stronger Country Communities Fund are now open – <https://www.nsw.gov.au/regional-nsw/programs-and-grants/regional-growth-fund/stronger-country-communities-fund>
- Applications for Round 2 of the Multi-Sport Community Facility Fund are now open – <https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/grants/multi-sport-community-facility-fund>

## 8. Any Other Business

- Tim Geyer
  - Mick Sherd Oval
    - All grass fields were closed on the weekend so investigating damage to Mick Sherd Oval with the Bungendore Mudchooks hosting a Grand Final
    - The Bungendore Tigers are looking at hosting a Semi Final at the venue in a few weeks.
  - W League
    - Working with the Capital Football to facilitate some matches at Seiffert Oval over summer.
- Sarah O'Sullivan
  - Confirmed that Archery can take place when grass fields are closed. Closures do not impact on Archery or other sports like Netball with more durable surfaces.
- Cr Wilson
  - Shout out to the Monaro Panthers for proudly representing the region and making it to the Round of 32 in the Australia Cup.
- Shannon White
  - Also wished to congratulate the Under 12 Girls Roadrunners who recently won the State Cup.
- Cr Wilson
  - Asked for the above two achievements to be minuted and staff to ask the QPRC Communications Team to promote.

**The next Sports Council meeting is scheduled for 6.00pm – Monday 7 November 2022.**

Cr Wilson closed the meeting at 6:32pm.

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# QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG REGIONAL COUNCIL

## Council Meeting Attachment

23 NOVEMBER 2022

ITEM 11.2            DISABILITY ACCESS COMMITTEE - NOVEMBER 2022

ATTACHMENT 1    ACCESS COMMITTEE MINUTES 1 NOV 2022



## MEETING MINUTES – QPRC Access Committee

Meeting held 1 November, 2022, 12 – 2:15pm, AXIS Community Centre

**Present:** Cr Michele Biscotti (Chair), Athol Callaghan, Naomi Taylor, Bronwyn Liebke, Susie Walsh, Helen Stig, Doug Merriman, Jim Fowler, Ciara McKillop

**Also Present:** Cristina de Jongh (QPRC), Karen Hansen (QPRC), Kaden Langi (QPRC)

**Apologies:** Laura Hurley, Judit Kovacs, Katrina Chisolm, Mark Wolstenholme

### 1. Acknowledgement of Country (Cr Biscotti)

### 2. Minutes and actions of the previous Meeting

Minutes and actions from the last meeting on 27 July 2022 were endorsed. Moved Cr Biscotti/Seconded Jim Fowler.

### 3. Welcome to new Committee members

Five new members of the Access Committee were welcomed to their first meeting after being accepted through an EOI process. The new members are:

1. Susie Walsh, Braidwood
2. Helen Stig, Braidwood
3. Doug Merriman, Bungendore
4. Jim Fowler, Majors Creek
5. Ciara McKillop, Queanbeyan

### 4. Digital Accessibility – QPRC Website and Venues

Susie Walsh raised the issue of the accessibility of the QPRC website and online systems. Susie tested the accessibility of the QPRC website via an online testing tool <https://www.accessibilitychecker.org/> and the website achieved a 75% rating which indicated that it is baseline accessible however there are many more improvements that can be made.

Susie also raised the issue of accessibility in Council venues for people with disability who may find it difficult to visit shows or cultural events in person. She suggested upgrades to audio visual and recording of arts events where possible. Susie also raised the issue of air quality in public Council venues and suggested that a review be undertaken to assess and improve air quality, perhaps by installing HEPA filters.

### Recommendation

**DAC04/2022: Communications team to seek feedback from the Access Committee on the accessibility of the QPRC website and systems before the end of 2022. Any suggestions made to be reviewed and adopted where possible to improve usability and accessibility of content.**



**DAC05/2022: Communications team to commit to user beta testing with the Access Committee going forward when considering major changes to content or structure.**

## **5. Committee Priorities and planning for 2023**

The Committee reviewed the new Disability Inclusion Access Plan (2022 – 2026) and agreed to prioritise the following actions going forward:

- 1.1.1 Continue to work with the QPRC Access Committee to raise awareness in the community about diverse types of disability and inclusion related issues
- 1.1.4 Work with Access Committee to develop and deliver an annual public awareness campaign to encourage inclusive behaviours in public spaces (e.g. play spaces, town centres, parking)
- 2.2.2 In line with the QPRC Pedestrian and Mobility Plan (PAMP) and other accessibility priorities, increase the number of continuous accessible paths of travel that include footpaths, road crossings and kerb ramps in our town centres and to key destinations such as recreation and community facilities.
- 2.5.1 Audit accessibility of event facilities (e.g. showground) and source funding for upgrades
- 2.5.2 Include information about accessibility options at our community events in our marketing and promotional material.

Further feedback will be sought by the Committee on key actions for 2023 by end of December 2022.

Other issues discussed which have been followed up internally include:

- Review and improve ramps and accessibility of amenities block at Ryrie Park, Braidwood
- Provision of disabled parking on Wallace St and temporary disabled parking at Lascelles st near IGA during construction of current upgrade project
- Architects to consult with Access Committee on accessibility of the new showground pavilion as part of their detailed design process

## **Recommendation**

**DAC06/2022: Events team to consult with Access Committee on their forward plan for community events in 2023. Suggestions to improve accessibility included incorporation of Auslan at major events, closed captions for recorded events, sensory spaces at festivals, all terrain wheelchairs, etc.**

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in February 2023, date to be confirmed.