

Items submitted by community members

Bungendore Community Meeting 26 May 2020



Question	Response
<p>Can Council consider putting in a dedicated footpath from McKay Drive, then onto Trucking Yard Lane, then on to Ellendon St, then all the way down to Malbon St. There are random paths here and there along those streets/roads, however it is quiet dangerous walking along those roads (especially with a pram) as there are puddles, rubbish bins, cars, road works etc. It would make walking that area a lot safer.</p>	<p>The Bungendore PAMP has future shared paths marked in this area as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. high priority for the section of along Ellendon St between King and Finch Sts (third on Bungendore's list) 2. medium priority along Ellendon Street between Finch St and Trucking Yard lane (15th on Bungendore's list) <p>Footpaths along this route have been constructed in line with new developments. As developments have not been continuously built along the route there is a disconnect. Without the developments putting these paths in, there would ordinarily be no footpaths as it isn't a high pedestrian area and therefore not a priority as compared with the route within and surrounding the Bungendore CBD.</p>
<p>When is the dirt section of Majara St going to be either sealed or at the very least graded.</p>	<p>Majara St and the other unsealed roads in Bungendore were scheduled to be graded in the week commencing 11 May.</p> <p>Long term, future adjacent development will be conditioned to require sealing or the road. There is no indication at this stage when this is likely</p>
<p>My question is I have a mate in Cowra which is about two and a half hours away and he pays \$300 a quarter in rates and I pay \$690 a quarter now I don't get anything more than him do you think they would explain why there is such a big difference in rates that's over twice as much</p>	<p>It's difficult to compare rates between local government areas as there are many variables including size of the local government area, level of service provide, the range of services, asset base of the council, rating structures, land valuations and previous decisions of council.</p> <p>Some councils also include annual charges for water (not consumption), sewer and waste on their rates bill which can impact the figures. Without knowing the rating category and valuation of the two properties, it is difficult to compare.</p> <p>The NSW Office of Local Government has grouped councils based upon the ABS's classifications of local governments and attempts to compare like councils.</p> <p>QPRC is a Group 4 Council, where Cowra is a Group 11 council. The latest data provided by the OLG is from the 2017-18 financial year, shows that the average residential rate for Group 4 councils is \$1,044 with QPRC's average residential rate \$1,069.</p> <p>In Group 11, the average residential rate in 2017-18 was \$776, with Cowra's average rate \$422, one of the lowest in NSW.</p> <p>In comparison, group 2 councils which are Sydney-based councils had an average residential rate of \$1,275.</p>

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	<p>Smaller councils, such as Cowra, are also more heavily subsidised by the Federal Government's Financial Assistance Grant, meaning they are more reliant on grant funding than a Council such as QPRC.</p> <p>You can compare all kinds of information on councils via https://yourcouncil.nsw.gov.au/ This website contains a range of information councils are required to provide to the Office of Local Government</p> <p>QPRC's draft Revenue Policy and Fees and Charges are currently on public exhibition at yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au</p>