

Community meetings – November/December 2019

Items raised at all meetings

Water restrictions

In place in Braidwood and Bungendore from Friday 22 November. Aim of restrictions is to extend water supply for as long as possible. Aim is for education and hoping the community will start to adjust their behaviours.

Note: Braidwood updated to level 3 on 13 December.

Rates harmonisation

Required to develop a single rating structure by 30 June 2019. Council has considered some options and has narrowed to two. These options will be assessed by a community reference panel which will report back to Council in early 2020. Council to consider and select a preferred option for broader community consultation.

During consultation, will provide information on how each rating category is affected.

Harmonisation will not increase Council's total income from rates, but will redistribute rate income. Some ratepayers will see decreases, some will see increases. Also need to factor in fresh revaluation from NSW Valuer General to take effect on 1 July 2020 (same, no overall increase in rate income) and 2.6% rate peg from IPART which allows Council to increase its overall income.

Community events

Community Christmas Parties coming up in

- Bungendore – 7 December
- Braidwood – 13 December
- Queanbeyan – 14 December

Also, Queanbeyan Carols will be held on 19 December

Local Strategic Planning Statement

Needs to be finalised by 30 June 2020. Has been drafted based on a range of community engagement and consultation activities undertaken over past few years. It works in concert with Community Strategic Plan, but has a land-use planning focus.

At similar time, will be going through the review of the comprehensive Local Environmental Plan.

Braidwood community meeting – 19 November 2019

Water restrictions

Question: Is Sydney Water pulling from the Mongarlowe River?

Answer: Not that we are aware.

Question: Are trucks allowed to fill up from Monkittee Creek?

Answer: This creek does not impact on Braidwood's water supply. Council does use for purposes of road work etc.

Waste Transfer Station

Question: What will income from buy back facility at Waste Transfer Station go to?

Answer: It will be used to support cost of running the facility

Question: When can I get rid of chemicals?

Answer: Council has an annual chemical cleanout. Some chemicals can be taken to the waste transfer station. Information at <https://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Waste-Environment/Waste/Waste-Transfer-Stations-and-Waste-Minimisation-Centre#section-3>

Question: What landscaping will be implemented at WTS?

Answer: Trees have been planted already, just need to grow and make as attractive as possible.

Question: Could Council consider moving the 60km/h zone to the other side of the station?

Answer: Staff have reviewed the current intersection/drive way for the Waster Transfer Station along with the Bombay rd. Noting that the left turn into the Station has a substantial deceleration lane, and that the road environment and look and feel of the road are a 100km/h, it is not proposed to reduce the existing speed limit

Question: Is it possible to drop roadside waste collected by residents for free?

Answer: We have arrangements in place for Clean Up Australia Day, but not necessarily throughout the year. Hard to police apart from specific clean up days.

Question: Is there any way for bulk discounts for business waste?

Answer: Encourage to speak with QPRC waste staff

Question: Does the WTS accept Soft plastics?

Answer: No, only rigid recyclables are accepted.

Road and footpaths

Question: Does the Lascelles St project include a roundabout?

Answer: No, this project does not have enough funding to include a roundabout. We have raised with RMS, they have their own views. However, due to funding and no agreement on roundabout, current intersection will remain.

Question: What are the plans for the Charleyong Bridge?

Answer: The RMS is running that project and there plans are to remove the bridge. Council can raise again with local member.

Question: Progression of footpaths in Braidwood. We have lots of plans for footpaths in Braidwood.

Answer: The Pedestrian mobility access plan has been updated, with footpaths identified in it. Shows where sections are and estimated costs and ranks as priority. This plan was

completed with community input. The plan will be used to push into areas to get funding. Applications made under the active transport grants, however we would need to pay for 50%. If we receive funding we will let people know. At this stage, no budget unless we receive grant funding.

Question: Who is responsible for upgrade of Monkitee Bridge path?

Answer: We have taken the lead on it and are working with the RMS to get a solution they are happy with. Subject to grant funding.

Question: Can some screening be planting ion Glenmore Rd to hide pipe storage?

Answer: We'll take on board and see what we can do.

Question: Improve safety around pedestrian crossings in Wallace St?

Answer: This road is controlled by the RMS, but we will follow up on what options can be considered. We are currently reviewing the crossing regarding safety and also reviewing traffic and pedestrian usage on Wallace Street with RMS – these are two separate pieces of work but they are related and recommendations for either of the work could assist in improving safety at the crossings.

Ryrie Park

Question: Can a security light be installed in Ryrie Park and run from the windmill?

Answer: Yes are working with consultant to see how it would work and whether it's feasible.

Question: Is Council removing tiles along path in Ryrie Park South?

Answer: No plans to do that. Installation was driven by community. It's not on our list of projects to upgrade, but happy to work with the community.

Question: How much of the \$500,000 Town Centre Improvement budget is left?

Answer: Nothing. All funding has been committed or spent.

Question: Can a water refill station be included in Ryrie Park?

Answer: There is a report coming to Council soon regarding water refill stations and Ryrie Park is recommended to have one installed.

General questions

Question: What will Council do with contribution from Dargues Reef Mine?

Answer: The Dargues Reef Mine Local Planning Agreement provides \$375,000 for community facilities at Rec Ground. In discussions to review and update that agreement, possibly a report to Council soon and for consultation early next year. Not provide \$\$ until first ore is extracted.

Question: What is Council doing re affordable housing?

Answer: Council does not actually work in this space. Have some community connections. We will work with resident who asked questions to put in contact with correct people to assist. Refurbished bus to arrive in March April for emergency housing options.

Question: Request for waiving of DA fees for development at Gumtree Cottage.

Answer: Council would need to receive an official request and consider what funding remains in donations budget.

Question: Need in the community for Braidwood youth performance arts are.

Answer: Council will discuss with residents.

Queanbeyan Community Meeting – 26 November 2019

Water restrictions

Question: Long term use of pipes, are you looking at more efficient systems that don't leak?
Looking at synthetic grass for sporting fields?

Answer: Constantly looking to improve, appreciate the community letting us know about leaks as soon as possible so that we can attend. We are looking at synthetic fields for the Regional Sports Precinct as well as new fields in Googong. Not planning on replacing all fields with synthetic fields.

Rate harmonisation

Question: Will you recommend to the state government moving to a capital improved value for rating?

Answer: Govt may consider that, but it would take some two years for valuer's office to revalue all properties. Not available for us to take that option at the moment. Decision to move to a CIV would be a decision for the next council, will be available in approx a year.

Queanbeyan Civic and Cultural Precinct (QCCP)

Question: Breakdown of the \$74m for the QCCP?

Answer: Approx. \$27m each for community, commercial and council purposes

Question: Seniors in the QCCP?

Answer: No, that is not planned in the QCCP. However, this is planned for within the CBD. A few different locations are being considered. There will be a separate and discrete space for the seniors group within the CBD. Council is yet to make a decision on the preferred location for the senior's group. We will be communicating with the group as these options progress.

Question: Will the parking be free?

Answer: Yes

Question: Construction of the building? Specifications? Offsite prefab, timber use etc?

Answer: Probably too early to discuss this, as it is out for community consultation.
Constructed from a mix of concrete, timber and glass. Built to sustainable standards, meet standards for activity-based-work.

Question: Peer review of the design?

Answer: Variety of consultants will be and have been involved

Question: Solar panels be used?

Answer: Council will use various renewable sources, will be connected to solar panels. To be considered in detailed design.

Question: Community spaces for free?

Answer: Some would be free, some wouldn't (based on booking). Council's existing pricing policy will apply.

Question: Who will use commercial spaces?

Answer: Two floors for state govt, one half floor for businesses

Burra S Bends

Question: Burra Road is one of the few tarred access roads to this area. Fire Season started early, so little burn off has occurred. Very little standing water around. Alternative exits if we get catastrophic fire conditions are Burra Road north, Burra Road South, Williamsdale Road

(all largely gravel?). If people were to exit in a hurry, Burra Road north would be the exit. What are plans with emergency conditions?

Answer: We will proceed as much as we can. Outside of traffic control time, the road will be open two ways. In the event of an emergency situation, we would be opening this up pretty quickly. We watch fire conditions and adjust the work accordingly.

Question: Cut and fill, can't see how it is possible to be off the road?

Answer: Tend to do the work off the current road as much as possible. But we hear your concerns. If there are TFB in place, we will adjust work accordingly.

Floodlights at Campese Oval

Question: How are they powered?

Answer: Mains powered, replaced with LED. Can't go to solar for floodlighting for sports fields.

Caravan Park

Question: Concrete used? Are you using recycled concrete?

Answer: Can't use recycled for structural products. The path in this area has had to be designed to be cope with flood conditions.

Memorial Park

Question: If not used for memorial park, what would it be used for?

Answer: It could be sold, it could be redeveloped based on the land zone which would be rural-residential. But no decision would be made on that until all the studies are complete

Council expenditure/QPRC budget

Question: Total borrowings

Answer: Two big projects are the QCCP and QSTP. Working with Treasury Corp to work out a tranche of payments. Operating in a low-debt, low-interest climate. Comfortable with our Long Term Financial Plan, a revised LTFP with new borrowings will be presented to Council. No proposal for an SRV to raise rates more than the rate peg.

Roads

Question – Speed limit on Gilmore Road

Answer: Council speed trailer has been placed on the road, which is effective for the time that the trailer is there. Unfortunately can't leave it there all the time. Reduced by about 5km/h on average. RMS are trialling bin stickers with speed limits on them. This has had varied success in other areas. Police have offered to get involved and pay attention to this location. We are also looking at improvements to intersections in the area.

Question: Concern is amount of heavy vehicles in the area, garbage collection, concrete trucks etc. Three entrances into the industrial area, but this one is used most regularly. Used for a short-cut over to Canberra Ave. Concern with school bus route

Answer: Comes down to a driver behaviour issue. We continue to work with police to address.

Question: Road seems like it was built to speed. Unit is 5m away from road, noise is constant.

Answer: Will continue to work with police to pay attention to it. Appreciate the noise complaint, but it is difficult to do anything about noise reduction on these residential roads.

Youth and PCYC

Answer: We have been discussing this with PCYC, but despite some of the issues in Qbn, we are not on the top 5 list or priorities. We are trying to work our way up the list. Council, the police and PCYC all recognise that Queanbeyan would be a great location, so we are hopeful of a positive result soon.

Broader general questions

Question: Thinking about businesses in Qbn, have we dropped the ball? Are we fighting hard enough for industry to stay here?

Answer: Efforts to transform the CBD, strategies and plans to improve. What more can Council do? Offering the 11 properties for redevelopment is one aspect of the strategy. Retail Strategy have identified some problems to address, it is good to see some new shops are being refitted and reopening. South Jerrabomberra big business park, light industrial etc. Hundreds of millions going into these developments. Mayor has advocated to local members for govt investment. Mayor noted that nothing much happened in Queanbeyan for 30 years, but a lot has happened recently. Cinema, new police station, new redevelopments etc.

Bungendore Community Meeting – 3 December 2019

North Elmslea Planning Proposal

Question: Who profits from the development – the developer or Council?

Answer: The developer

Question: Will the water from the new bores be in place before the development?

Answer: Yes – Council already has access to two additional production bores and it is estimated that they are capable of delivering 635ml per year.

Question: Will Turallo Creek suffer from stormwater runoff from North Elmslea and add to flooding concerns?

Answer: As part of the background studies on the Planning Proposal, stormwater impact was assessed. The report can be downloaded from <https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au/north-elmslea-planning-proposal/documents>

Question: Will the North Elmslea development include mandatory water harvesting?

Answer: No. The development as a whole will be required to ensure that there is no increase in stormwater runoff over current runoff.

Question: Will new homes in North Elmslea be required to have underground water tanks?

Answer: Development needs to satisfy the requirements of the Palerang Development Control Plan 2015 and NSW Building Sustainability Index (BASIX). The Palerang Development Control Plan 2015 part B17 requires that rain water tanks are installed with each new dwelling. Minimum tank size is dependent on the number of bedrooms. For example, a 3 (or more) bedroom house requires a 22.5Kl tank.

Topic – New Bungendore Roundabout

Council has adopted the designs and will be progressing to tender. We hope to start some initial works in early 2020 and the main construction after Anzac Day 2020.

Topic – Bungendore Sports Hub

Question: Is there a map or concept on the website?

Answer: A concept diagram and location map has been added to the project page.

Question: Are we looking at piping Half Way Creek and will that effect flooding?

Answer: No, we will not touch Half Way Creek as part of the sports fields.

Question: Regarding noise, how late will the netball courts be in use?

Answer: Courts and fields will be governed by same noise laws as general public, they will not be used beyond 10pm, most activities are over by 8.00pm.

Question: Where is the acquisition of land up to?

Answer: It is progressing, but Council is not in a position to provide any further details.

Question: Give the location is beside the sewage treatment plant, has odour been considered?

Answer: Yes, Westerly winds will not impact the sports facility. Consultants are currently completing an Odour Impact Assessment for the site.

Question: Is there a trade-off of this land for the other development?

Answer: No

Question: Have grants for the sports hub been acquired?

Answer: Yes, funding has been provided through two grants to date – one from the Stronger Communities Fund and one from the Stronger Country Communities Fund.

Question: Where will the access be from?

Answer: There will be temporary access from Bungendore Road. Council is considering a new road that would link into the fourth arm of the new roundabout and the corner and Molonglo and Malbon Streets (Kings Highway). This new road may provide future access.

Question: Will the Halfway Creek Bridge on Bungendore Road be widened to accommodate busloads of kids going to the sports hub?

Answer: No, there are no plans to widen the bridge. If any work was to be considered, it would involve replacing the bridge rather than widening the existing. However there is currently no funding for this. The bridge may become less of an issue if the new road that links to the fourth arm of the new roundabout becomes the main traffic route.

Topic – Bungendore off-street car park

Question: What heritage assessments have been done on and around the site of the new car park?

Answer: An initial assessment has been conducted.

Question: If an assessment has been conducted, how did Council not notice the concrete slab and chalkboard of the old schoolhouse?

Answer: Council will be reviewing the heritage assessment previously conducted.

Question: How many EV charging points will there be?

Answer: Two

Question: Is two enough?

Answer: The number will be reassessed based on usage.

Question: Is the entrance of Ellendon Street and is it one-way or two-way?

Answer: Yes, it will be two-way.

Question: Will there be RV or long vehicle parking?

Answer: No, not at this stage.

Topic – Queanbeyan Civic and Cultural Precinct

Question: Is the Bungendore Council Office building one of those that will be sold off to help fund the new precinct?

Answer: No, only vacated buildings in the Queanbeyan CBD will be sold.

Topic – General Q&A

Question: Are they currently trialling a dog off-lead area behind the new scout hall?

Answer: No, that area has long been an off-lead dog area. Council did propose fencing the area, but this was rejected by a large portion of the community. There are no current plans to do anything with the area.

Question: Is Council aware of where things are up to with the new high school?

Answer: Generally, no. Other than hearing that the Department of Education recently issued a call for expressions of interest from landholders who may be interested in selling their land, Council is not heavily involved in the project.

Question: (re high school) I'd heard they are considering crown land?

Answer: Council is not aware of which land they are considering.

Question: Although Council has plans to clean up the creek around the confluence of Turallo and Half Way Creeks, does Council have any plans to clean up further areas up Turallo Creek. Is Council aware of things that were left in the creek bed under the bridge? These, and other things, create blockages.

Answer: Council does not have the resources to selectively remove plants from the creek. This would be a massive task. Council does not intend cleaning up other areas of the creek. Council did consult the community about additional removal of woody weeds etc but the community rejected the proposal.