

**PUBLIC FORUM
QUESTIONS/ANSWERS
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Questions – Paul Hubbard

Proposed Memorial Park

1. **Where exactly are the other blocks of land identified for the potential new cemetery and crematorium located? I do not believe there were any other blocks**

Response – Natural and Built Character

As previously advised, Council has reviewed land parcels within 10-15 km of the major population centres of Queanbeyan Jerrabomberra and growth areas of Tralee and Googong. Not all properties investigated or negotiated proceeded to external Geotechnical Engineering assessment due to property owners or property management declining access. Further information on this has been published on Council's website at <https://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Major-Works-Projects/Proposed-Memorial-Park>

2. **Where is the evidence of investigations that were carried out during 2014 – 2015 where two potential localities for a new cemetery and crematorium were identified?**

Response – Natural and Built Character

All investigation documents associated with the prospective sites are commercial in confidence, as they relate to property not in Council's ownership.

3. **Why do you refer to the “2013 – 2017 Delivery Plan” when there is no such document?**

Response – Community Choice

The Delivery Program 2013-17 was adopted by Queanbeyan City Council in June 2013. The Delivery Program is the elected Council's response to the Community Strategic Plan. The document has been provided under to the submitter via email.

4. **Under which rule can you change a Schedule 1 of an LEP to suit yourself?**

Response – Natural and Built Character

Clause 55 of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979*, provides arrangements for the amendment of local environmental plans, including any proposed amendments to Schedule 1 of an LEP. NSW councils require the consent of the Department of Planning and Environment to proceed with any proposed amendments to Schedule 1 (a Gateway determination) and any final amendment is subject to the final approval of the Minister for Planning (or delegate).

5. **Have the building setbacks and other proposed changes in Greenleigh Estate been made to the DCP?**

Response – Natural and Built Character

Not at this time. Staff still intend to progress these changes to the DCP and are likely to report to the Council on this matter in the near future.

6. Where is the latest Draft Cemeteries Strategy?

Response – Natural and Built Character

This is still being finalised by staff and will be presented to Council via a workshop in the coming months.

7. Has funding been identified for the upgrade of 3.8km of road from the Googong turn off to the Burra Road turn off?

Response – Community Connections

Upgrades to this section of road is not currently on Council's works program. There are some intersection upgrades planned as part of the Googong development that will impact on Old Cooma Rd.

In relation to the proposed Memorial Park, as the design progresses and entry/exit points are determined, plans for adequate upgrades will be prepared as required.

Questions – Martin Butterfield

Bungendore Waste Transfer Station

8. My enquiry is to ask why the Bungendore Waste Transfer Station is open for such restricted times (see <https://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Waste-Environment/Waste/Waste-Transfer-Stations-and-WAMI#Locations-and-opening-times-1>)? Yet again I wished to take a bin of garbage to the station but it isn't open today. I suggest the approach employed at the Mallacoota tip is far more convenient (see http://www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/Arts_and_Leisure/Parks_and_Facilities/Mallacoota_Transfer_Station). The total hours of operation are almost the same (26 Bungendore vs 28 Mallacoota) but the spread is far better in East Gippsland. In terms of impact on council finances I would suggest that having less time open on weekends (currently 17 hours Bungendore and 8 hours Mallacoota), and more during the week could actually save money for Council. As far as I am aware the hours for Bungendore are those which applied under Palerang and were set when the transfer station opened with no obvious consultation with the community. I found the Bungendore hours of particular concern during clean-up after the bushfire when the restricted hours were very difficult for the contractors employed by our insurance company. Given the number of retirees in the area I suspect many people would welcome the chance to use the tip during the week. I'm also sure the current hours present issues for businesses wishing to drop material off during the week.

Response – Natural and Built Character

Opening hours for the Bungendore Resource Recovery Facility were considered as part of the Palerang Waste Strategy update in 2015-16. The update included consultation with the community and involved elected councillors of the former Palerang Council.

At this stage, there is no intention to change the operating hours for the facility. This may be reconsidered based on the outcomes of the QPRC Waste Strategy which will commence in the coming months.

With respect to the bushfire clean ups, Council opened the Bungendore Resource Recovery Facility at any time for affected residents provided sufficient notice was given to mobilise staff.