

## \$143m for Capital Works feature in Draft Operational Plan



Council's draft Operational Plan (budget), Revenue Policy and Fees and Charges are currently open for community consultation. The Operational Plan outlines draft expenditure for 2021-22 including \$143m of capital works. Some of the works include the Regional Sports Complex, Captains Flat Road reconstruction, replacement of bridges, upgrades to the Braidwood Pool and the Queanbeyan Civic and Cultural Precinct.

Have your say at [yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au](https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au), where you can sign up to find out about upcoming projects, agreements and strategies open for community comment. The draft plans will feature at Community Meetings in May - see inside.

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## New Bungendore Playground

Early Concept Image

The playground equipment adjacent to Mick Sherd Oval in Bungendore is getting a major upgrade thanks to a dedicated volunteer community working group and Federal Government funding.

The playground aims to fulfil the needs of the growing Bungendore community, and input on the design has been an important factor with feedback on a concept design sought throughout April.

A contractor is expected to be secured by the end of May and their role will involve merging community requests with early designs before building the playground. The playground is expected to be open to the public by the end of the year.



### MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR, TIM OVERALL

Great progress is being made on many projects with the Bungendore Sports Hub, Enviro Drive at South Jerrabomberra, Braidwood Showground upgrades and bridge and road works keeping staff and contractors busy. New works have also been approved and are commencing across Queanbeyan-Palerang including solar panels for RFS sheds and a new playground for Bungendore. The Good Folk Festival brought locals and tourists out to enjoy music and food in Queanbeyan over Easter and was a fantastic event for our community.

Dawn and day services went ahead across the region on Anzac Day thanks to hard working community members. The support for these events after last year's cancellation due to COVID-19 restrictions was astounding and organisers were pleased with the turnout.



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# Reduce Wood Smoke

Smoke from wood heaters is a major cause of air pollution. Not only is a smoking fire wasting your money, but the air pollution it causes can also affect our health, particularly for those with respiratory conditions like asthma. If you have a wood heater, there are some simple steps you can take to reduce wood smoke.

- Store freshly cut wood for 8-12 months
- Store firewood under cover in a dry ventilated area
- Burn small logs of aged, dry hardwood
- Never burn rubbish, driftwood or painted/treated wood
- Stack wood loosely in the firebox so that air circulates
- Don't damper your heater overnight, keep enough airflow to maintain flame
- Have a professional clean your chimney each year



## Captains Flat Project Update

The Captains Flat Bridge on Foxlow Street will be replaced using funding from the State Government's Fixing Country Bridges Program. The long-awaited project will see a safer crossing in place for the local community. The first stage of the replacement will involve planning a safe bypass of the bridge. This will likely result in sealing Miners Road between Foxlow Street and Old Miners Road, which may have a lengthy design process.

Council is continuing to work closely with a range of NSW Government agencies to address the issue of high levels of lead contamination in parts of Captains Flat. We are also planning to lay new topsoil and turf at the Foxlow Street Parklet. Once this is complete new soil testing will be run to confirm the safety of the site.

Planning is also continuing for the \$10m reconstruction of sections of Captains Flat Road. A works schedule will be published when finalised.

## 2021 Art Awards

The QPRC Art Awards are open across six categories that have a total prize pool of \$12,000 due to sponsorship from Bendigo Bank.

**Applications close 10 May.**

Entered art will be on display in The Q Exhibition Space,  
**10am-4pm 28 May-19 June.**

Some works will also be available for purchase. For more details see [theq.net.au/whats-on/exhibitions/qprc-arts-awards/](http://theq.net.au/whats-on/exhibitions/qprc-arts-awards/)



## Radio Retransmission

Residents of Braidwood, Captains Flat and various areas in between have struggled to get reliable coverage of the ABC666 signal for many years. This is of particular concern during emergencies such as bushfire and flood.



Council has been working with a telecommunications contractor over the past few years to improve the signal via retransmission. The radio signal is now sent through transmitters at Mt Gillamatong and Captains Flat. Residents around these areas should now be able to access a stronger signal through the following FM frequencies:

Captains Flat and surrounds **FM 88.5**

Braidwood and surrounds **FM 100.3**

## Put out the Fireweed

A children's educational series from Council's Weed Management team and Petaurus Education Group has been well received by students in Googong.

The new program looks to improve students' understanding of weeds and their impacts on livestock health. An animated video helps kids identify Fireweed and encourages kids to talk to an adult if they find Fireweed on their properties, to help keep themselves and their pets safe.

The program is likely to be expanded to include more schools in the coming months.



## Solar Panels for RFS Sheds

As part of the Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Fund, Council will receive funding to install solar panels and batteries at a range of regional and remote Rural Fire Service sheds throughout Queanbeyan-Palerang.

These panels and batteries will ensure that power is available to dedicated first responders who rely on it during emergency situations. The plans for this project are in the first stages with more information on designs and progress expected in the coming months.





# Reconciliation Week

As part of National Reconciliation Week, Council will be hosting a reconciliation walk on **Tuesday 1 June**.

Walkers will gather at Trinculo Place from 10am for a 10.30am start and will walk over Queens Bridge, along Monaro Street, and on to Lowe Street toward to the Reconciliation Garden in Queanbeyan Park. At the Garden there will be a ceremony, beginning with a Welcome to Country. There will also be an Indigenous cultural performance and flag raising.

Reconciliation Week provides an opportunity for residents to enhance their understanding of what reconciliation means in their community and take meaningful action. For more information type [bit.ly/QPRCRecWalk](https://bit.ly/QPRCRecWalk) in your web browser.



## South Jerra Jobs Precinct

The announcement of South Jerrabomberra's Innovation Precinct as the state's third Regional Job Precinct is an exciting development for our region. The precinct will boost jobs as part of the NSW Government's recovery from drought, floods, bushfires and COVID-19 and will further activate our region as a competitive market space.



The Precinct will target industries such as defence, space, cybersecurity, information technology and scientific research sectors.

More opportunities will be provided locally, meaning workers will be able to stop their commute over the border to the ACT, and access high paying jobs in Jerrabomberra.



## Community Meetings

Community Meetings will again be held in Braidwood, Bungendore and Queanbeyan. These meetings are very informative and more relaxed than our Ordinary Council meetings. For more information see the events page at [bit.ly/CommunityMeetings21](https://bit.ly/CommunityMeetings21).

The meeting dates for May 2021 are:

**Bungendore:** 6-8pm Tuesday 4 May at the Bungendore Council Chambers

**Braidwood:** 6-8pm Tuesday 11 May at the Braidwood Servicemens Club

**Queanbeyan:** 6-8pm Thursday 20 May at the Queanbeyan Council Chambers

Join your community meeting to provide input and ask questions that relate to you. Additions to the agenda can be made to:

[communications@qprc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:communications@qprc.nsw.gov.au)



## Rusten House Opening

Rusten House officially opened on 22 April after significant restoration and renovation works. The heritage building, now the Rusten House Arts Centre, will host art exhibitions from visual artists across the country and closer to home.

To see the exhibition schedule, head to the QPRC Website and search Rusten House.



## BANG the 'DORE

BANG the 'DORE is a free community event celebrating local musical talent from across our region.

Watch musicians of all ages and genres take part in an inclusive busking competition in Bungendore. Busking runs between **10am-12:30pm Saturday 15 May** at various venues. After the busking and awards, a live gig on Gibraltar Street will kick off. The evening gig features Lily Morris, Context & friends and Jerikye Williams.

Find out more at: [qprc.nsw.gov.au/Events/Bang-the-Dore](https://qprc.nsw.gov.au/Events/Bang-the-Dore)



## ClubGRANTS Closing Soon

ClubGRANTS helps tens of thousands of local community organisations, sporting groups, and charities to make a difference in their local area.

The funding round for Queanbeyan-Palerang **closes 21 May 2021**.

See the website for details on eligibility and to apply. [www.clubgrants.com.au](https://www.clubgrants.com.au)

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## Upcoming shows at The Q

For tickets go to [www.theq.net.au](http://www.theq.net.au) or call 6285 6290.

### DON JUAN | 11-16 MAY 2021

Don Juan comes to life before your eyes in this riotous and charming production from *Slightly Isolated Dog*. The interplay between audience and actor asks you to suspend your disbelief in the best possible way and join the cast on a wild ride.

### JEKYLL & HYDE | 18-23 MAY 2021

"Unleash your inner monster. You'll laugh until it hurts." This mischievous rendition of the classic novel uses exaggerated French accents and *Slightly Isolated Dog*'s trademark physical comedy to take their audiences on an adventure. Let go of your expectations and join in on the fun.

### TWO OF US – THE SONGS OF LENNON & MCCARTNEY | 8pm 29 MAY 2021

Two of Australia's most applauded performers, Damien Leith and Darren Coggan, come together to celebrate the songbook of the most inspiring songwriters of all time. Performing immortal songs from *The Beatles*, along with Lennon & McCartney's solo careers, Damien and Darren transport the audience back in time.

## Dine and Discover

Hundreds of vouchers are being redeemed at a wide variety of businesses in the Queanbeyan-Palerang region.



Dine and Discover vouchers can still be claimed through your MyServiceNSW account, with each resident over the age of 18 able to apply for \$100 worth of vouchers to spend at arts and tourism or food establishments. These vouchers are valid until 30 June 2021.

To find participating businesses in Queanbeyan-Palerang head to: [bit.ly/dinediscoverQPRC](http://bit.ly/dinediscoverQPRC)

Or see the Service NSW site: [bit.ly/DDbusfindr](http://bit.ly/DDbusfindr)

## Report Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping is a problem across Australia and an environmental hazard. One of the ways we can reduce illegal dumping is through reporting. If you see illegal dumping, or waste in public areas, you can report it directly through [ridonline.epa.nsw.gov.au](http://ridonline.epa.nsw.gov.au).

The page reports the information to Council and other waste services for disposal. Bookmark the page or go to: [qprc.nsw.gov.au/Waste-Environment/Waste](http://qprc.nsw.gov.au/Waste-Environment/Waste) and click on Report Illegal Dumping.

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