



Green Flag Award

Our Urban Landscapes team have again been recognised with the prestigious Green Flag Award for Queanbeyan Park and Queen Elizabeth II Park for 2021-22.

This win is a testament to the great work our staff put in to maintain our parks at the highest standard.



Clean Up Australia Day

Get involved in Clean Up Australia day on Sunday 6 March.

Meet us at Queen Elizabeth II Park before we split off to clean beside the Queanbeyan River.

- ▶ Join or start a clean up at [cleanup.org.au](https://www.cleanup.org.au)



CEO Farewell

Council's CEO, Peter Tegart, will be departing in early March due to a change in personal circumstances. Mr Tegart thanks councillors and staff for their stewardship and passion for local government over almost 7 years and their efforts to bring many projects to the community following the merger.



Get Ready

It's important to be aware of and prepared for seasonal hazards, whether you're at home, at work or away on holidays.

1. **Know your risk**
2. **Plan now**
3. **Get your home ready**
4. **Be aware**
5. **Look out for each other**

We have a Disaster Dashboard which has preparation tips as well as live updates for power outages, traffic incidents, telco outages and other important information.

- ▶ Find the dashboard and learn more about hazards that may affect you at bit.ly/QPRC-DD



Environa Drive Open

Environa Drive opened to the public late last year. The road forms the fourth arm of the Tomsitt Drive intersection and connects to the Poplars Innovation Precinct, Queanbeyan Regional Sports Complex (which had its first sod turned in early December), Jerrabomberra High School and the South Jerra residential estate.

The new road and infrastructure has been a collaboration between NSW Government, Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, Poplars and Village Building Company, and the construction contractor for the first section, Wodens.

Rusten House Art Centre

Take a look at the fantastic upcoming exhibitions.

3 - 26 February

40+ Project, Liquid Light | Yasmin Idriss

The 40+ Project is a series of photographs celebrating women in their forties and over. Liquid Light is a study of the natural world around us, while playing with the lines between painting and photography.

26 February - 14 May

Art of the Tea Towel

Featuring a diverse display of Tea Towels from the past six decades. This exhibition explores personal connections to textile treasures from collectors, designers and makers.

- ▶ Head to bit.ly/RustenHouse for more information.



Williamsdale Road Works

Williamsdale Road is the busiest unsealed road in QPRC. An additional \$2.9m from the NSW Government has been allocated and will be used to seal as much of the road as possible. This funding is on top of over \$1.2m worth of Local Roads and Community Infrastructure grants secured in 2020 and 2021.

Future works plans will go to a council meeting in the coming weeks.

- ▶ For more information see bit.ly/RejRoads



QPRC news

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Captains Flat Road

The \$10 million upgrade of Captains Flat Road, between Briars Sharrow Road and Captains Flat village, will see 21 km of the road stabilised, rehabilitated and in some parts completely realigned and rebuilt.

Preparation works have begun with drainage and shoulder widening before the major road rehabilitation commences in March. This first section covers 18.2km from the Briars Sharrow Road intersection.

Funding for this project was initially spread across four years until 2023-24, but the final year of funding has been brought forward and we now anticipate completing the major upgrade in 2022-23.

- ▶ Learn more about each stage at bit.ly/CFlatRd

Parks and playgrounds update

Thanks to funding support from various Australian Government and NSW Government grants, along with the support of business and developer contributions, a range of upgrades of playgrounds, sportsgrounds and parks are in progress including the Braidwood Rec Ground, Bungendore Playground and the Araluen Campground.

Work at the Braidwood Rec Ground has begun. Once complete the ground will have new cricket nets, goal posts, fencing and seating. We are continuing the piping of the final section of the creek that runs through the Rec Ground, providing space for the new Braidwood Skate Park.

Construction of the new Bungendore Playground will begin this month. This fantastic upgrade will be an asset for local families and a drawcard for visitors to Bungendore.

The Araluen Campground is getting a new toilet facility, 100,000 litre water tank with dedicated bore, and new shelters and seating. The project planning is now underway.

- ▶ Learn more about these projects and many others at qprc.nsw.gov.au



2022 Heritage Award Nominations

Have you recently renovated or restored a heritage building in the Queanbeyan-Palerang area, admired a beautiful heritage garden, or know someone who is making an outstanding contribution to heritage?

Nominations are now being sought for three award categories for the 2022 Queanbeyan-Palerang Local Heritage Awards

- Restoration of a heritage building – commercial or residential
- New building design / Adaptation / Heritage garden
- Outstanding promotion or contribution to heritage

Nominations close on **28 February 2022** and the winners will be announced during the Heritage Festival celebrations on Saturday 30 April 2022.

- ▶ Get your nomination form on our website at bit.ly/QPRC-HERITAGE or contact Council's Land-Use Planning Team on **6285 6276**.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR, CR KENRICK WINCHESTER

I was honoured to be elected Mayor for Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council at our first meeting in January. I am very proud of our region - its history, its present and am very much looking forward to help shape its future.

I am genuinely excited by the opportunity to work collaboratively with my fellow councillors and the community. I will work hard to support Council staff to deliver community projects, improved services and infrastructure throughout the local government area. It is a privilege to be working towards new projects that will meet our region's needs.

Councillor activities

The councillors have been receiving briefings, undertaking workshops, training and attending their first official meetings in the past few weeks.

Preparing the new Community Strategic Plan and Delivery Program is one of the first priorities of the new council and these encompassing documents will be completed by June.

The key focus areas are likely to include roads, DA turn-arounds, growth and resilience. Feedback from the community, gathered from the Towards 2042 survey last year, will guide the development of the Community Strategic Plan. Further community engagement will be sought in April on the draft Delivery Program.

Lascelles Street

Upgrades for Lacelles Street, Braidwood, are awaiting a preferred tender at the February Council meeting.

This project will rehabilitate the pavement, reconstruct footpaths and upgrade drainage with heritage considerations in place.

Music by the River

Music by the River is on Saturday 26 February at Queen Elizabeth II Park.

Enjoy fantastic live music, street food and local wines or bring your own picnic from 5-9pm.

► Register for your free ticket to enter at bit.ly/MBTR-22

QBN Multicultural Festival

The Queanbeyan Multicultural Festival is back on Sunday 27 February at Queanbeyan Park.

Celebrate our culturally diverse region between 10am-4pm with street food, cultural performances, sports displays and live music. There will also be a wide variety of market stalls, fun activities for young and old as well as a dedicated children's area.

► Find out more at qprc.nsw.gov.au/qmcf

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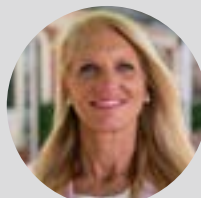
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Australia Day Awards

Congratulations to all of our Australia Day Award recipients.

Captains Flat

Citizen of the Year was Phil Dickson. Phil is an active member of his community assisting on Valmar shopping days. Young Citizen of the Year was Liam Osborne-Russell. Liam was part of the Braidwood Central School RFS school cadet program and volunteers in Captains Flat. Flaherty's Family Amusements received the Community Event of the Year for their Bushfire Recovery Fair at Wilkins Memorial Park following the 2019-20 bushfires.

Braidwood

Nicholas Fry was Braidwood's Citizen of the Year. Nick is involved with various community groups including the Men's Shed and advocates for grant funding for local organisations. Nelson Sargent was awarded Young Citizen of the Year for his drive and compassion, representing the region in sport and acting as a role model for younger players. Braidwood FM The Good People of Nerriga received the Community Event of the Year. Local residents, Rose and Clare, brought the community together after the 2019-20 bushfires with this six-episode podcast series.

Queanbeyan

Christine Butler received the Citizen of the Year award for over 50 years of service with the Queanbeyan Girl Guides. She has enriched the lives of thousands in our area. Young Citizen of the Year was Joash Taufa'ahau. He raised \$8000 for Oz Harvest by doing two hikes for hunger. Community Event of the Year was awarded to Sleepbus. The worthy initiative provides a safe warm place to sleep for homeless people in our region.

Bungendore

Bungendore's Citizen of the Year was Debbie Simms who this year celebrates 20 years of service with the 1st Bungendore Scout Group. Cameron Miller received the Young Citizen of the Year award. Cameron has assisted the Bungendore basketball coaches since 2015 and is now a role model to many of the younger players. The Bungendore ANZAC Day Dinner was awarded Community Event of the Year. The dinner commemorated the 100th anniversary of the RAAF with guest speakers.

Thank you to the Regional Independent for the Bungendore photo.



Your Voice

Have your say on policies, proposals and projects through Your Voice. Right now you can have your say on:

- Playgrounds for all ages and abilities
- Draft Code of Meeting Practice for 2022
- Draft Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy

Let us know what you think!

- For regular updates and notifications on projects you are interested in register at: yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au

Upcoming shows at The Q

RUTHLESS! THE MUSICAL | 24 FEB-12 MAR 2022

When little Tina Denmark, a precocious little triple-threat, gets herself a manager and tries out for the lead in the school play, her and her mother's lives are thrown into a high-camp chaos!

LEAVING JACKSON: THE JOHNNY CASH & JUNE CARTER SHOW | 3 MAR 2022

Fall into the ring of fire in this unforgettable concert dedicated to the music, love and lives of Johnny Cash and June Carter. A love story played out through some of the greatest songs ever written.

KING OF PIGS | 24-26 MAR 2021

One Woman. Four Men. She could be with any one of them. This show unpacks pieces of a vast, panoramic lie that every man tells himself privately but every woman lives with publicly. King of Pigs examines domestic violence head on, with power, tenderness and, surprisingly, lots of laughter, and hope for a better future.

For tickets go to
www.theq.net.au
or call
6285 6290.