



Araluen Road

Repairs to the first three slips on Araluen Road were completed late last year.

We are now focussed on repairing the remaining slips in the coming months after going out for tender last year.

We expect to have a contractor confirmed in the next few weeks and aim to begin work on the next site in March.

► More updates will be available at bit.ly/QPRC-AR



Queanbeyan Micro-Forest

Last year the Queanbeyan Micro-Forest group reached out for support with their project and Blackall Park, Crestwood was chosen for a micro-forest.

The micro-forest will be a dense pocket of vegetation in the park that will provide habitat for native wildlife and complement the existing green space and play equipment.

The community-led project is driven by volunteers who will be raising funds, seeking ideas and planning the design before planting.

► You can learn more about the group at www.qbnmicroforest.com



Playground update

We regularly update our parks and playgrounds to make sure they meet current safety standards.

The Stockyard Playground in Jerrabomberra was updated late last year to replace equipment that was no longer compliant.

A refreshed rocker now features in the park along with new playground mulch.



Bungendore Sports Hub

The Bungendore Sports Hub is steadily progressing.

The framing for the amenities building is up and the roof is now complete. Work for the sewer pump station began in early February and the transformer for the site is expected to arrive in March.

We are aiming for the amenities to be available for the Sports Hub for the winter 2023 season.

YourVoice

Have your say on new policies, proposals and projects at yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au

AED map

The NSW Government recently rolled out an automated external defibrillator (AED) registration program.

Anyone with access to or management of an AED can register it on their Service NSW account. Registered defibrillators are marked on an interactive map and can be used by anyone in an emergency.

► Take a look at aed.nsw.gov.au



Parking reminder

Be mindful when parking to keep footpaths clear.

Blocking a footpath creates challenges for those in our community who are aged and frail, vision impaired, in wheelchairs, using mobility scooters, walking with small children or pushing a pram. For some people the option to move to the grass verge or detour on the road is not possible.

There are road rules that discourage drivers from parking on shared paths beside the road. A fine of \$283 applies. The fine increases to \$362 and two demerit points if in a school zone.

Please maintain clear access to footpaths in your area and help to keep our communities safe and accessible.

QPRC news

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Proposed Rate Rise

Consultation on the proposed rate rise closed on 31 January - and as this edition of QPRC News is being written the rate rise proposal and community feedback are with the councillors for consideration.

During the consultation period we received feedback from more than 500 individuals which formed the basis for reports to councillors and the detailed documents which will be sent to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) dependent on the councillors' decision. IPART granted us an extension to finalise our documents and this extra time will help us to consider all the responses we have received.

Once IPART receive all the necessary documentation from Council in early March the community will have the opportunity to provide further feedback directly to IPART.



Multicultural Festival Queanbeyan

Join us at our Multicultural Festival in Queanbeyan Town Park on Sunday 5 March.

Known for its packed cultural program featuring live performances, community activities, international cuisine and unique stalls, the Queanbeyan Multicultural Festival has grown year-on-year.


This year there are two stages for performances, a dedicated area for market stalls and a wide variety of food sellers spaced across the park.

► You can learn more about this event and at qprc.nsw.gov.au/events

FOGO reminders

Last year we finished delivering Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) kitchen caddies to all residents with a three-bin kerbside collection service. Food and garden organics can make up to 50% of landfill bin collections which is why we are now collecting FOGO to make useful products like compost - and reduce the amount of waste that ends up in landfill.

Remember when using your kitchen caddy:

- Kitchen scraps from your caddy should be emptied into your kerbside green bin regularly (this helps to reduce odours)
- Your kerbside green bin is collected fortnightly
- New FOGO bags can be picked up from Council Customer Service Centres
- Only put  ticked items in your bin - these are listed on the information sheets and sticker provided with your caddy.

► You can find our FOGO fact sheets or request new bin stickers online at qprc.nsw.gov.au/fogo





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Phone numbers and email addresses can be found at
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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR, CR KENRICK WINCHESTER

It has been a busy start to the year with a series of cultural and community events.

We held Australia Day events in Braidwood, Bungendore, Captains Flat and Queanbeyan as well as our first Multicultural Festival in Bungendore and Music by the River in Queanbeyan.

It's great to see progress continue on the Braidwood Skate Park, Lascelles Street in Braidwood, and work on the Nerriga Road intersection.

Family Day Care

We support a network of Family Day Care providers in Queanbeyan-Palerang and our team are currently looking for more educators.

Family Day Care is fantastic for people who want to work from home, may have young children of their own and want to create strong relationships with other families in their community.

As a Family Day Care provider in QPRC our team provide support for local educators and services like our mobile library bus, storytime and weekly playgroup gatherings that bring together multiple carers and children to network and socialise.

► Learn more about family day care at
qprc.nsw.gov.au/fdc



Australia Day Awards

On 26 January we celebrated outstanding service to our communities.

Citizen of the Year recipients included: Keith Foulds in Bungendore, Faye Grunsell in Captains Flat, Laurann Yen and Sally Mathews in Braidwood and Kelli Rixon in Queanbeyan.

Young Citizen of the Year was awarded to: Chloe Parkinson in Bungendore, Paul Gamble in Captains Flat, Charlie Campbell in Braidwood and Ruby Holden in Queanbeyan.

Community Event of the Year recipients included: the Commemoration of Constable Bradley Van Heythuysen in Bungendore, the Young Writers Festival in Braidwood and the Carols @ Jerra.

Susan Smith was also awarded the Mayoral Community Service Award in Bungendore.

► Read the full story at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/News-Media/Australia-Day-Awards-2023



Annual Art Awards

Each year we host our annual QPRC Art Awards. Artists and makers who live in Queanbeyan-Palerang can enter their works in a variety of categories.

The event showcases the talent of our emerging and established local artists who can register their works from 27 March to 30 April.

► Learn more at
qprc.nsw.gov.au/Art-Award



Araluen Campground

We recently upgraded amenities at the Araluen Campground.

As part of this project we installed a 100,000L bore-fed water tank and solar pump. The tank services the new amenities block and the RFS have access for fire fighting.

Other features include solar lighting, a solar BBQ, and new picnic tables. This upgrade was done with funding from the Federal Government's Black Summer Recovery Grants scheme.



Photo courtesy of
The Regional Independent

New rules for vehicles

The NSW Government's new Public Spaces Unattended Property laws have replaced the Impounding Act 1993.

This change affects things like cars, stock animals, shopping trolleys and bikes in public places. The new laws are designed to make sure public places are safe and that owners attend to their property within a reasonable time or face regulatory action. Changes for vehicles include:

- A registered vehicle parked safely for more than 28 days may incur a fine.
 - Unregistered vehicles may be given notice to remove vehicle after 15 days.
 - Unattended vehicles obstructing access or posing safety risk can be removed immediately.
 - Shorter disposal times for cars valued under \$1,500.
- You can learn more about this change and how it could affect you at bit.ly/DPE-PSUP



Regional Sports Complex

The Regional Sports Complex is steadily taking shape with the groundwork now in place for the artificial and natural pitches. Artificial turf has been delivered and we expect installation to begin in the coming weeks. The subgrade preparation for the natural pitch is also complete and ready for the turf contractor.

Other updates on the site include the installation of:

- Floodlights on fields 1, 3, 5 and 6
- Streetlights on entry roads
- Fencing and drainage around fields 5 and 6
- Irrigation mainlines for all grass fields



New councillor

Late last year Councillor Jacqueline Ternouth announced she would resign from her role as one of our councillors.

Councillor Ternouth announced that she would be moving internationally for work and family and felt that being a 'remote councillor', dialling in each week, was not in keeping with the community's expectations.

As you are reading this edition of the newsletter the NSW Electoral Commission will have announced the successful candidate from the countback process.

► The new councillor will be announced on our website at
qprc.nsw.gov.au/news-media

Upcoming shows at The Q

TWO OF US | 24 FEBRUARY

Darren Coggan and Damien Leith return with their popular tribute to two of the greatest songwriters of all time, Lennon and McCartney.

CREEDENCE CLEARWATER COLLECTIVE | 2 MARCH

Join us for a celebration of Creedence Clearwater Revival, as we walk through the life and music of one of the world's most iconic bands.

GET RHYTHM - THE JOHNNY CASH AND JUNE CARTER SHOW | 3 MARCH

Don't miss your chance to relive the magic of country's most famous couple.

ARJ BARKER POWER HOUR | 3 MARCH

The best of Arj Barker's jokes jammed into a single hour.

MARK VINCENT PERFORMS SONGS FROM THE THREE TENORS | 4 MARCH

From arias to classic ballads enjoy songs from The Three Tenors.

GOOD MORNING VIETNAM: VOLUME 2 | 5 MARCH

After a sold-out performance in 2022, Good Morning Vietnam returns with Volume 2!

BLOOM SINGS THE STEVIE NICKS, LINDA RONSTADT AND CAROLE KING SONGBOOKS | 23 MARCH

Celebrate the hits of vocal powerhouses Stevie Nicks, Carole King and Linda Ronstadt!

THE UMBILICAL BROTHERS - THE DISTRACTION | 24 MARCH

The Umbilicals smash together the energy of live performance and the spectacle of cinema in this new show.



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