



Kerbside clean-up book online

We now have an online booking system and eligible residents can book a kerbside clean-up from a computer or smart phone.

The kerbside clean-up program has been extended to urban areas of Bungendore, Braidwood and Captains Flat that have a 3-bin kerbside collection service.

- Learn more about eligible items for collection and book at bit.ly/QPRC-cleanup



Reduce your water bill

Did you know 1/4 of all the water we use in the bathroom is flushed down the toilet?

You can reduce your water bill and save thousands of litres of water each year by installing a water efficient toilet or using the half flush.

It is also important to check for leaks. A continuously running toilet can waste up to 60,000 - 96,000 litres of water each year.



CWA Centenary Bench

In late May the Queanbeyan Country Women's Association unveiled a Centenary Bench in Queen Elizabeth II Park.

The commemorative bench in Queanbeyan celebrates 100 years of the NSW CWA which first met in 1922. From their first meeting the organisation has focussed on supporting women and our communities.

The association also celebrated some of their long-standing members for their efforts at the short unveiling ceremony.



Minecraft awards

The Minecraft Sustainable Design Competition awards were held in June as part of our World Environment Day activities.

There were 24 brilliant submissions from school children around the region and many winners across six categories. The overall winner was Cameron de Jongh. Cameron made a fantastic design featuring reused plastic and re-purposed waste in his city design.

Congratulations to everyone who entered!



Foxlow Parklet

State and Federal government funding has been secured for Foxlow Parklet in Captains Flat.

NSW Crown Lands are providing \$400,000 towards the remediation of the site after higher than acceptable lead levels were recorded last year.

We have secured a \$100,000 from the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure fund which will renew the small playground and support the remediation works.



Captains Flat Hall upgrade

The roof of the Captains Flat Hall was replaced in June as part of our capital works program.

After the old roof was removed extra insulation was laid in the ceiling and a different style of roof sheeting installed. The new sheeting is better suited to the low pitch of the roof and will prevent water pooling in future.

The next stage of work will begin with the replacement of water damaged ceilings in the projector room and stairwell.

- Learn more about our works program at qprc.nsw.gov.au/Works-Projects



QPRC news

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Development Application delays

We are working hard to clear our current backlog of DAs and to put some longer term process improvements in place.

The backlog has been caused by a variety of factors including a 20% increase in DAs over the past two years, various changes to legislation, technical challenges with the NSW planning portal, staff shortages and increasing complexity of many DAs.

Vacancies in town planning, building surveying and development engineering fields have proved difficult to fill across NSW. Other councils are also reporting skills shortages in these areas and the accompanying delays with DAs.

We are working through the backlog by increasing recruitment, including contractors, streamlining internal processes, and temporarily suspending access to our duty planners to allow them to focus on assessing development applications. As one of 16 councils experiencing high growth, we have received a grant from the NSW Government to improve the connection between the NSW Planning Portal and our IT systems.

- Learn more about the actions we are taking at bit.ly/DA-delays

Bridge replacements

As part of our capital works program aging bridges are being replaced throughout the region. This program of works has been supported by federal and state grant funding including the Bridges Renewal, Fixing Country Bridges and Local Roads and Community Infrastructure programs.

Recently the new Brick Kiln Bridge opened to traffic and Reedy Creek Bridge on Mayfield Road continues to progress. Preparation of headstocks and abutments for the installation of the new bridge are tracking well despite the weather and the bridge is expected to be in place this month.

Other bridges we aim to begin work on in the coming financial year include Back Creek Bridge on Wallaces Gap Road and the Bindi Brook Causeway.



Queanbeyan-Palerang Arts Trail

Expressions of Interest for the Queanbeyan-Palerang Arts Trail in October are open until **9am Monday 29 August**.

Artist studios, galleries and artist activations can register their interest to participate through our web form. There will be three weekends of art with the focus on Braidwood 1-2 October, Bungendore 8-9 October and Queanbeyan 15-16 October.

Successful applicants will be advertised on our website as well as being part of our Arts Trail media campaign, which will advertise to local, interstate and city audiences.

- Learn more and register your interest at treasuretrail.com.au/arts



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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR, CR KENRICK WINCHESTER

In the last month we adopted our integrated plans including the Delivery Program, Operational Plan, Fees and Charges and Revenue Policy.

The budget this year is a 'maintenance budget' with minimal new projects, to bring us towards long-term financial sustainability. The Operational Plan still has some \$146m in capital works, thanks in large part to grant funding. These works include upgrading the Braidwood Pool and the Nerriga Recreation Area and main street.



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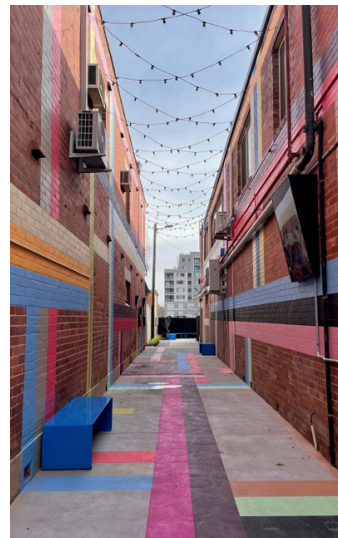
Monaro Lanes

The Monaro Lanes project - funded by a NSW Government grant - has transformed Blacksmiths Lane and No Name Lane in Queanbeyan.

Major construction work in No Name Lane is complete and the laneway is expected reopen to the public this month.

While progress on Blacksmiths Lane has been delayed due to wet weather, the works are expected to be complete in the next month.

► Learn more at bit.ly/MONARO-LANES



Refugee Week exhibition

In June we celebrated Refugee Week with the Queanbeyan Multicultural Centre who showcased traditional clothing from 10 different countries at The Q.

The exhibition celebrated the contributions refugees make to our society and community, as well as sharing information and history about each of the 10 countries.



Health and Family Fun Day

We have another Health and Family Fun Day coming up in Captains Flat on 6 August.

Our Disaster Recovery Hub and COORDINARE South Eastern NSW PHN have been working together to provide free health checks and family friendly entertainment in our regional communities. We have had two successful events in Nerriga and Majors Creek so far.

► Learn more at about the August event at qprc.nsw.gov.au/events



NAIDOC events

As part of NAIDOC Week we hosted Johnny Huckle, Roger Knox and a community touch footy game.

These free events were well attended and it was fantastic to see so many people get involved and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander excellence.



Road report

We currently have two Council crews and an additional three contracted crews (funded through Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements) that are working on 750km of unsealed roads as part of our grading schedule.

We have two asphalt patching trucks and two extra pothole maintenance crews working on repairing pavement defects like potholes on our sealed roads. Our maintenance teams spend a lot of time repairing our State and Regional Road networks as these are our higher traffic roads. Regular patrols of our local road network also occur.

While we work to a regular inspection and repair program, we also respond to customer requests. Customers can report damage by using the smartphone app Snap Send Solve, online on our website at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/roads or by calling our customer service team on **1300 735 025**. Requests are triaged, investigated and added to our repair program.



Rates assistance

If you are having difficulties paying your rates you may be eligible for a payment arrangement as part of our Financial Hardship Assistance Policy.

► Read the policy at bit.ly/QPRC-RP or contact us on **1300 735 025** to make an arrangement.

YourVoice

Share your thoughts on projects, proposals and policies that matter to you

Our Your Voice page is regularly updated with items that need feedback from members of our community.

► Register to get notified about new items or look for existing documents at yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au

Upcoming shows at The Q

THE AUSTRALIAN BEE GEES SHOW | 8PM 4 AUGUST

Fresh from celebrating 10 years headlining on the Las Vegas strip, the Australian Bee Gees Show are on their 25th anniversary tour!

JESS HITCHCOCK UNBREAKABLE | 8PM 10 AUGUST

Join award-winning singer and songwriter Jess Hitchcock for a beautifully intimate acoustic concert of songs from her new album, Unbreakable.

SONGS IN THE KEY OF MOTOWN | 8PM 11 AUGUST

This all-singing, all-dancing show features eight international award winning soul singers who will transport you back to an era when music was life.

DEMENTED | 11-20 AUGUST

This unique production uses clowning, puppetry, dramatic dialogue, and an original score, to share a heroine's captivating relationship with dementia.

WANNABE! THE SPICE GIRLS SHOW | 7PM 17 AUGUST

A musical celebration inspired by the songs of the Spice Girls.

HARBHAJAN MANN - THE MARVELLOUS TOUR | 6.30PM 21 AUGUST

Canadian star of Punjabi music and cinema performing LIVE in Queanbeyan!

GOOD MORNING VIETNAM, MUSIC FROM THE VIETNAM WAR ERA | 2PM 3 SEPTEMBER

This production brings together a group of outstanding musicians to deliver some of the most iconic songs of the time.

JOHN PAUL YOUNG - 50 YEARS YOUNG | 8PM 7 SEPTEMBER

John tells and sings his own story from Scottish immigrant to his place in Australian music history.

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



Citizenship Ceremonies

In late June we welcomed a group of new Australian citizens from 19 different countries at our citizenship ceremony in Queanbeyan.

47 local residents officially became Australian citizens and it was great to celebrate the diversity that we are so proud to have in our community. It was even more meaningful as it took place during Refugee Week which offers us an opportunity to come together to create an inclusive and welcoming Australia.

► Read about our June ceremony at qprc.nsw.gov.au/news-media