



Anzac Day

Tuesday 25 April is Anzac Day and there are Dawn and Day services in Braidwood, Bungendore and Queanbeyan.

Areas including Captains Flat, Jerrabomberra, Araluen and Majors Creek also have local services.

- Find out about road closures and times for these events at qprc.nsw.gov.au/events



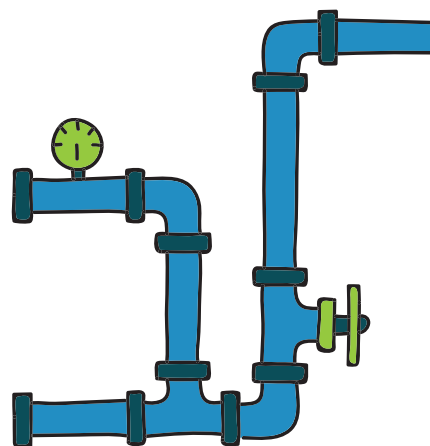
Braidwood Skate Park

The much-anticipated skate park in Braidwood was opened to the public in late February.

The new park includes features for beginner and intermediate riders as well as a shelter with seating, a barbecue and solar lighting.

This Bushfire Local Economic Recovery project is jointly funded by the Australian and the NSW governments under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. The Braidwood Youth Performing Arts Association and Braidwood Community Association secured the grant and Council assisted with the project.

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Queanbeyan Integrated Water Cycle Management

Have your say on the Queanbeyan Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy until 31 March.

The Strategy covers the Queanbeyan water supply (by ICON Water), sewer and stormwater catchment. It includes all the suburbs in the Queanbeyan area, including Jerrabomberra and South Jerrabomberra. It does not apply to Googong, Braidwood, Bungendore or Captains Flat.

The Strategy considers the funding that will be required for water, sewer and stormwater systems until 2040-41 and the effect this will have on water and sewer charges - including the Queanbeyan Sewage Treatment Plant (QSTP) upgrade. This sees sewer charges increase by 6.5% for six years before returning to align with the Consumer Price Index (2.5%), and water charges aligning with the Consumer Price Index (2.5%).

The \$160 million QSTP upgrade will be funded through the Sewer fund, Section 64 developer charges, loans and government grants.

- Provide your feedback at bit.ly/QPRC-QIWCM

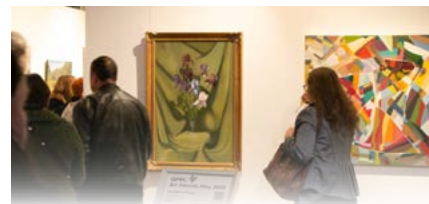
Lascelles Street Braidwood

The work to upgrade Lascelles Street is approaching completion.

The program has been impacted by wet weather, undermining of verandah posts and the need to remove unexpected rock. These issues have been resolved and work is progressing.

So far, new stormwater pits and pipes have been installed, the majority of new driveways and kerb and gutter has been replaced, and bulk earthworks for the new road pavement have been completed. Still to come is finishing driveways and kerb and gutter, final road pavement and sealing works, installation of footpaths, planting of street trees and linemarking and signage.

Council is working with the contractor to finish the remaining works as soon as possible, noting that the inconvenience to local residents and businesses has gone for longer than originally anticipated.



QPRC Bendigo Bank Art Awards

The QPRC Bendigo Bank Art Awards are back with six award categories including 3D Art, First Nation's Indigenous Art and Youth Emerging Art.

Applications are open to artists 18 years and over who reside in the Queanbeyan-Palerang region.

- Learn more and apply between 27 March and 30 April at qprc.nsw.gov.au/art-award



QPRC news

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Proposed Rate Rise

Council voted to apply to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal for a permanent Special Rate Variation of 18% each year for three years which will be a cumulative permanent increase of 64%.

Councillors reviewed more than 1,100 submissions from the community, detailed reports and financial statements which led them to decide on Scenario 2 in recognition of community needs and trying to ensure Council's financial future.

We have now submitted our application to IPART which will include a report on the feedback we received during our community consultation period. If our application is approved, the rate increase will come into effect on 1 July this year.

- Our application to IPART will be open for public comment for three weeks in April. You can provide feedback directly to IPART at www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/Home/Industries/Local-Government



Braidwood Structure Plan Discussion Paper

The Braidwood Structure Plan Discussion Paper is now on Your Voice.

This document looks at demographic trends and environmental factors that affect land use in the Braidwood community. The Discussion Paper is designed to start conversations with people who live and work in Braidwood about how the town may service the community in the future.

As part of this consultation process we have held drop in sessions and a workshop in Braidwood. Meet us for our final drop in session at Council's Braidwood office in meeting room 2 on Thursday 20 April between 9am-4pm.

This is a great opportunity to ask Council staff questions and learn more about the document.

- Read the document, view the maps and have your say at bit.ly/QPRC-bspdp

Minecraft competition

Our Minecraft sustainable design competition is back to test your creativity!

As part of our World Environment Day activities we are challenging primary school aged children to share their Minecraft worlds that respond to the theme 'solutions to plastic pollution'.

Whether your Minecraft designs are made from recycled plastic, include something for keeping plastic out of the environment, or anything else related to reducing plastic pollution, we want to see them!

The competition closes on Monday 5 June, and prizes are on offer for the best designs. Prizes have been donated by sponsors including Questacon, The National Dinosaur Museum, and Cockington Green Gardens.

- Visit bit.ly/3Kx2m7j or email minecraft@qprc.nsw.gov.au for more details.





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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR, CR KENRICK WINCHESTER

The past month has been full of community and council events including our Multicultural Festivals, Clean Up Australia Day, art exhibitions, Q Shows and much more filling the calendar.

The new Braidwood Skate Park is now open to the public, the Regional Sports Precinct is progressing and road works including the next stage of the Crawford Street intersection safety upgrades.

In the next month I will be attending Anzac Day ceremonies and looking forward to Heritage Festival events in our unique region.

Bungendore Sports Hub

The Bungendore Sports Hub has been progressing quickly after the framing for the amenities building was completed in February.

The verandahs on the amenities building are now complete along with the fascia, windows, sliding doors and the internal lining of the storage sheds.

The electrical and plumbing components are in place. The new transformer is on site and the electrical contractor has prepared connections for the sports field lights. The connection to the sewer mains has also been prepared.



Stronger Country Communities Fund

We have secured more than \$1.3 million as part of the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 5. This funding will support six different projects in Queanbeyan Palerang. These projects include:

- QCCP First Nations Acknowledgement to Country and Walkway Artworks, Accessibility, Native Gardens
- Installation of accessible Changing Places and family changing facilities at Queen Elizabeth II Park
- Accessible Paths, Ramps, and Parking Space Braidwood Pool
- Providing Independent Access to Braidwood and Queanbeyan Aquatic Centres
- Captains Flat Pool Leak Rectification and Disability Access
- Shared Path Wallace Street Braidwood



Heritage Festival

Each year we participate in the National Trust's Australian Heritage Festival by hosting local talks, events and exhibitions.

This year our events run between 2 - 30 April and include:

- Sunday 2 April Sharing stories- People and places of Garryowen (Queanbeyan)
- Saturday 15 April Aviation Accidents in Carwoola and Hoskinstown
- Sunday 16 April Queanbeyan Museum Open Day
- Find the full program of events at **qprc.nsw.gov.au/events**

YourVoice

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



New councillor

Following the resignation of Cr Jacqueline Ternouth in December, a countback election was held by the NSW Electoral Commission.

Cr Ross Macdonald was elected on 7 February.



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Right

We are always looking for ways to reduce our waste, recycle right and keep as much material as possible from landfill. This is especially important after a fire destroyed the Hume Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) late last year.

This fire means that our recyclables - as well as the ACT's, and other nearby councils' - are now being stored and sent interstate to different processing facilities. Because our recyclables are being shipped around the country to be processed correctly, our waste processing fees with Re. Group - who run the MRF in Canberra - have significantly increased.

At this stage, we are not passing on these increased fees to our rate payers and we have written to the NSW Minister for Environment and Heritage requesting financial assistance to manage the additional costs.

The fire at the MRF is still under investigation, however it may have been caused by contamination in the recycling. It is important that we all do the right thing by recycling the right items and keeping contamination out of our yellow-lidded bins.

Let's keep it simple - **only five things go in your yellow bin:**

- Paper and cardboard (but not shredded paper or paper towel!)
- Glass bottles and jars
- Plastic bottles and containers
- Aluminium and steel cans
- Tetra paks and milk/juice cartons

If it's anything else, it can't go in your yellow bin. Make sure everything is clean, doesn't have a lid, and is bigger than a credit card - and never put your recycling in a plastic bag.

- You can find more detailed information about what can and can't go in your bin at **qprc.nsw.gov.au/waste**



Energy efficient homes

Do you want to know more about how much energy your appliances are using? At our libraries we have take-home sustainability kits that do just that!

The kits include an infrared sensor and plug-in power-usage meter to help you find out how much energy your appliances are using.

The kit has instructions to help you work out how much running your appliances costs you and tips on how to reduce power usage. Borrow a kit from our libraries in Queanbeyan, Braidwood and Bungendore today.

Upcoming shows at The Q

THE ROMANTIC PIANO: | 25 MARCH

Concert pianist Konstantin Shamray has prepared a deeply romantic programme opening with Beethoven's Moonlight sonata.

BOOP | 30-31 MARCH

This hilarious 50-minute family show immerses you in physical theatre, clown and inventive acrobatics on a never-seen-before apparatus!

PRIMA FACIE | 19 APRIL

Prima Facie is a gripping one-woman show uncovering the shortfalls of the Australian legal system for victims of sexual assault.

WILD THING | 28-29 APRIL

A tale of sea eagles and pole dancing, of children and childhood dreams, of religion and rock 'n' roll. Most of all this is a tale of friendship.

PRINCESSES OF POP | 30 APRIL

Australian singer and actress Nikki Bennett takes us on a journey through the lives, loves and greatest hits of Australia's first three truly international superstars - Judith Durham, Olivia Newton-John and Helen Reddy.

GOLDEN DAYS | 6 MAY

Australian Tenor, Paul Ettore Tabone, direct from Her Majesty's Theatre in London's glittering West End, returns home for Golden Days - Songs from the Movies & Musicals.

LOST IN MUSIC | 7 MAY

Join us as we recreate the magical 70s and let us take you on a musical journey straight to the heart of disco.



For tickets go to
www.theq.net.au
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