



## NatureMapr

Our Autumn focus species is the Dainty Swallowtail butterfly.

This beautiful bug can be found across eastern Australia. The caterpillars of this species are known to eat the leaves of native and introduced citrus trees.

Share your sightings of this brilliant butterfly through the NatureMapr app.

► Learn more at [naturemapr.org](https://naturemapr.org)



## National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week 2022 'Be Brave. Make Change' runs between 27 May - 3 June.

We will be hosting our annual Reconciliation Walk on 31 May between Trinculo Place and the Queanbeyan Town Park.

► Learn more at [bit.ly/QPRC-EVENTS](https://bit.ly/QPRC-EVENTS)



## Bungendore Playground

There has been plenty of action at the Bungendore Playground site in the last month.

Plumbing for the BBQ area is now complete and paths connecting shelters and the BBQ area have also been poured. A range of equipment has now been installed and the playground is really taking shape..

The playground is expected to be completed this month and will soon be open to the public.



## Monaro Lanes

Work on No Name and Blacksmiths lanes began in late March and early April.

These works will upgrade lighting, pavement, and amenity, making these spaces safer. There will also be new artworks installed to encourage foot traffic through Queanbeyan's CBD.

The works are expected to be complete by mid-June.

► Learn more about the project at [bit.ly/MONAROLNS](https://bit.ly/MONAROLNS)

## Wood Smoke

Smoke from wood heaters is a major cause of air pollution.

To reduce the harmful effects of wood smoke, you can:

1. Clean your chimney annually.
2. Use only dry, aged, untreated wood.
3. Use small logs instead of large ones.
4. Don't let your fire smoulder overnight.
5. Consider a cleaner heating method.

Remember, even in small amounts, wood smoke pollutants can be harmful.

► Learn more at [epa.nsw.gov.au/woodsmoke](https://epa.nsw.gov.au/woodsmoke)



## Clean Up Australia Day

Thanks to all the volunteers, community groups and schools who participated in Clean Up Australia Day this year.

Thank you to:  
Islamic Forum Australian Muslims  
Queanbeyan District Girl Guides  
Queanbeyan Lions Club  
McDonalds Queanbeyan  
Majors Creek Progress Association  
Kindy Patch  
Lions Club Bungendore  
1st Bungendore Joey Scouts,  
Tirriwiri School  
Captains Flat Public School  
Lions Club Queanbeyan  
Anglican School Googong  
Queanbeyan West Primary School  
Earth's Housekeepers  
St Bedes Braidwood  
Jerrabomberra Public School

## QPRC news

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## Queanbeyan Civic and Cultural Precinct taking shape

The Queanbeyan Civic and Cultural Precinct is progressing quickly now, with the construction coming 'up out of the ground' and now visible above the site fencing. Pre-poured walls are going up on the mezzanine and first floors, rapidly transforming the site.

The tower crane on the QCCP site received a new name from 10-year-old Ella. Kewpie – as in 'Q-P' for Queanbeyan Palerang, was suggested as part of a 'Name the Crane' colouring in competition. Ella got to visit the site for the naming and had a chance to give some instructions to the crane operator over the walkie-talkie.

## World Environment Day

World Environment Day is on Sunday 5 June and we will be celebrating by hosting an open day at Mt Jerrabomberra between 10am-2pm on Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 June.

Local guides will be doing regular walks of the trails throughout the day and sharing their knowledge of the diverse range of plants and animals that call Mt Jerra home. There will also be opportunities to learn about local projects and initiatives that support our natural environment.

► Learn more about the event at [bit.ly/QPRC-EVENTS](https://bit.ly/QPRC-EVENTS)



## Green Caffein

In March we launched our partnership with Green Caffein to reduce single use waste.

Anyone can pick up their usual coffee in a Swap & Go cup and avoid the waste of a takeaway cup. Once you're done simply drop the cup back to any participating cafe within 30 days. The cups are cleaned by the cafes before going back out into the world. The program is free for businesses and customers.

There are cafes all over Australia where you can Grab, Swap or Drop your Green Caffein cup. Download the Green Caffein app and find participating cafes or encourage your favourite cafe to get on board.

► Learn more and find a cafe near you at [greencaffein.com.au](https://greencaffein.com.au)

## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR, CR KENRICK WINCHESTER

Rebecca Ryan was appointed as our new CEO in late March and I am excited to get stuck into work with her. Rebecca's extensive experience will support the Councillors and myself as we advocate for ideas and projects that matter to you.

The Draft Delivery Program is now open for comment and I really encourage you all to take a look and have your say. This is the time to tell us which projects you want to see prioritised over the next four years.



## CONTACT YOUR COUNCILLORS

Phone numbers and email addresses can be found at [www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/councillors](http://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/councillors) or follow this convention **cr.firstname.lastname@qprc.nsw.gov.au**



## NEW CEO

Accomplished local government general manager, Ms Rebecca Ryan, has been announced as our new CEO.

Ms Ryan is looking forward to leading Council into the future and will begin in the role this month.

Her early priorities include connecting with as many staff, business, and community members as possible and ensuring our people have the resources to do their job effectively.

Ms Ryan is excited to work with Council to build a better Queanbeyan-Palerang.



## Have Your Say on Strategic Documents

The four-year Delivery Program and one-year Operational Plan are key parts of Council's integrated planning. The Delivery Program reflects the community's long-term goals that you shared in the Community Strategic Plan and sets out the services, programs, and projects that we will focus on over the next four years. The Operational Plan is more detailed again, deep diving into only a selection of projects that can be completed or begun in the year.

We encourage everyone to take a look at the draft documents and let us know if they meet the community's priorities. This is your opportunity to have your say on which projects are completed and learn more about the range of works, projects and policies that will affect you.

► For regular updates and notifications on projects you are interested in register at: [yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au](http://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au)



## Single-use Plastic Ban

The NSW Government is banning certain single-use plastic items.

From 1 June 2022, the supply of lightweight shopping bags will be banned in NSW.

From 1 November 2022, the supply of single-use plastic straws, stirrers, cutlery, bowls, and plates and expanded polystyrene food service items will be banned in NSW.

These changes affect us all in some way, whether its takeaway night or bin night.

► Learn more at [dpie.nsw.gov.au/plastics-ban](http://dpie.nsw.gov.au/plastics-ban)



## Working smoke alarms save lives

As we come into cooler months it's a great time to test and check your smoke alarms.

Test your smoke alarm batteries every month by pressing the test button for at least five seconds until you hear the beeps.

Replace the batteries every year or follow the directions of your model.

► Learn more at [bit.ly/FR-ALARMS](http://bit.ly/FR-ALARMS)



## Bungendore Roundabout

The new roundabout at the corner of Malbon and Molonglo streets in Bungendore opened to traffic in April.

The roundabout should improve traffic flow and safety, particularly during holiday periods. Transport for NSW provided grant funding for the roundabout under the Monaro Palerang Roads Program.



## Reedy Creek Bridge

The Reedy Creek Bridge replacement on Mayfield Road is underway.

An archaeological survey was completed in early April as part of the Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit required before works could begin. The new bridge will be less affected by flooding, more durable, and able to carry a significantly higher load. We expect the works to be complete in July 2022, weather permitting.

## Works on Local Heritage Items

Works on heritage listed items, even minor works, must have appropriate Council approvals before alterations or restorations begin.

This is particularly important in Braidwood where the State-heritage listed conservation area can require additional approvals from the NSW Heritage Office and Council. Approvals for minor works that are supported by the Heritage Advisor can be gained in a relatively small amount of time and at no cost to owners.

► You can learn more about this process at: [qprc.nsw.gov.au/Building-Development/Heritage](http://qprc.nsw.gov.au/Building-Development/Heritage)

## Upcoming shows at The Q

**PRISCILLA, QUEEN OF THE DESERT | 26 APR - 22 MAY 2022**

This heart-warming adventure follows three friends who hop aboard a bus searching for love and end up finding so much more.

**INXS SHOW - LIVE BABY LIVE! | 8PM 7 MAY 2022**

Live Baby Live! The INXS Tribute Show is Australia's premier rendition of one of the most iconic bands in Australian history.

**A NIGHT AT THE PROMS | 7PM 13 MAY 2022**

This show salutes the famous BBC Proms Concerts of London's Royal Albert Hall, including well-known favourites Rule Britannia and Jerusalem.

**MELIORA | 7.30PM 19 MAY 2022**

Presented by the Australian Wind Symphony, this specially curated event uses music to tell stories from around the globe.

**JIMEOIN LIVE! | 8PM 20 MAY 2022**

Jimeoin LIVE! is unlike anything you've ever seen! A ferocious onslaught of gags and a constant stream of laughter, all with inimitable facial expressions.

**THE STORY & SONGS OF BILLY JOEL - MY LIFE | 8PM 21-22 MAY 2022**

A living legend of the music industry with a catalogue of hit songs spanning nearly 50 years, this is a tribute show you don't want to miss.

**21 FORSTER ST | 26 MAY - 4 JUNE 2022**

From award-winning company Steps & Holes, this new show traverses the true story of a heritage Bungendore home from the 1860s to the present day.

**FLEETWOOD MAC SHOW | 8PM 28 MAY 2022**

Australia's top session musicians join together to recreate one of the greatest live bands ever!

**THE POEMS, PRAYERS & PROMISES OF JOHN DENVER | 8PM 4 JUNE 2022**

Multi award winning performer, Darren Coggan, returns to his country roots with this tribute to one of the most passionate performers of all time.

**ROBOT SONG | 9-11 JUNE 2022**

A genuine family show, joyful and full of hope. It is for any child who has ever felt pushed to the margins and any parent desperate for tools to help.

**FRANKIE VALLI & THE BEACH BOYS | 8PM 11 JUNE 2022**

A fantastic show that brings together two of the most exciting harmony bands in pop music history.



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