



Local Government Elections

The local government elections are on 4 December 2021 and there will be polling places available throughout the region.

Some residents may be eligible to pre-poll from 22 November. In Queanbeyan-Palerang you can pre-poll at 6 Park Lane, Braidwood, 10 Majara Street, Bungendore, the Axis Youth Centre building in Queanbeyan and the Jerrabomberra Community Centre.

Other voting methods include postal voting or iVote. Applications for postal voting close 5pm 29 November, and iVote closes 4 December. You can find detailed eligibility criteria on the NSW Electoral Commission website.

Please remember voting is compulsory.

- For more information on the local government elections head to elections.nsw.gov.au/lge21

Captains Flat bridge work

The replacement of the Foxlow Street Bridge in Captains Flat has begun, funded by the NSW Government under the Fixing Country Bridges program. Miners Road, newly sealed as recommended by the Captains Flat Taskforce, is acting as the alternative route.

A temporary pedestrian bridge has been installed across the Molonglo River to provide residents with easier pedestrian access around the village while the bridge is replaced.

The bridge construction is expected to take 4-5 weeks to complete, weather permitting.



Shop and Win

The Treasure Trail Shop and Win promotion is on in Braidwood and Bungendore!

With a total prize pool of \$10,000 per town, simply spend \$20 at a participating business and enter the draw for your chance to win one of our fortnightly \$500 draws or the major prize of \$5000.

Spend \$20 or more before 1 December at a participating business to receive an entry ticket. Enter your ticket and details into the form on our website and be in the running to win! A directory of participating businesses in each town can be found on the webpage.

- For more information and to enter the draw head to treasuretrail.com.au/win
ACT TP21/01286 and TP21/01285



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Upcycled Christmas!

Do you love decorating your home or business for Christmas?

Why not enter our competition to win one of our luxury hampers or vouchers to be spent across the Queanbeyan-Palerang region. All you need to do is include at least one upcycled item in your display and upload a photo to our website by 16 December.

- Enter at treasuretrail.com.au/xmas



Braidwood Skatepark

The Braidwood Youth Performing Arts Association (BYPAA) secured BLERF funding for a skatepark at the Braidwood Rec Ground.

The skatepark will cater to beginner and intermediate skill levels and be a family friendly space. Tenders to build the park have now closed and the preferred contractor is expected to be announced this month after assessment by Council and BYPAA.



Online Caroloke

Join our online Caroloke Competition and submit a video of you or a group performing a Christmas carol.

Video submissions can be placed until **5pm Friday 10 December** so you have plenty of time to create a fun and festive video. Various prizes will be available, and the winners will be announced on Thursday 16 December.

- For Terms & Conditions and to apply head to bit.ly/CAROLOKE-COMP



Community Christmas Carols

Join us for carols this December in Braidwood, Bungendore and Queanbeyan.

Schools and local choirs will perform Christmas classics for everyone to sing along with. Bring a picnic and something to sit on for a very jolly time.

- Braidwood - Friday 3 December 5-8pm at Ryrie Park
- Bungendore - Saturday 11 December 5-8pm at Mick Sherd Oval
- Queanbeyan - Friday 17 December 6-9pm at Queen Elizabeth II Park
- For more information on each event head to bit.ly/QPRC-CAROL



Our CRCs

Community Recycling Centres (CRCs) are permanent drop-off centres for common household problem waste.

Problem waste includes things like paint, car batteries, fluorescent tubes and gas bottles.

QPRC residents can drop off problem waste at 5 Lorn Road, Queanbeyan or 210 Tarago Road, Bungendore free of charge.

- Head to bit.ly/CRCs-map for more information.



Your Voice Community Consultation

Take a look at our Your Voice website to have your say on projects and documents that are open for community comment.

This page is regularly updated and allows you to provide feedback on a range of proposals including projects, planning strategies, environmental strategies and policies and our annual Operational Plan.

- Register at yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au to receive regular updates and make sure to have your say.

Rusten House Art Centre October-December Exhibitions

25 November – 18 December

Smile & Create | Karabar High School students

This exhibition represents student learning from Visual Arts in year 8 to year 12 at Karabar High School. It explores a range of themes and forms.

12 January – 19 February

Our Forest in Focus | The Canberra Tree Network

A photographic exhibition of Graham Gall's photos, showcasing some of the region's most spectacular trees. The exhibition has been brought together by 11

government and non-government organisations, for the full list see our website.

13 November – 18 December

'Luscious Things' a Jewellery Exhibition

A group exhibition by local and regional jewellery makers, showcasing a variety of materials and approaches. The jewellery will be on display and available to purchase.

► Head to **bit.ly/RustenHouse** for more details on each exhibition.



Australia Day Awards - Nominate

Nominations for Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year and the Event of the Year are closing soon.

Awards will be given for Braidwood, Bungendore, Captains Flat and Queanbeyan and celebrate outstanding contribution to the local community. Nominations can come from groups, organisations or individuals until 5pm Friday 3 December 2021. The awards will be presented on 26 January 2022.

- Nominate for the 2022 Awards
- Online at **bit.ly/AUS-DAY-NOM**
- Or pick up a hard-copy nomination form at Council's offices.



Captains Flat Road

We have a revised program of works for the \$10m grant from the NSW Government to upgrade Captains Flat Road from Briars Sharrow Road to the Captains Flat village.

The revised program of works will see up to 21km of the road resurfaced. The funding was provided over four years from 2020-21 through to 2023-24.

This financial year up to 8.6km will be widened and stabilised and we anticipate the work starting this summer.

► For more information see **bit.ly/CFlatRd**

Upcoming shows at The Q

2022 will be an exciting year at The Q, with a range of incredible shows to fill our 2022 season programme.

We're very proud to be featuring local productions for more than half of our season shows next year. We are kicking off our in-house productions with the outrageous cult classic musical Ruthless! in February, featuring an incredible cast of local talent.

There's something for everyone in our Q the Music programme, with performances from the incredible First Nations singer Jess Hitchcock, The Australian Wind Symphony, as well as a dizzying array of tribute bands ranging from INXS to Fleetwood Mac and everything in between!

Q the Kids has science experiments, singing robots and dancing bears. Q the Community welcomes Free Rain and Queanbeyan Players back with Priscilla and Oklahoma, which are sure to lift the roof.

Get ready to be intrigued, delighted, excited, and enthralled at The Q in '22!



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



Tarago Road Update

Work to rehabilitate and widen Tarago Road beginning at the intersection of Mt Fairy Road, is anticipated to begin this month.

This work is expected to take 8-12 months to complete as significant sections of the road are reconstructed and sealed.

- For updates on Tarago Road see bit.ly/Tarago-Rd
- Learn more about where our road crews have been and where we are headed across QPRC at bit.ly/RejRoads



Bungendore Playground

We are very excited to see the Bungendore Playground one step closer after the design and colours were recently approved by the dedicated volunteers from the Bungendore Playground Working Group.

The project, co-funded by the State and Federal governments under the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund, is expected to begin construction in January 2022. Preparation works, including repainting the existing shade-sail frame are now underway.

- See bit.ly/BND-Play for more details.



Focus Species

This month's focus species is the *Phylidonyris novaehollandiae*, more commonly known as the New Holland Honeyeater. Honeyeaters are out and about at this time of year and have a loud call. You can report sightings with calls as well as photos in the NatureMapr app.

If you are a keen NatureMapr you can also register as a moderator for the app. Anyone who is a subject matter expert on certain species of fungi, animals or plants can register, whether they are qualified or just experienced. You can register exclusively for the QPRC region which is a great way to share and expand your knowledge.

- Download the NatureMapr app for iOS or Android and start mapping today! qprc.nsw.gov.au/naturemapr

Free Fill - not worth the risk

Fill you may have seen advertised on social media or online classifieds can often be contaminated with building waste, rubbish, heavy metals or even asbestos.

Consider where the fill is coming from and whether you can know if it is clean. If the 'dirt deal' seems too good to be true, it probably is.

By accepting any amount of contaminated fill, owners are inadvertently breaking the law and can be left holding the bill for any clean-up costs. The best way to prevent the financial and environmental risks is to stop the material reaching your property. Make sure to:

- Check before you start - get Council approval (development approval is needed for amounts over 100m³ in Rural or Environmental zoned land)
- Ask questions and keep detailed records - certify the fill
- Supervise delivery
- Understand the risks - fines, contaminated land, health and cleanup costs
- More information can be found at bit.ly/accepting-fill



Rusten House Tea Towels

Rusten House Art Centre are seeking community members, artists and collectors who are interested in exhibiting their tea towels between 26 February - 14 May 2022.

The exhibition aims to showcase stories from each item, whether it is how you acquired it, made it or inherited it. Submissions must include a photo of your tea towel, the story that goes with it and your contact details.

- Send your expressions of interest by 14 January 2022 to Cultural.Services@qprc.nsw.gov.au