



Ordinary Meeting of Council

AGENDA

11 June 2025

Commencing at 5.30pm

National Theatre
100 Wallace Street, Braidwood

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The Mayor and Councillors are also reminded of the requirement for disclosure of conflicts of interest in relation to items listed for consideration on the Agenda or which are considered at this meeting in accordance with the Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice.

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council held virtually and in the WB Freebody Chambers, Nellie Hamilton Centre, 257 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan on Wednesday, 28 May 2025 commencing at 5.30pm.

ATTENDANCE

Councillors: Cr Winchester (Chairperson)

Cr Broadbent

Cr Grundy

Cr Livermore

Cr Macdonald

Cr Preston

Cr Schweikert

Cr Taskovski

Cr Waterhouse

Cr Willis

Cr Wilson

Staff:

R Ryan, General Manager

M Duff, Director Infrastructure Services

J Richards, Director Community, Arts and Recreation

K Monaghan, Director Corporate Services

R Ormella, Director Development and Environment

Also Present: L Ison (Minute Secretary)

1. OPENING

The meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the Land upon which the meeting was held.

3. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

There were no apologies.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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**4.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 14 May 2025
RESOLVED (Winchester/Broadbent)**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the WB Chambers, Nellie Hamilton Centre, on Wednesday 14 May 2025 be confirmed.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

5. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

832/25

RESOLVED (Winchester/Macdonald)

That Councillors and staff now disclose any interests and reasons for declaring such interest in the matters under consideration by Council at this meeting.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Cr Willis declared a pecuniary interest in Item 16.1: RFT 2025-31 Garden Waste Processing and Removal from QPRC Waste Transfer Stations, stating she is the convener of the Queanbeyan Sustainability Group which benefits from an annual Council donation of mulch and compost for the Railway Park Organic Community Garden. This donation saves the group approximately \$400 a year. As it is unclear whether the group would incur a charge for this material under the recommended contract, Cr Willis proposed to leave the Chamber when the matter is considered.

Cr Waterhouse declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 16.3: Braidwood and Village Business Chamber - NSW Heritage Grant Request for Council Contribution, stating he is a member of the specified company or other body applying for this grant, which has been done by the Executive Members, and whilst he has nothing to do with the application, Cr Waterhouse proposed to leave the Chamber when the matter is considered.

6. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC FORUM

At this stage of the proceedings, the time being 5.34pm, Cr Winchester advised that the meeting should now adjourn for the Public Forum.

833/25

RESOLVED (Winchester/Livermore)

That the meeting be adjourned to conduct the Public Forum.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned for the Public Forum at 5.34pm and resumed at 5.35pm.

7. MAYORAL MINUTE

There was no Mayoral Minute.

8. NOTICES OF MOTIONS OF RESCISSION

There were no Notices of Motions of Rescission.

9. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION**9.1 Community Strategic Plan Submissions Report****MOVED (Winchester/Taskovski)**

That Council:

1. Consider the submissions to the Draft Community Strategic Plan.
2. Endorse the Queanbeyan-Palerang Community Strategic Plan 2042 including the amendments listed within the attachment.

AMENDMENT (Willis/Winchester)

That this item be deferred to the next Council meeting to enable Council to consider the feedback received during the consultation period.

The amendment (of Willis and Winchester) was put and lost.

For: Crs Waterhouse, Willis, Wilson and Winchester
Against: Crs Broadbent, Grundy, Livermore, Macdonald, Preston, Schweikert and Taskovski

The motion (of Winchester and Taskovski) was brought forward.

RESOLVED (Winchester/Taskovski)

That Council:

1. Consider the submissions to the Draft Community Strategic Plan.
2. Endorse the Queanbeyan-Palerang Community Strategic Plan 2042 including the amendments listed within the attachment.

The resolution was carried.

For: Crs Broadbent, Grundy, Livermore, Macdonald, Preston, Schweikert, Taskovski, Waterhouse, Wilson and Winchester
Against: Cr Willis

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- 835/25 **9.2 Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the Quarter Ending 31 March 2025**
RESOLVED (Wilson/Preston)
That Council:
 1. Receive the March 2025 Quarterly Budget Review Statement.
 2. Adopt the budget variations outlined in the report.
 3. Note the opinion of the Responsible Accounting Officer in relation to Council's financial performance and projected year result is satisfactory.

The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 836/25 **9.3 Investment Report - April 2025**
RESOLVED (Broadbent/Waterhouse)
That Council:
 1. Receive the Investment Report for the month of April 2025.
 2. Note the investment return for April 2025 was \$1,255,110.
 3. Note the investment portfolio has been made in accordance with the Local Government Act (1993), the Local Government (General) Regulation (2021) and Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council's Investment Policy.

The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 837/25 **9.4 Membership of Southern Tablelands Arts (STA)**
MOVED (Waterhouse/Preston)
That Council approve QPRC membership of Southern Tablelands Arts (STA) commencing 1 January 2025 until 31 December 2029.

Cr Schweikert foreshadowed a contrary motion:
That Council place the funds for this motion in the sewer fund to build resources to replace the Queanbeyan Sewerage Treatment Plant.

The motion of Crs Waterhouse and Preston was brought forward.

RESOLVED (Waterhouse/Preston)
That Council approve QPRC membership of Southern Tablelands Arts (STA) commencing 1 January 2025 until 31 December 2029.

The resolution was carried.

For: Crs Broadbent, Livermore, Macdonald, Preston, Taskovski, Waterhouse, Willis, Wilson and Winchester
Against: Crs Grundy and Schweikert

- 838/25 **9.5 Nerriga Community Plan**
RESOLVED (Waterhouse/Willis)
That Council endorse the Nerriga Community Plan and place the plan on the QPRC website with other community plans.

The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 839/25 **9.6 Bungendore Bites Event**
RESOLVED (Schweikert/Preston)
That Council endorse the allocation of \$14,800 to support 'Bungendore Bites – A Taste of Spring' event.

The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 840/25 **9.7 Application for a Cultural Grant**
RESOLVED (Wilson/Taskovski)
That Council approve a Cultural Grant of \$1,000 to ArtsNational Molonglo Plains Inc. for the purchase of two laptops.

The resolution was carried.

For: Crs Broadbent, Livermore, Macdonald, Preston,
 Schweikert, Taskovski, Waterhouse, Willis, Wilson and
 Winchester
Against: Cr Grundy
- 841/25 **9.8 Committee Members - Queanbeyan Showground Advisory Committee**
RESOLVED (Macdonald/Wilson)
That Council:

1. Appoint the following seven community members to the Queanbeyan Showground Advisory Committee:
 Laurence James Kennedy
 David George Loft AFSM
 Ginnette Louise Loft
 Jenny Scott
 Sue Jarvis
 William (Bill) George Lilley
 Josh Williams

2. Seek First Nations representation, representation of the Queanbeyan and District Historical Museum Society, and representation from the Heritage Advisory Committee as outlined in the Committee Terms of Reference.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 842/25 **9.9 Committee Members - Queanbeyan Sporting Gallery**
RESOLVED (Livermore/Schweikert)
That Council appoint the following four community members to the Queanbeyan Sporting Gallery Advisory Committee:
- Phillip Hawke
Sepi Hawke
Hugh Percy
Paul Walshe OAM

The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 843/25 **9.10 Committee Members - Small Business Advisory Committee**
RESOLVED (Macdonald/Schweikert)
That Council:
1. Amend the Terms of Reference for the Small Business Advisory Committee to allow for a maximum of eight community representatives, including one nominated by each of the Business Chambers.
 2. Appoint the following community representatives to the Small Business Advisory Committee:

Elise Appolloni	Connie Hick
Lisa LaMaitre	Rachael Macdonald
Jeffrey Pugh	Jagjit Singh
 3. Appoint the following representatives from Business Chambers:

Gavin Gillin (Braidwood and Villages Business Chamber)
Murray Gough (Bungendore Chamber of Commerce and Industry)

The resolution was carried unanimously.

10. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 844/25 **10.1 Planning Performance**
RESOLVED (Willis/Winchester)
That the report be received for information.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 845/25 **10.2 VNSW re Valuer General's Cancellation of Commonwealth Land**
RESOLVED (Willis/Winchester)
That the report be received for information.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 846/25 **10.3 Councillor Workshops**
RESOLVED (Preston/Winchester)
That the report be received for information.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 847/25 **11.1 Minutes of Heritage Advisory Committee - 8 May 2025**
RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)
That Council note the minutes of the QPRC Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held on 8 May 2025.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.

12. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

There were no Notices of Motions.

13. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - DELEGATES REPORTS

There were no Delegates Reports.

14. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

There were no Questions With Notice.

15. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DEAL WITH MATTERS IN CLOSED SESSION

At this stage of the proceedings Cr Winchester advised that there were items on the Agenda that should be dealt with in Closed Session.

Cr Winchester then asked if, in accordance with Clause 59.6 of the Council's Code of Meeting Practice, there were any presentations as to why the matters listed below should not be dealt with in Closed Session.

There were no presentations.

16. REPORTS FOR CLOSED SESSION

- 848/25 **RESOLVED (Winchester/Broadbent)**

That pursuant to Section 10A of the *Local Government Act, 1993* the following items on the agenda for the Ordinary Council meeting be dealt with in Closed Session for the reasons specified below:

Item 16.1 RFT 2025-31 Garden Waste Processing and Removal from QPRC Waste Transfer Stations

Item 16.1 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and

discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

Item 16.2 RFT 2025-15 Monaro Street Upgrade Construction

Item 16.2 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

Item 16.3 Braidwood and Village Business Chamber - NSW Heritage Grant Request for Council Contribution

Item 16.3 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The meeting then moved into Closed Session at 6.35pm to discuss the matters listed above.

Having declared an interest in the following item, Cr Willis left the Chamber at 6.35pm.

16.1 RFT 2025-31 Garden Waste Processing and Removal from QPRC Waste Transfer Stations

849/25

RESOLVED (Grundy/Schweikert)

That Council award Contract 2025-31 for Garden Waste Processing and Removal from QPRC Waste Transfer Stations to Soilco Pty Ltd for the estimated price of \$522,474 per annum (excluding GST) until expiry on 29 October 2029.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Cr Willis returned to the Chamber at 6.36pm.

16.2 RFT 2025-15 Monaro Street Upgrade Construction

850/25

RESOLVED (Macdonald/Schweikert)

That Council award Contract No 2025-15 for the Monaro Street Upgrade – Construction to Dale and Hitchcock Civil Pty Ltd for the contract amount of \$10,582,760 excluding GST.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Having declared an interest in the following item, Cr Waterhouse left the meeting at 6.54pm.

16.3 Braidwood and Village Business Chamber - NSW Heritage Grant Request for Council Contribution

851/25

RESOLVED (Schweikert/Willis)

That Council approve a contribution of \$50,000 from the Heritage Reserve Fund in the 2025/26 Operational Plan as matched funding for the Braidwood and Villages Business Chamber's NSW Heritage Grant application to prepare a Heritage Interpretation Plan for Braidwood.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

852/25

RESOLVED (Winchester/Broadbent)

That the meeting now return to Open Session.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 6.57pm.

The doors of the Chambers were opened to allow the public to enter.

In accordance with Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council Code of Meeting Practice, Section 14.22, the Chairperson provided a summary of the resolutions passed in Closed Session.

17. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The time being 6.58pm, the Mayor announced that the Agenda for the meeting had now been completed.

**CR KENRICK WINCHESTER
MAYOR
CHAIRPERSON**

ITEM 5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS/PECUNIARY INTERESTS

The provisions of Chapter 14 of the *Local Government Act, 1993* regulate the way in which Councillors and nominated staff of Council conduct themselves to ensure that there is no conflict between their private interests and their public trust.

The Act prescribes that where a member of Council (or a Committee of Council) has a direct or indirect financial (pecuniary) interest in a matter to be considered at a meeting of the Council (or Committee), that interest must be disclosed as soon as practicable after the start of the meeting and the reasons for declaring such interest.

As members are aware, the provisions of the *Local Government Act* restrict any member who has declared a pecuniary interest in any matter from participating in the discussions, voting on that matter, and require that member to vacate the Chamber.

Council's Code of Conduct provides that if members have a non-pecuniary conflict of interest, the nature of the conflict must be disclosed. The Code also provides for a number of ways in which a member may manage non pecuniary conflicts of interest

Recommendation

That Councillors and staff disclose any interests and reasons for declaring such interest in the matters under consideration by Council at this meeting.

APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

3.1 Application for Leave of Absence - Cr Katrina Willis (Author: Ryan/Ryan)

File Reference: 52.7.1 / 11 June 2025 motions

Recommendation

That Council approve the Leave of Absence application submitted by Councillor Katrina Willis for the 9 July 2025 Council meeting.

Summary

Councillor Willis will be an apology for the 9 July 2025 Council meeting and has submitted an application to Council for this Leave of Absence.

Report

Councillor Willis will be away for the 9 July 2025 Council meeting and has submitted an application to Council for this Leave of Absence.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations

This request is in accordance with clause 5.4 and 5.6 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice and S234(1)(d) of the Local Government Act (1993), whereby Council may grant leave prior to or at any of the meetings concerned.

Financial, Budget and Resource Implications

Nil

Attachments

Nil

REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION

9.1 Proposal to Purchase Part of Council Operational Land at 16 Morisset Street, Queanbeyan (Author: Ryan/Flint)

File Reference: 20:2:709

Recommendation

That Council:

- 1. Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Sindhiz Property Group, to transfer part of QPRC land at 15A Morisset Street carpark to Sindhiz Property Group.**
 - 2. Agree to the sale of Lot 12 DP 715626 to Sindhiz Property Group as per the MOU plus costs for: sale, registration of easement and boundary adjustment, and authorise the General Manager to execute the Sale Contract once pre-conditions for the sale are met and survey completed.**
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Summary

Council is asked to consider a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) setting out the conditions to transfer a section of QPRC Operational Land being Lot 12 DP 715626 (known as 15A Morisset Street, Queanbeyan) to Sindhiz Property Group, provided pre-conditions for a Development Application are met.

The value of the land is to be approximately \$67,500 as determined by the NSW Valuer General and pending a formal survey being conducted.

The request for sale of land has come in the form of Unsolicited Proposal from the Proponent.

Background

Developers met with QPRC Planning staff on 19 December 2024 to discuss the proposal in a Pre-Lodgement Meeting. An action from the Pre-Lodgement Meeting was the "acquirement of Council land must be appropriately resolved with Council's Governance, Legal and Risk branch prior to the lodgement of a development application." A review of the land in question has led to the point of Officers preparing an MoU for Council's consideration parallel to the sale of the land in the future if pre-conditions of the Development Application can be met. The Proponent has had the opportunity to review the draft MoU and has indicated they are satisfied with its contents.

Report

Sindhiz Property Group Pty Ltd (Sindhiz) are looking to progress a mixed-use development at 151 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan. The proposal is for serviced commercial apartments and parking. The project is in the pre-development application stage, and stakeholders have already met with Council staff to discuss key issues. One issue identified at the pre-DA meeting is available space for parking. Under the requirements of the Queanbeyan Development Control Plan:

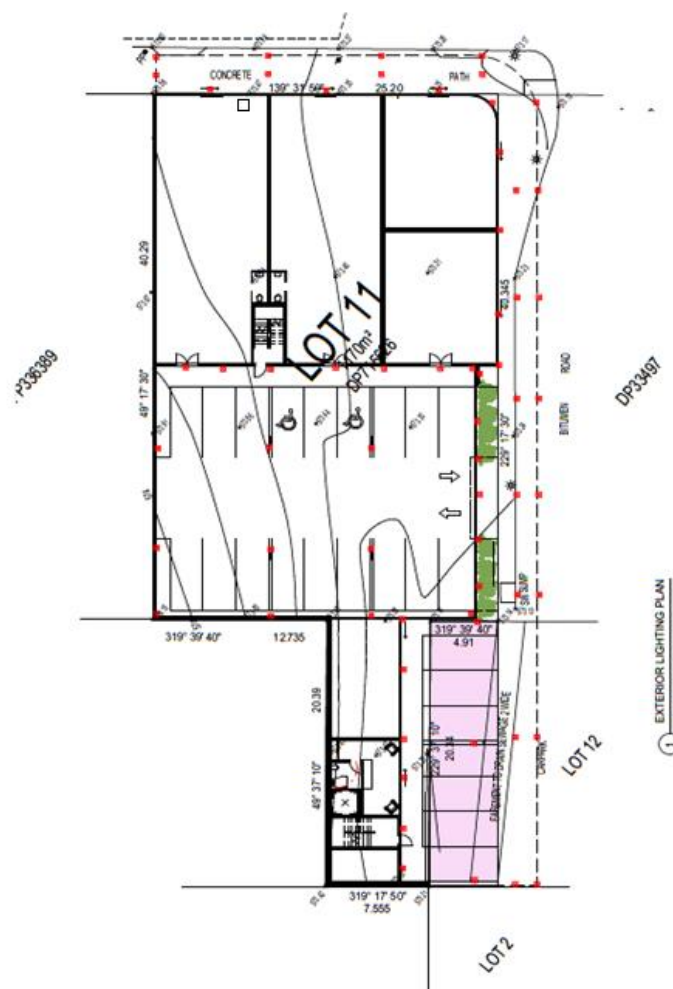
- The proposed serviced apartments would require parking of one space per three beds which would result in a requirement of approximately 10 car parking spaces.

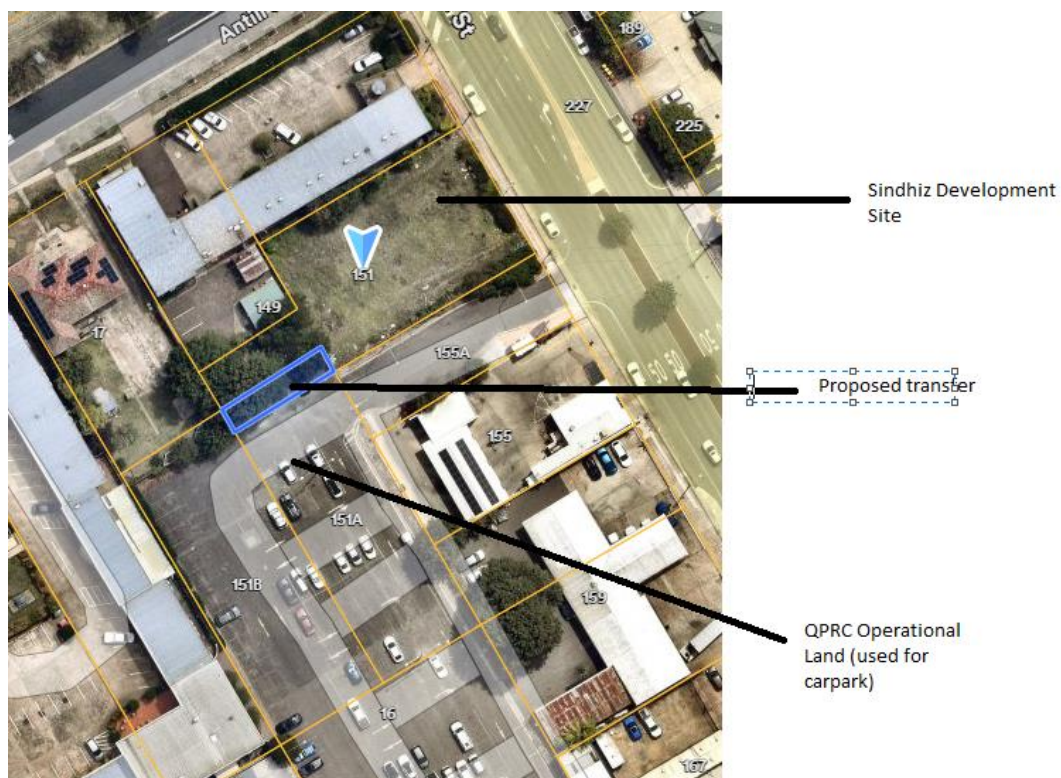
9.1 Proposal to Purchase Part of Council Operational Land at 16 Morisset Street, Queanbeyan (Author: Ryan/Flint) (Continued)

- The proposed commercial spaces have would require one parking space per 60m² floor area which will result in approximately 10 parking spaces.
- The commercial space would additionally be required to have space for two service vehicles per 400m² of floor space, requiring in addition to two parking areas for service vehicles.

These requirements exceed the current space available on site at 151 Crawford Street. A proposal to address this shortfall is to sell part of the adjoining QPRC Operational Land and such approach has been made. This would be done by adjusting the lot boundaries to acquire part of the QPRC land. The proposed section is highlighted below in Pink in Figure A.

Figure A – Proposed Design Plan (pink shading indicating proposed QPRC land to be acquired)



9.1 Proposal to Purchase Part of Council Operational Land at 16 Morisset Street, Queanbeyan (Author: Ryan/Flint) (Continued)**Figure B – Lot Map****Figure C – Photograph of Area**

9.1 Proposal to Purchase Part of Council Operational Land at 16 Morisset Street, Queanbeyan (Author: Ryan/Flint) (Continued)

It is proposed that Council agree to sell this land when the following pre-condition requirements are met. These conditions include:

1. That Sindhiz completes their design and lodges the Development Application. This is to reduce the risk that the land is transferred and then later unused by the developer
2. Sindhiz is required to pay all costs for the boundary adjustment.
3. Sindhiz must register an easement in favour of QPRC to allow for continued access to QPRC's sewer line.
4. Sindhiz pay Council fair and transparent compensation for the land, as calculated by the NSW Valuer General's overall valuation for the lot, divided by the proposed area.

The land in question is currently surplus to operational requirements, un-maintained and under-utilised. Any revenue generated from the sale of land will return to Council's General Fund.

An MoU has been proposed agreeing to transfer the land only at a time that these pre-conditions are met. This MoU is what Council is now being asked to consider and to delegate authority to the General Manager to prepare a Contract of Sale if and when the pre-conditions are met.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations

The land is classified as Operational Land in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*. This means that Council can dispose of it in commercial dealings.

Financial, Budget and Resource Implications

The Valuer General's assessment of the lot is \$750m². The proposed transfer area is approximately 90m², subject to a formal Survey. Accordingly, the value of the land payable to Council would be approximately \$67,500.

Links to QPRC/Regional Strategic Plans

The mixed-use development along Crawford Street, enhancing and enlivening the central area of Queanbeyan is in line with the objectives of the CBD Spatial Master Plan.

Conclusion

Council is asked to consider the proposed MoU, including the terms of the sale of land if pre-conditions are met.

Attachments

Attachment 1	Draft MoU - QPRC Sindhiz Group - 151 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan (Under Separate Cover)
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REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION

9.2 Palerang Communities Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Issues Paper 2025 (Author: Duff/Cunningham)

File Reference: PJT0018

Recommendation

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the draft Palerang Communities Integrated Water Cycle Management Issues Paper 2025 for public exhibition for a period of 28 days.**
 - 2. Receive a future report on the results of any community feedback.**
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Summary

The inaugural Palerang Communities Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) strategy was undertaken between 2015 and 2019. The continued development and growth for the region now warrants a review of this strategy, the first stage of which is the development of the IWCM Issues Paper 2025. The revised issues paper is complete and now ready for public exposure and comment.

This report seeks Council endorsement of the IWCM Issues Paper 2025 to be released for public exhibition.

Background

The NSW Government has long encouraged a strategic approach for the planning and operation of water and sewerage schemes provided by Local Government Local Water Utilities (LWUs). Over the years this process has evolved in the Regulator's sphere most notably with the introduction of the very prescriptive IWCM checklist in 2014. The inaugural Palerang Communities IWCM was prepared according to these requirements and was formally adopted by Council in February 2019.

Whilst it is considered good practice to review IWCMs on a regular basis, the regularity for each LWU is often determined by the degree of change with their respective schemes. This change can be associated with a number of factors but mostly they relate to legislative or regulatory requirements and of course, development or growth pressures.

The single biggest issue identified in the 2019 strategy related to the growth pressures facing Bungendore and the resultant need to secure an additional source of potable water to support this growth. The strategies developed to address these matters are well known, as are the developments since then which have translated into the development of the current Queanbeyan to Bungendore Bulk water pipeline project.

It is therefore timely now to revisit the Palerang Communities IWCM to both reset the strategic direction in the light of the last five years and to stocktake any other issues that may have arisen since.

In terms of the process, the Regulator has moved away from the prescriptive IWCM model since Council's inaugural undertaking. The new process is part of the Regulatory and Assurance Framework (RAF) and allows LWUs to adopt their own strategic model, subject to

9.2 Palerang Communities Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Issues Paper 2025 (Author: Duff/Cunningham) (Continued)

Departmental approval. For this review Council has opted to continue with the established IWCM approach (checklist) on the basis of its familiarity and rigour. The IWCM checklist remains an acceptable model for strategic planning in the eyes of the Regulator.

Report

The first stage of the IWCM process is the development of the Issues Paper. By far the largest body of work in the IWCM journey, the issues paper is borne out of a comprehensive review of all aspects of a water or sewerage undertaking with the output being the identification of 'issues' for consideration.

These issues can relate to matters from levels of service to compliance shortcomings and everything in between. Equally, their treatment may range from 'do nothing' to a full strategic assessment complete with financial modelling.

Included as an attachment to this report is the Issues Paper for the Palerang Communities Water and Sewerage Schemes for 2025. In all there are around 35 separate issues that have been identified with required treatments ranging from ongoing monitoring to full options development of strategic assessment. Those of the latter include:

- Bungendore Water Security,
- Bungendore Water Quality (PFAS), and
- Braidwood Water Security.

The next stage of the IWCM process is the development of options for the treatment of those issues deemed significant and then the selection of those preferred options to be carried forward into the strategy. It is the strategy, together with the collective treatments assigned to any other issues, that informs the development of the Development Servicing Plans and ultimately the Water and Sewerage tariff structure.

The IWCM issues paper is an important snapshot into the state of Council's Palerang Communities water and sewerage enterprises and the purpose of this report is to seek approval to now socialise this important document with the wider community.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations

In many respects the IWCM process is entirely about considering risk, policy and legislation. Fundamentally it assesses utility performance against regulatory compliance and specifically identifies any issues where deviation is identified. Similarly, it assesses risk, especially where these arise from conflict with other Council policy. This is particularly relevant in the case of supporting key Council policies such as the Bungendore and Braidwood Structure Plans.

The preparation of this document in isolation to the recently completed Queanbeyan IWCM is reflective of the current internal separation of the two Queanbeyan and Palerang Water and Sewerage funds and, moreover, the unique tariff structures that apply to these schemes. Whilst it is anticipated that future such IWCM reviews should be conducted across all of Council's water and sewerage enterprises to provide a more complete compendium of issues, options and strategies, the real future decision will be in relation to the resultant financial modelling.

For this time around the IWCM strategies will remain separate documents with options for separate and harmonised financial models to be the subject of a further report to Council in the near future.

9.2 Palerang Communities Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Issues Paper 2025 (Author: Duff/Cunningham) (Continued)

The NSW Government has developed the IWCM Framework to improve outcomes for communities in NSW (as stated in the NSW Water Strategy, regional and metropolitan water strategies and the Regulatory and Assurance Framework for local water utilities). The guidelines and checklists, framework are all available on the NSW Government website

<https://water.dpie.nsw.gov.au/our-work/plans-and-strategies/integrated-water-cycle-management>

The Regulatory and Assurance Framework, attached for information; is designed to ensure that local water utilities can manage risks and service needs effectively and strategically.

Financial, Budget and Resource Implications

The development of an IWCM is a complex body of work and requires a substantial financial investment and the engagement of specialist consultants. NSW Public Works were engaged to undertake the work with funds for the project being provided jointly from Council's water fund reserves as well as a grant allocation of \$66,359 from the NSW Government's Safe and Secure Water Program.

Links to QPRC/Regional Strategic Plans

The IWCM process complements and supports the ongoing work of the Bungendore and Braidwood Structure plans.

Conclusion

The Palerang Communities IWCM plan and strategy is currently under review. The first stage of this process is the production of a new Issues Paper. This part of the process is now complete. The Issues Paper is now ready for public release and comment.

Attachments

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| Attachment 1 | Palerang Communities Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan - Issues Paper 2025 (<i>Under Separate Cover</i>) |
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| Attachment 2 | Regulatory and Assurance Framework for Local Water Utilities (<i>Under Separate Cover</i>) |
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**9.3 Council Funding of Syringe Disposal Service - Queanbeyan Pharmacy
(Author: Duff/Hrynko)**

File Reference: 34.1.2

Recommendation

That in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Service Agreement, Council provide 30 days written notice to the Queanbeyan Pharmacy that the funding the needle and syringe disposal service will be discontinued.

Summary

Council has been funding the needle and syringe disposal service at the Queanbeyan Pharmacy (formerly Amcal Max) for more than 20 years from the Waste Management portfolio, at a cost of approximately \$6,000 per annum.

This arrangement appears to be a legacy public health initiative which is not currently offered to any other pharmacies in the region and does not align with the overall purview of community Waste Management.

This report recommends that funding of this service is discontinued in accordance with the terms of the service agreement with the collection contractor, Cleanaway Daniels.

Background

There has been a longstanding arrangement where Council funds the disposal of sharps waste collected at this individual pharmacy. The arrangement was established over 20 years ago.

Council appears to have commenced funding the service as an environmental and public health initiative, and while the statutory requirements, awareness and services available for sharps disposal have changed considerably over that period, the arrangement with Queanbeyan Pharmacy has not been reviewed.

Collection services have been carried out by Cleanaway Daniels, with associated costs met by Council. The service agreement with Cleanaway Daniels expired in 2019, however the service has continued automatically on a month-by-month basis.

Report

Council meets its obligations to the broader community through the provision of public place sharps disposal facilities, which are aligned with public health responsibilities. The service provided at the Queanbeyan Pharmacy is a commercial disposal service, which is mostly for the convenience of the pharmacy and its customers.

There are existing programs supported by NSW Health including the Needle and Syringe Program that provide appropriate frameworks for managing these services. NSW Health funds free disposal facilities at Queanbeyan Hospital and the Community Health Centre.

In addition, the Queanbeyan Pharmacy is eligible to access the Pharmacy Guild of Australia's disposal scheme and may also engage directly with a licensed service provider to ensure the continuity of safe sharps disposal for its customers.

9.3 Council Funding of Syringe Disposal Service - Queanbeyan Pharmacy (Author: Duff/Hrynko) (Continued)

Staff have been in consultation with the proprietors, who understandably would prefer that Council maintains the existing arrangement.

The following table provides an overview of the known sharps disposal points available in the QPRC local government area (LGA).

Service	Location	Opening Hours	Agent/Provider
Syringe Disposal for Public Use	Queanbeyan Community Health Centre	Mon-Fri 8:30am - 5:30pm	NSW Health
	Queanbeyan District Hospital	24 hrs, 7 days	
	Braidwood Multi-Purpose Centre	24 hrs, 7 days	
Pharmacy Guild Needle and Syringe Program	Queanbeyan Pharmacy 23 Antill Street, Queanbeyan	Mon-Fri 8:00am - 7:30pm Sat 8:30am - 4:00pm Sun 9:00am - 4:00pm	Pharmacy Guild of Australia
	Googong Discount Pharmacy 189 Gorman Drive, Googong	Mon-Fri 8:30am - 6:00pm Sat 9:00am - 5:00pm Sun 10:00am - 3:00pm	
	Braidwood Capital Chemist	Mon-Fri 8:00am - 5:00pm Sat 8:00am - 12:30pm Sun closed	
QPRC Sharps Community Safety Management	Public toilets approximately 75 sharps disposal points across 25 public toilets in Queanbeyan, Googong and Jerrabomberra, combined with rural estimate of 25 disposal points for an approximate total of 100 sharps facilities across the LGA.	Varied	QPRC

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations

The arrangement with the Queanbeyan Pharmacy appears to be unique and raises questions regarding equity of service provision.

While there is no demand at present to replicate this arrangement in other locations, Council may reasonably be expected to do so if it was requested by other pharmacies.

Health professionals and facilities that routinely manage sharps waste including hospitals, day-procedure centres, pathology laboratories, mortuaries, and medical research institutions are required to develop and implement a Clinical and Related Waste Management Plan.

Similarly, community organisations and businesses that provide sharps disposal and collection services must comply with these requirements regardless of the scale of their operations.

9.3 Council Funding of Syringe Disposal Service - Queanbeyan Pharmacy (Author: Duff/Hrynko) (Continued)

Management of sharps waste in a commercial context is essentially a cost of business, which differs from the community context. While both are important, it should be determined whether Council continues to directly fund this one-off instance for the Pharmacy, or standardise the service across the region, offering availability to other relevant businesses.

Council is under no legal obligation to provide such commercial disposal services, and the market appears to operate effectively without Council intervention. For this reason, it is recommended that Council discontinue the needle and syringe disposal service at Queanbeyan Pharmacy, and therefore cease the contract with the service provider Cleanaway Daniels, relying upon c.3 of Schedule 1 of the Service Agreement (attached) by giving no less than 30 days notice.

Financial, Budget and Resource Implications

Current expenditure incurred by the waste fund through invoices issued by Cleanaway Daniels amounts to approximately \$6,000 per annum (\$500 per month). This amount is met by Council with no direct cost recovery.

Links to QPRC/Regional Strategic Plans

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council's Waste Strategy and Service Statements are currently under review. At this stage, the inclusion of business sharps disposal has not been identified as part of Council's commercial waste service offering.

Conclusion

This service was implemented more than 20 years ago, likely as an environmental and public health initiative. Community awareness and available services have improved but this unique, individual arrangement has not been reviewed.

It is recommended that Council discontinues funding and concludes the existing service arrangement with Cleanaway Daniels (collection contractor) and liaise with the Queanbeyan Pharmacy to agree a cessation date in accordance with the original agreement.

Attachments

Attachment 1	Amcal Max Queanbeyan - Queanbeyan City Council - Service Agreement (<i>Under Separate Cover</i>)
	

File Reference: 52.7

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Consider the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Annual Determination Report when determining the 2025/2026 Councillors and Mayoral Fee.
 2. Continue to allocate 10% of the Mayoral Fee to the Deputy Mayor's Councillor Fee in recognition of the additional duties to this role in supporting the Mayor.
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Summary

This report informs Council of the most recent determination by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal regarding fees to be paid to the Mayor and Councillors. On 17 April 2025, the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal determined a 3% increase in the minimum and maximum fees applicable to each category from 1 July 2025. The Annual Determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Report is attached for information.

In June 2024, Council resolved not to apply any increase to the annual Councillor and Mayoral Fee (**Resolution 254/24**), despite the Tribunal recommending an increase of 3.75% in the minimum and maximum fees at the time.

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council is classified as a 'Regional Centre' for the purpose of determining remuneration.

Background

The Local Government Act 1993 requires the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal to report to the Minister for Local Government by 1 May each year on its determination of categories of Councils and the maximum and minimum amounts of fees to be paid to Mayors, Councillors and Chairpersons and members of County Councils.

Section 239 of the Local Government Act 1992 requires the Tribunal to determine the categories of Councils and Mayoral offices at least once every 3 years. A review of categories was last carried out by the Tribunal in 2023. The Tribunal will next consider the model, criteria for each group, and the allocation of councils in the 2026 review.

The category of 'Regional Centre' include the following 23 Councils: Albury, Armidale, Ballina, Bathurst, Blue Mountains, Byron, Cessnock, Clarence Valley, Coffs Harbour, Dubbo, Eurobodalla, Hawkesbury, Lismore, Mid-Coast, Orange, Port Macquarie-Hastings, Port Stephens, Queanbeyan-Palerang, Shellharbour, Tamworth, Wagga Wagga, Wingecarribee and Wollondilly.

9.4 Councillor Remuneration (Author: Ryan/Flint) (Continued)**Report**

The Remuneration Tribunal's annual review commenced in October 2024 when it wrote to all Council's inviting submissions regarding fees. The Tribunal noted that it is only required to review the categories every three years and will next consider the model, the criteria applicable to each category and the allocation of councils in the 2026 Annual Review.

The submissions received by the Tribunal as part of this year's review highlighted that the current state of the remuneration structure continues to be a key issue of concern. It was suggested that the current remuneration structure is not fit for purpose and it no longer recognises the roles and responsibilities required of councillors and mayors. Community expectations are increasing on the mayor from both the council and the community to be seen and immediately present during times of natural disasters, major events or crisis. Submissions also outlined the ongoing concern of councils setting their own fees, asserting that it could potentially be seen as a conflict of interest. Whilst the Tribunal has acknowledged and understands the concern raised, such a change to the framework to determine a fixed annual fee for mayors and councillors would require legislative change.

LGNSW's submission to the Tribunal advocated for an increase in the minimum and maximum fees payable to mayor and councillors of at least 4%, to:

- Assist in reversing the fee erosion which occurred under the previous NSW Public Sector Wages Policy;
- Mitigate economic pressures and the rising cost of living;
- Ensure councillors and mayors receive fair and reasonable remuneration for the work they perform, and
- Address historic undervaluation of the work performed by elected representatives in local government in NSW.

The Tribunal has determined a 3% per annum increase in the minimum and maximum fees applicable for each category from 1 July 2025, as listed in the following tables:

Councillor/Member Annual Fee (\$) effective 1 July 2025

Category	Minimum	Maximum
Major Regional City	21,120	36,690
Major Strategic Area	21,120	36,690
Regional Strategic Area	21,120	34,820
Regional Centre	15,830	27,860
Regional Rural	10,530	23,220
Regional Large	10,530	18,890
Rural	10,530	13,930

Mayor/Chairperson Additional Fee (\$) effective 1 July 2025

Category	Minimum	Maximum
Major Regional City	44,840	114,300
Major Strategic Area	44,840	114,300
Regional Strategic Area	44,840	101,470
Regional Centre	32,940	68,800
Regional Rural	22,420	50,680
Regional Large	16,820	40,530
Rural	11,210	30,390

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council is a Regional Centre, as highlighted above.

9.4 Councillor Remuneration (Author: Ryan/Flint) (Continued)

In light of Council's determination when this matter was considered in May 2024, the Councillor allowance is \$25,309, the Mayoral allowance is \$56,259 and 10% of the Mayoral Allowance is allocated to the deputy Mayor (\$6,250) (**Resolution 254/24**).

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations

Annual fees for Councillors are fixed in accordance with section 248 of the Local Government Act 1993 as follows:

- (1) A Council must pay each Councillor an annual fee.
- (2) A Council may fix the annual fee and, if it does so, it must fix the annual fee in accordance with the appropriate determination of the Remuneration Tribunal.
- (3) The annual fee so fixed must be the same for each Councillor.
- (4) A Council that does not fix the annual fee must pay the appropriate minimum fee determined by the Remuneration Tribunal.

In determining the maximum and minimum fees payable in each of the categories, the Tribunal is required by section 242A of the Local Government Act 1993, to give effect to the same policies on increases in remuneration as those that the Industrial Relations Commission is required to give effect to under section 146C of the Industrial Relations Act 1996, when making or varying awards or orders relating to the conditions of employment of public sector employees.

Financial, Budget and Resource Implications

Council staff anticipated a 3.5% increase in Councillor Remuneration in the draft 2025/26 budget totalling \$352,849.

Superannuation payments will also be increasing from 11.5% to 12% as of 1 July 2025, which totals \$43,131 for the 2025/2026 financial year, based on the current levels of remuneration.

Continuing to allocate 10% of the Mayoral Allowance to the Deputy Mayor will not affect the above figures.

Links to QPRC/Regional Strategic Plans

Council's role, as identified by the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

Council is committed to understanding the community's priorities, concerns and needs in terms of key services, facilitates and programs.

The Community Strategic Plan outlines the Council's role in the delivery of each priority in line with the following terms: Provide, Collaborate and Advocate.

Councillors need to be appropriately remunerated in order to execute the above to the highest standard possible.


Conclusion

Council needs to consider whether to fix the annual fee in accordance with the determination of the Remuneration Tribunal. Council cannot fix a fee higher than the maximum amount determined by the Tribunal and if Council does not fix the fee, then the minimum fee determined by the Tribunal will be applied.

9.4 Councillor Remuneration (Author: Ryan/Flint) (Continued)

Appropriate remuneration for the demands and many hours of work attending meetings, community events, committee meetings and functions must reflect the size and scale of the local government area. This has been determined by the Remuneration Tribunal in accordance with the Local Government Act.

Attachments

Attachment 1  Local Government Remuneration Tribunal – 2025 Annual Determination
(Under Separate Cover)

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9.5 Inclusion of Additional Members to QPRC Access Committee (Author: Richards/Wherry)

File Reference: 2.5.2

Recommendation

That Council accept the proposed membership changes for the QPRC Access Committee to include one replacement member from EACH and one new member from Tirriwirri School.

Summary

The meeting of 9 April 2025, Council appointed 14 community members to the QPRC Access Committee (**Resolution 758/25**). This report seeks a change in membership and the acceptance of one additional member.

Background

The purpose of the Access Committee is to:

- Provide input into the development of strategies and the implementation and review of actions identified in QPRC's Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2022 - 2026.
- Assist the Council to identify and remove barriers preventing the participation of people living with disability in the Queanbeyan-Palerang LGA.
- Identify issues of concern and impacts relating to people living with disability in Queanbeyan-Palerang.
- Provide advice to relevant sections of Council on matters of access and inclusion of people with disability.
- Advise and make recommendations to Council on matters relating to access for people with disabilities to Council facilities and services within the community generally.

The Access Committee had its first meeting for this term of Council on 14 May 2025. There is no specific number of members provided in the committee Terms of Reference.

Report

During preparations for the Committee meeting on Wednesday 14 May, staff received an apology from member Lynelle Hamer (a representative from local NDIS provider, EACH). Due to a change in job role, Ms Hamer requested that membership of the Committee be transferred to her colleague Kanchan Vaidya.

Given this required change, it is also proposed that Council accept the membership request of Elizabeth McAllister as a representative from Tirriwirri School, which caters for students with moderate to severe intellectual and physical disabilities and autism. The request for inclusion on the Committee by the School was received by staff following the Advisory Committee EOI submission process had closed.

The current membership of the Access Committee comprises of 14 members (not including the Chair), with two of these directly representing NDIS providers. The proposed changes will increase the number of representatives from local organisations, from two to three.

9.5 Inclusion of Additional Members to QPRC Access Committee (Author: Richards/Wherry) (Continued)

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations

The Committee is a non-legislated committee which means it has no legislative delegations or ability to make decisions on behalf of the Council. Each external committee member is considered a volunteer of Council and is therefore required to undergo Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice training as part of their induction program.

Accepting the additional members identified provides an opportunity for a more diverse representation of organisations providing support to people with disability alongside bringing specialist knowledge and experience on local support available.

If this change is accepted, membership for the Committee will increase to 15 (not including the Chair). This is in line with other Advisory groups and provides capacity for the Committee to function and meet quorum and operate in instances of changed personal circumstances for members and potential reduction of membership through resignation.

Financial, Budget and Resource Implications

There is no budget or financial delegation granted with any Advisory Committee. Committee members attend on a voluntary basis, some in person and some online. Councillors attending these Committee meetings are eligible to claim travel expenses, as per the QPRC Councillor Expense and Facilities Policy, which are included in the Councillor expenses budget.

Links to QPRC/Regional Strategic Plans**Disability Inclusion Action Plan**

Goal 1.1 Increased community awareness about disability and the importance of inclusion.

NSW Disability Inclusion Plan

Action 1 Outcome: Raise community awareness and improve inclusive practices.

Conclusion

Two changes to the membership of the QPRC Access Committee are sought including the replacement of one member from EACH (Kanchan Vaidya) due to a change in role of the former member and one new member from Tirriwirri School (Elizabeth McAllister). Both represent NDIS provider organisations.

Attachments

Nil

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9.6 QPRC First Nations Network (Author: Richards/Groves)

File Reference: 2.4.2

Recommendation

That Council endorse the proposed model of engagement and Terms of Reference for the QPRC First Nations Network.

Summary

At the meeting of 18 December 2024 Council resolved to dissolve the First Nations Consultative Committee and following consultation with the First Nations community, LALCs and traditional owners, receive a report on a proposed Terms of Reference for a QPRC First Nations Network (**Resolution 565/24**).

This consultation has been undertaken which has assisted staff determining a proposed Terms of Reference and model for future consultation.

Background

Over the period of many Council terms, the QPRC First Nations Consultative Committee struggled to operate effectively. A range of changes were trialled including timing, membership and presentation of agendas however these changes did not provide the outcomes necessary to function as an effective advisory committee of Council.

As a result, Council agreed to seek other options to engage with the First Nations community.

Report

Consultation with First Nations stakeholders has provided positive support in setting up a QPRC First Nations Network. First Nations groups want to be engaged in providing advice to Council on matters that impact them across the local government area (LGA).

Since former engagement methods have been unsuccessful and there is a backlog of matters that require First Nations community input. To achieve positive outcomes, it is proposed that engagement will be conducted separately with the different cultural groups and the seven Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALCs) across the LGA. Consultation will vary dependent on the matters to be discussed.

The outcomes of this engagement and consultations will be consolidated into an overall report to Council. As these reports will be a combination of the views of various cultural groups, an overall consensus on all matters cannot be guaranteed. It is proposed that QPRC staff meet with the groups comprising the First Nations Network at least 4 times per year. Meetings may be in person or online. Should items arise between these meetings, feedback will be sought by email. Each Network meeting would involve a rotating Chair, with QPRC's Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer fulfilling the secretariat role, including agenda preparation and recording of minutes. It is proposed that there be no Councillor delegate to the First Nations Network. Matters for consideration will be in line with the type of information sought from Council Advisory Committees.

A draft Terms of Reference for the QPRC First Nations Network is attached.

9.6 QPRC First Nations Network (Author: Richards/Groves) (Continued)

To mitigate the risk of consultation outcomes not being met, QPRC staff will support how engagement proceeds by providing relevant opportunities and clear timelines for response.

Meetings will be scheduled throughout the year to consult around items arising as needed. Related staff will be informed of upcoming engagements to ensure items are included for feedback.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations

By seeking to involve engagement with the local First Nations Community across the LGA, QPRC are fulfilling legislative requirements in line with:

Constitution Act 1902 (NSW) Section 1.2.2:

Parliament, recognises that Aboriginal people:

- (a) have a spiritual, social, cultural and economic relationship with their traditional lands and waters, and
- (b) have made and continue to make a unique and lasting contribution to the identity of the State.

Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) Sections 36D, 36DA, 355

Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (NSW) especially in regards engagement with Local Aboriginal Land Councils

National Agreement on Closing the Gap

This includes with the Australian Local Government Association.

All priorities, especially the following:

- Priority Reform One – Formal partnerships and shared decision-making
- Priority Reform Three – Transforming government organisations

Financial, Budget and Resource Implications

There is no budget or financial delegation granted with any Advisory Committee. Committee members attend on a voluntary basis, some in person and some online.

Links to QPRC/Regional Strategic Plans

QPRC Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan 2025 – 2027 (currently in draft)

QPRC Community Strategic Plan 2042

A.4 Our Traditional Owners and First Nations people's ongoing and historical connection to country is recognised and supported.

Conclusion

Council is asked to endorse the proposed First Nations Network and the Terms of Reference. To ensure the First Nations Network is working effectively it is proposed to review outcomes at the end of the first year of operation.

Attachments

Attachment 1 Draft FNN Terms of Reference (*Under Separate Cover*)



File Reference: 52.5.4

Recommendation

That Council proceed to adopt the following policies:

- **Guidelines for Referral of Development Applications to Council Policy**
 - **Public Art Policy**
 - **Bin Inspection and Contamination Policy**
 - **Managing Unreasonable Conduct towards QPRC and its Employees Policy**
 - **Liquid Trade Waste Policy**
 - **Library Collections Policy**
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Summary

Council, at its meeting of 12 March 2025 and 9 April 2025, resolved to place the following policies on exhibition for 28 days (**Resolution 695/25** and **Resolution 761/25** respectively):

- Competitive Neutrality Policy
- Bin Inspection and Contamination Policy
- Public Art Policy
- Council-Related Development Application Conflict of Interest Policy
- Guidelines for Referral of Development Applications to Council Policy
- Liquid Trade Waste Policy
- Managing Unreasonable Conduct towards QPRC and its Employees Policy
- Local and Family History Collections Policy
- Library Collections Policy
- Asset Depreciation and Impairment Policy
- Asset Revaluation Policy
- Asset Management Policy
- Asset Class Definitions Policy
- Asset Capitalisation Policy
- Agency Asset Policy

The exhibition periods have since concluded with submissions received now being reported back to Council.

Council is asked to consider the submissions prior to those policies where submissions were received being adopted as attached to this report.

Background

Both Council resolutions stated that subject to there being any submissions received for a policy, it would be re-presented to Council for further consideration prior to adoption.

9.7 Post-Exhibition Policy Report (Author: Ryan/Flint) (Continued)

The policies which attracted submissions through this process were:

- Guidelines for the Referral of Development Applications to Council Policy
- Public Art Policy
- Bin Inspection and Contamination Policy
- Managing Unreasonable Conduct towards QPRC and its Employees Policy
- Liquid Trade Waste Policy
- Library Collections Policy

The other policies did not attract any submissions and have therefore been adopted and placed on the website as per Council's resolution.

- Competitive Neutrality Policy
- Council-Related Development Application Conflict of Interest Policy
- Local and Family History Collections Policy
- Asset Depreciation and Impairment Policy
- Asset Revaluation Policy
- Asset Management Policy
- Asset Class Definitions Policy
- Asset Capitalisation Policy
- Agency Asset Policy

Report

The below summarises the number of page views and submissions received for each Policy:

1. Guidelines for Referral of Development Applications to Council Policy (36 page views)

Submission Feedback:

- The paragraph in Part B which sets out cases where council generally does not require independent assessment would sit better at the beginning of Part B. Otherwise it is not abundantly clear that the 12 points of guidance apply to cases where independent assessment is required.
- Item 3 in Point B is not clear what is intended. Suggest that the council coordinating officer is the party responsible for ensuring public notification is undertaken.
- Suggest broadening of Point 5 in Part A to relate to all Heritage Items where the proposal is not supported by the Heritage Advisor or Heritage Advisory Committee.

Staff Comments:

- Accept re-ordering of paragraphs - change indicated in attached policy
- Accept ambiguity caused by current wording of Item 3 in Point B. Paragraph re-worded and change indicated in attached policy
- Change accepted and indicated in attached policy

2. Public Art Policy (35 page views)

Submission Feedback:

- Ongoing bias towards art with an Aboriginal theme.

9.7 Post-Exhibition Policy Report (Author: Ryan/Flint) (Continued)

Staff Comment:

- No changes proposed to the policy at this time.

3. Bin Inspection and Contamination Policy (66 page views)

Submission Feedback:

- Concerns regarding the Majors Creek compound – general comment.
- Praise to crews who clean up roadside verges

Staff Comments:

- No changes proposed to the policy at this time.

4. Managing Unreasonable Conduct towards QPRC and its Employees Policy

(33 page views)

Submission Feedback:

- Spelling error on page 5 – ‘raise’ is misspelt as ‘rase.’
- What policy applies to the reasonable conduct by staff towards ratepayers.

Staff Comment:

- Spelling error rectified in attached policy
- Council’s Complaint Management Policy and Code of Conduct apply.

5. Liquid Trade Waste Policy (12 page views)

Submission Feedback:

- All instances of ‘should’ in all Council policy documents be tested with a view to replacing instances with ‘must’ where appropriate. The definition of ‘should’ is that there is an optional element to the action or occurrence associated with it; ‘must’ is an instruction and there is no optional aspect to it.

Staff Comment:

- In the context of this policy, it has been determined that the word replacement won’t take place however this feedback will be taken on board for future policy reviews.

6. Library Collections Policy (47 page views)

Submission Feedback:

- Request for Library to purchase more digital books and audiobooks.
- Request to stop removing books from the collection in the non-fiction area after a short period of time.
- Clarification about location of Bungendore Library.

Staff Comments:

- Collection management is an essential part of maintaining a high-quality collection, ensuring that our resources remain relevant, well-used, and in good condition for our library community. Items are carefully evaluated for withdrawal based on factors such as their physical condition or lack of recent loans. The number of items withdrawn this financial year has been significantly reduced compared to previous years.

9.7 Post-Exhibition Policy Report (Author: Ryan/Flint) (Continued)

Additionally, we recognise the importance of strengthening our collection, particularly in non-fiction, which we have identified as a priority area for investment in the 2025/26 financial year.

- The Bungendore Library will be moving into the former Council building once the Department of Education is finished using it as a temporary high school. Opening hours will be reviewed at the same time. The Library Locker at Mick Sherd Oval provides an opportunity to collect loans 24/7.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations

The legislative considerations for each Policy are indicated within the Policy document itself.

Financial, Budget and Resource Implications

Any financial or budget implications associated with the abovementioned policies are outlined within the body of each Policy.

Links to QPRC/Regional Strategic Plans







The adoption of these policies helps to support the below Strategic Objectives in the QPRC Community Strategic Plan 2042:

Strategic Pillar 5. Capability: Contemporary civic leadership and governance that is open, transparent and accountable.

Conclusion

Council is asked to consider the above submissions in relation to each Policy prior to proceeding to adopt them.

Attachments

 Attachment 1	Guidelines for Referral of Development Applications to Council Policy (Under Separate Cover)
 Attachment 2	Public Art Policy (Under Separate Cover)
 Attachment 3	Bin Inspection and Contamination Policy (Under Separate Cover)
 Attachment 4	Managing Unreasonable Conduct towards QPRC and its Employees Policy (Under Separate Cover)
 Attachment 5	Liquid Trade Waste Policy (Under Separate Cover)
 Attachment 6	Library Collections Policy (Under Separate Cover)

File Reference: 52.5.4

Recommendation

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the following QPRC Strategic Policies and place on exhibition for 28 days:**
 - Sustainable Design of Council Buildings Policy
 - Tourism Policy
 - Health, Safety, Environment and Quality (HSEQ) Management Systems Policy
 - Open Burning Policy
 - Operations Sustainability Policy
 - Parking and Enforcement Priority Policy
 - 2. If no submissions are received, the policies be adopted.**
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Summary

The attached Strategic Policies have undergone a review by the relevant business units and as a result, some amendments have been made. The intent of the policies as they currently exist have not changed, but rather reflects updated best practice and timely revisions.

Council endorsement is sought to place these 6 policies on public exhibition for 28 days inviting submissions relating to each.

Background

Council must review all local approvals and Orders as well as Policies within 12 months of an election taking place in accordance with the Office of Local Government's Post Election Guide for Councils. <https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Post-election-Guide-for-Council.pdf>

Report

The following policies have undergone a review by staff and changes (if any) are outlined below.

Sustainable Design for Council Buildings and Infrastructure Policy

This policy sets standards to ensure that all council buildings and infrastructure works support the Council's sustainability goals and transition to net-zero emissions over time. The need was identified for the policy to be amended specifically for infrastructure projects like local road resurfacing, water infrastructure upgrades, constructing new shared pathways for cyclists and pedestrians along existing roadways etc. These types of projects could easily reach the \$2 threshold, triggering the policy to include external third-party accreditation. The major changes to the policy are as follows:

1. Title of the policy: The existing policy title highlighted Council buildings only. Infrastructure has been added to broaden the scope of the policy.

9.8 Policy Review (Author: Ryan/Flint) (Continued)

2. Prohibit reticulated gas connection to all new buildings and infrastructure construction, refurbishment and upgrades. It will only be permitted when a strong justification for its use can be provided.
3. Project categorisation for infrastructure projects: All previous projects were categorised based on the contract value of the project. It is recommended that the infrastructure projects be categorised based on the Council's Project Management Framework Template PF-3 as below.

Building Projects		Infrastructure Projects	
Minor works	<\$300,000	Low Medium	Score >= 5 Score >= 80
Major works	\$300,000 - \$2,000,000	High	Score >= 140
Showcase works	>=\$2,000,000	Major (Showcase works)	Score >= 180

The purpose of the policy remains the same. The review and the update aim to refine the process for identifying which projects require external third-party certification, ensuring that resources are focused on those projects where certification will have the greatest impact on sustainability outcomes. The policy will additionally be provided to the newly formed Sustainability and Climate Change Advisory Committee over the exhibition period for their input.

A summary table of the changes is attached to this report, along with the revised policy.

Tourism Policy

The policy has been reviewed by staff and presented to a Councillor Workshop with no proposed changes.

Health, Safety, Environment and Quality (HSEQ) Management Systems Policy

The policy has been reviewed by staff and presented to a Councillor Workshop with no content changes, other than minor re-ordering of the policy.

Open Burning Policy

The policy has been reviewed by staff and is being presented to Council with no proposed changes.

Operations Sustainability Policy

The policy has been reviewed by staff and is being presented to Council with no proposed changes.

Parking and Enforcement Priority Policy

The policy has been reviewed by staff and is being presented to Council with no proposed changes.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations

The legislative considerations for each Policy are indicated within the Policy document itself.

9.8 Policy Review (Author: Ryan/Flint) (Continued)

Financial, Budget and Resource Implications

Any financial or budget implications associated with the abovementioned policies are outlined within the body of each Policy.







Links to QPRC/Regional Strategic Plans

Strategic Pillar 5. Capability: Contemporary civic leadership and governance that is open, transparent and accountable.

Conclusion

Within 12 months of an election, Council must review all Strategic Policies. This process is underway and it is recommended that revised versions of the above policies be exhibited for public comment before being formally re-adopted.

Attachments

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| Attachment 1 | Sustainable Design for Council Buildings and Infrastructure Policy (<i>Under Separate Cover</i>) |
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| Attachment 2 | Changes to Sustainable Design for Council Buildings Policy Summary |
|  | Table (<i>Under Separate Cover</i>) |
| Attachment 3 | Tourism Policy (<i>Under Separate Cover</i>) |
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| Attachment 4 | Health, Safety, Environmental and Quality (HSEQ) Management |
|  | Systems Policy (<i>Under Separate Cover</i>) |
| Attachment 5 | Open Burning Policy (<i>Under Separate Cover</i>) |
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| Attachment 6 | Operations Sustainability Policy (<i>Under Separate Cover</i>) |
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| Attachment 7 | Parking and Enforcement Priority Policy (<i>Under Separate Cover</i>) |
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REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10.1 Braidwood Stormwater Program Update (Author: Duff/de Jongh)

File Reference: 104674

Recommendation

That the report be received for information.

Report

Council has been undertaking a series of planning, design and construction works to address flooding and stormwater management issues in Braidwood. Collectively these works are referred to as the Braidwood Stormwater Program.

Below is a summary of the key projects and their status.

Braidwood Major Overland Flow Investigation

During the public exhibition period for the Braidwood Floodplain Risk Management Study & Plan (FRMS&P), community feedback highlighted that existing development in Braidwood is affected by Major Overland Flow during intense, short-duration storm events.

While the original scope of the Braidwood FRMS&P focused on mainstream flooding from creeks and did not assess Major Overland Flows, it did identify several significant overland flow paths within the township.

As a result, the Braidwood FRMS&P recommended that Council undertake a separate investigation to define the nature of and identify options for managing Major Overland Flow in the urbanised areas of Braidwood (this project).

The overall aim of the project is to reduce the impacts of existing flooding on the Braidwood community, minimise flood liability, and reduce both private and public losses caused by flooding. This will be achieved by assessing major overland flows and exploring potential mitigation measures.

Grant funding has been obtained from the Commonwealth Government Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources to complete the works.

Public consultation was conducted in July 2024 to seek feedback from residents and business owners in Braidwood on historic flooding due to Major Overland Flows.

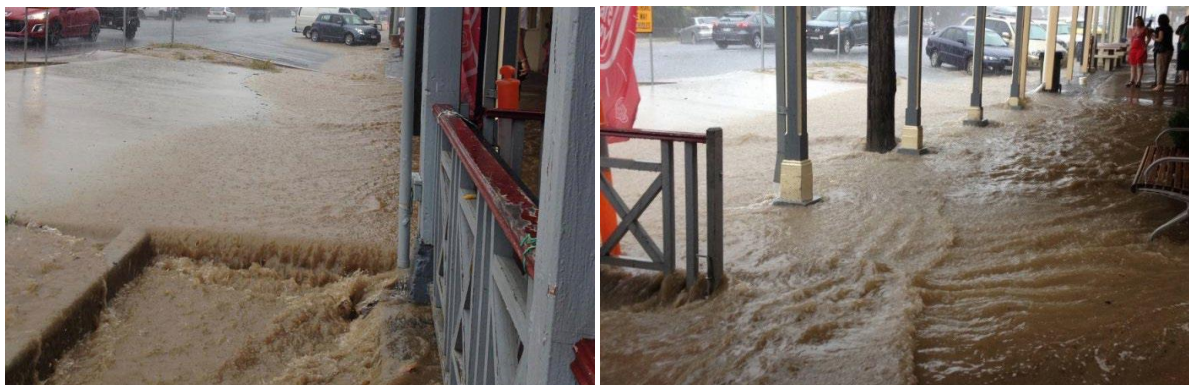


Figure 1: Photos received from community members showing flooding due to overland flows on Wallace St, Braidwood

10.1 Braidwood Stormwater Program Update (Author: Duff/de Jongh) (Continued)

A draft Braidwood Major Overland Flow Investigation report has been produced and has been reviewed by the Braidwood Flood Risk Management Committee.

The report is expected to be placed on Public Exhibition in early July. Following this, the report will be finalised based on community feedback and will be presented to Council for endorsement.

This project takes into account the other stormwater upgrades currently proposed and under construction in Braidwood.

Wallace Street Upgrades

NSW Public Works are managing the design of the Wallace Street stormwater upgrades and pipeline diversion route. Detailed survey of the area has been completed and the design is progressing well. Geotechnical investigations occurred in early June, and this investigation will inform the design. Public Works will shortly commence preparation of the Review of Environmental Effects, including undertaking all relevant heritage investigations and securing approvals from Transport for NSW and Heritage NSW.

To maximise capture of stormwater, the design will include kerb extensions at the intersection of Wallace Street and Duncan Street. These will allow additional inlet capacity to be included and reduce the amount of stormwater that continues down Wallace Street. The proposed treatments will be included in the Review of Environmental Effects, and consultation with the community about the look and use of the kerb extensions will occur in coming months. Construction of the pipeline diversion is included in the upcoming budget.



Figure 2: Sketch of stormwater diversion route

10.1 Braidwood Stormwater Program Update (Author: Duff/de Jongh) (Continued)Keder Street Upgrades

Council has recently undertaken drainage improvement works in the vicinity of Keder Street and Clyde Street to improve stormwater management and reduce the risk of localised flooding. As part of these works, the existing table drain along Keder and Clyde Streets has been reshaped and cleared to enhance water flow. Additionally, an earth bund will be constructed alongside the table drain on Keder Street to help capture overland flows, reducing the volume of water entering the Braidwood Recreation Grounds.

The Braidwood Recreation Ground driveway on Keder Street will also be upgraded with a channel, allowing stormwater to flow more efficiently across the driveway and into the drainage channel on Araluen Street, which ultimately leads to Recreation Ground Creek.

These works are scheduled for completion within the next few months.



Figure 3: Sketch of Keder Street works

Attachments

Nil

10.2 Queanbeyan Sewage Treatment Plant Regional Solution ICON Water (Author: Ryan/Ryan)

File Reference: 100123

Recommendation

That the report be received for information.

Report



At the meeting held on 9 April 2025, Council considered a report on the Queanbeyan Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade Project Health Check. Council resolved to write to the ACT Government as the owner of ICON Water Limited to seek formal advice that a joint venture and regional solution has been considered from ICON Water's strategic plan perspective (**Resolution 755/25**).

A letter was sent to Andrew Barr MLA, Chief Minister of the ACT.

Council has received a response from the Chief Minister.

Both letters are attached for information.

Attachments

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| Attachment 1 | QPRC letter to ACT Chief Minister, Andrew Barr - ICON and QPRC Sewage Treatment (<i>Under Separate Cover</i>) |
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| Attachment 2 | Response from ACT Chief Minister, Andrew Barr re ICON and QPRC Sewage Treatment (<i>Under Separate Cover</i>) |
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10.3 Advocacy for Regional Digital Connectivity Program - Wamboin, Sutton and Bywong (Author: Ryan/Ryan)

File Reference: 43.2.1-25

Recommendation

That the report be received for information.

Report



At the meeting held on 26 February 2025, Council considered a Notice of Motion on the Regional Digital Connectivity Program. Council resolved to call on the State Government to reverse its decision and to restore funding to deliver fibre-to-the-premise (FTTP) network connections for the residents of Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton (**Resolution 655/25**).

A letter was sent to the Hon Tarra Moriarty MLC, Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional NSW and Minister for Western NSW.

Council has received a response from Minister Moriarty.

Both letters are attached for information.

Attachments

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| Attachment 1 | QPRC Letter to The Hon Tara Moriarty MLC re Regional Digital Connectivity Program (<i>Under Separate Cover</i>) |
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| Attachment 2 | Letter from The Hon Tara Moriarty MLC re Regional Digital Connectivity Program (<i>Under Separate Cover</i>) |
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REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10.4 Resolution Action Sheet (Author: Flint/De Vries)

File Reference: 52.3.2

Recommendation

That the report be received for information.

Report

The Resolution Action Sheet provides Council with information on the status of outstanding resolutions determined at Council meetings. As at 2 June 2025, there are 16 outstanding resolutions.

In the last reporting period, 129 resolutions have been completed.

It is the role of the General Manager to implement, without undue delay, lawful decisions of the council, in accordance with s335 of the Local Government Act (1993).

The Resolution Action Sheet is an ongoing document, updated progressively by staff. As items are completed they are removed. A traffic light system has been used to provide more information to Council on those matters outstanding.

Resolutions relating to Land transfers: compulsory acquisition, purchase or sale in particular when associated with road works or Council facilities development can take up to 2-5 years to be completed. These items are now recorded to a Land Acquisition/Sale Register for action and monitoring by Corporate Governance and Legal division and reported to Council on an annual basis.

The Resolution Action Sheet is presented to Council on a quarterly basis.

Attachments

Attachment 1	Outstanding Council Resolutions Report - 2 June 2025 (<i>Under Separate Cover</i>)
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File Reference: 11 June 2025 reports

Recommendation

That the report be received for information.

Councillor workshop items are published in the Agenda of the next Council meeting.

From 23 May to 5 June 2025, the following workshops were held:

Workshop Items and External Presenter/s (if applicable)
Workshop date: 4 June
Permitted land uses in Regional Job Precinct West Jerrabomberra and deferred DA Officers updated Councilors on the finalization of the Regional Job Precinct and the introduction of employment zones in this area. This also included an update on DA.2024.0416 which was deferred at Council's meeting of 9 April 2025.
Dunns Creek Road Stage 2 An introductory workshop to present the preliminary high-level assessments for the potential road connection between Old Cooma Rd and the ACT, known currently as Dunns Creek Road Stage 2. A further report will be presented to Council with an estimation of costs, traffic data; community, environmental, and social impacts, including noise to facilitate the review being made public for comment and feedback.
Review initial community submissions into Operational Plan Councillors were provided the first community submissions to the Operational Plan and all IP&R documents published on Council's website and Your Voice; and shown where these are being placed on the Councillor Portal. All submissions will be presented for Council consideration at the 25 June 2025 Council meeting before these documents are formally approved by Council.
Strategic Policy Review <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tourism Policy• HSEQ Policy• Sustainable Design for Council Building and Infrastructure Policy Officers identified and discussed amendments and improvements to the listed policies which will be presented to Council at the next Council meeting for public exhibition.

Attachments

Nil

11.1 Braidwood Floodplain Risk Management Committee Minutes - 29 April 2025
(Author: Duff/de Jongh)

File Reference: 104674

Recommendation

That Council note the minutes of the Braidwood Floodplain Risk Management Committee held on 29 April 2025.

Summary

The Braidwood Floodplain Risk Management (FRM) committee met on 29 April 2025. The attached minutes are submitted for Councils' information. The main objective of an FRM committee is to assist Council in developing flood related studies and plans, and to provide advice on priorities for implementation for a specific study area.

The Braidwood FRM committee is currently providing advice on the Braidwood Major Overland Flow Investigation project. The project aims to address the overland flow issue in Braidwood by investigating and defining the nature of major overland flow in the urbanised parts of Braidwood and provide an assessment of potential mitigation measures.

This project received grant funding from the Commonwealth Government Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources.

Lyall & Associates have been engaged by Council to complete the project.

The purpose of this meeting of the Braidwood FRM committee was to review the draft Braidwood Major Overland Flow Investigation report.

The next stages of this project include:

- Update the draft Major Overland Flow Investigation report based on Braidwood FRM committee comments.
- Public Exhibition of the draft Major Overland Flow Investigation report.
- Finalise the Major Overland Flow Investigation report.

Attachments

Attachment 1  Braidwood Floodplain Risk Management Committee Meeting Minutes - 29 April 2025 (*Under Separate Cover*)

12.1 Notice of Motion - Election Signage (Author: Macdonald/Macdonald)

File Reference: 11 June 2025 motions

Notice

Councillor Ross Macdonald will move the following motion:

Motion

That Council holds a workshop to develop an election advertising policy which establishes guidelines for candidates, political parties and residents regarding the use of electoral advertising including, but not limited to, the placement and permissible period of election signage and enforcement mechanisms.

Comment from Cr Macdonald in support of this Notice of Motion

Many residents have raised concerns about visual and environmental impact along with safety concerns surrounding election advertising, principally 'corflutes', and large fixed signs as they relate to planning regulations.

Further, some political parties and candidates have expressed concern about a lack of clarity regarding their obligations with respect to electoral signage and advertising within the Queanbeyan-Palerang Local Government Area.

Council should develop a clear policy which can be used as a guide for candidates, political parties, residents and relevant Council staff.

Staff Comment

The State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 provides for election signage. The following extracted so that it can be noted what level of signage is exempt from development.

Subdivision 13 Election signs

2.106 Specified development

(1) The display of a sign that contains electoral matter in relation to an election held under the [Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918](#) of the Commonwealth, the [Electoral Act 2017](#) or the [Local Government Act 1993](#) is development specified for the purposes of this code.

(2) In this clause—

electoral matter means—

(a) matter that is intended, calculated or likely to affect, or is capable of affecting, the result of an election or that is intended, calculated or likely to influence, or is capable of influencing, an elector in relation to the casting of the elector's vote at an election, or

(b) the name of a candidate at an election, the name of the party of a candidate and a picture of a candidate, including a photograph of the candidate and a drawing or printed matter that purports to depict the candidate or to be a likeness or representation of the candidate.

sign includes a poster, banner, placard and other similar material.

12.1 Notice of Motion - Election Signage (Author: Macdonald/Macdonald) (Continued)

2.107 Development standards

The standards specified for that development are that the development must—

- (a) not be more than the following in area—
 - (i) for a sign on land in a rural zone—3.75m²,
 - (ii) otherwise—0.8m², and
- (b) if on the site of a heritage item or draft heritage item—not be attached to a building, and
- (c) be displayed by or on behalf of a candidate at an election referred to in clause 2.106 or the party (if any) of any such candidate, and
- (d) be displayed in accordance with any relevant requirements of the Act under which the election is held, and
- (e) be displayed only during the following periods—
 - (i) 8 weeks immediately preceding the day on which the election is held,
 - (ii) the day on which the election is held,
 - (iii) 1 week immediately following the day on which the election is held.

The above provisions relate to private land.

Signage on Council land requires consent. Council's Rangers collect signage that is erected in the road reserve with the potential for safety matters to arise. It is not feasible for Council's Rangers to police all election signage during the election period.

Should Council seek to form a policy on election signage, the above State Instrument would take precedence to the extent that it applies.

Attachments

Nil

REPORTS TO COUNCIL - DELEGATES REPORTS

13.1 Delegate Report - South East Australian Transport Strategy (SEATS) Meeting - 15 May 2025 (Author: Ryan/Ryan)

File Reference: 11 June 2025 reports

Recommendation

That the report be received for information.

The most recent South East Australian Transport Strategy (SEATS) meeting was held on 15 May 2025, in Yass and attended by Cr Grundy as the QPRC Councillor delegate, who has submitted this report.

Greg Pullen, Executive Officer, SEATS, chaired the meeting, with representatives from the Bega Valley Shire, Eurobodalla, Goulburn Mulwaree, Yass Valley, QPRC councils, Transport for NSW, Regional Connectivity - Regional Roads Australia Mobile Program (RRAMP), and Illawarra Rail Resilience Plan also in attendance.

Peter Adams (Group Director Strategic Projects NSW Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development) (Regional Connectivity- Regional Roads Australia Mobile Program (RRAMP)) presented on mobile coverage along NSW State and Regional roads, with an estimated 15,000km experiencing no or marginal coverage. Primarily he outlined the "Active Sharing Partnership" program where Regional Connectivity NSW is building infrastructure with all 3 mobile network operators (MNO), (TPG, Telstra, Optus), sharing the infrastructure enabling mobile access to all members of the public regardless of the MNO to which they are signed. This departs from the arrangement under the Black Spot program where only 10% of towers built using Government funding are shared by all three MNOs. SEATS will be making a submission in response to the National Regional Roads Australia Mobile Program Consultation Paper.

Transport for NSW officer presented on the regional rail upgrades including the accessibility upgrades occurring at the Queanbeyan railway station, and informed attendees of the pending release of the Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan (SRITP) (Southeast & Tablelands) in a few months.

Terry Cooper, Manager Engineering Services, Yass Valley Council, presented on traffic trends between Yass and Canberra with 67% of the Yass workforce now commuting daily to Canberra via the Barton Highway. There is also an increasing demand to provide access to larger, heavier vehicles on local and regional roads.

Brendon James (Illawarra Rail Resilience Plan) discussed the \$10 million Federal Government upgrade to the 136-year-old south coastline.

SEATS are seeking upgrades to the regional aviation services at Merimbula and Moruya and are liaising with the Member for Eden-Monaro, Kristy McBain about funding options.

A new bridge load limit on the Hampden bridge, Kangaroo Valley, will take effect from 30 May 2025. The limit changes from a maximum of 44 ton to 23 ton which will have a significant effect on freight capacity between Nowra and Goulburn. SEATS has concerns that a new reliable heavy vehicle road corridor between the coast and inland NSW will need to be secured. The current Kangaroo Valley route is an important freight route from east to inland in particular, for livestock movement between wet and dry farms seasonally.

**13.1 Delegate Report - South East Australian Transport Strategy (SEATS) Meeting -
15 May 2025 (Author: Ryan/Ryan) (Continued)**

The option of using the QPRC MR92 link between Nowra to Braidwood was discussed as part of an alternative route. Another option is for the freight route to be directed from Nowra to Nerriga and then to Goulburn, but this will need significant upgrades. SEATS will prepare a submission on the Kangaroo Valley escarpment and bridge concerns.

It was resolved that QPRC, Goulburn Mulwaree and Shoalhaven meet to discuss the feasibility to progress the MR92 freight link.

The Annual General Meeting is being held on 14-15 August 2025 at Lakes Entrance. SEATS website: <https://seats.org.au/>

Attachments

Nil

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

14.1 Questions With Notice - Textile Recycling Trial (Author: Duff/Ryan)

File Reference: 52.3

Recommendation

That the report be received for information.

The following questions were submitted by Cr Willis on 3 June 2025. Staff will provide a response at the 25 June 2025 Council meeting.

- 1. When did Council start its textile recycling trial?**
- 2. When did the trial cease and why?**
- 3. What other options has Council explored for keeping textiles that cannot be reused (e.g. by donating to charitable groups) out of the waste stream?**
- 4. Does Council have an estimate of the volume of textiles disposed of in the QPRC waste collection each year and an estimate of the annual cost of disposal?**

Attachments

Nil

15 NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DEAL WITH MATTERS IN CLOSED SESSION

It is necessary for the Council to adopt a resolution to formalise its intention to deal with certain matters in Confidential Session. The reports are incorporated in the “confidential” business paper which has been circulated to Councillors.

The *Local Government Act, 1993* requires the General Manager to identify those matters listed on the business paper which may be categorised as confidential in terms of Section 10A of the *Local Government Act, 1993*.