


Community meeting



Structure of meeting

- Virtual meetings due to COVID-19
- Meetings for Queanbeyan, Bungendore and Braidwood
- Pre-recorded
- Questions welcomed during meeting – ask via Facebook event or via email to communications@qprc.nsw.gov.au
- Aim to respond during meeting or ASAP after
- Presentation and attachments on Council's website

General overview agenda

- Welcome from the Mayor
 - COVID-19 impact
 - Rates hardship and assistance
 - Draft Operational Plan, Revenue Policy and Fees and Charges
 - Rates harmonisation and valuations
 - Local Strategic Planning Statement
 - Comprehensive Local Environmental Plan
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COVID-19 impact and response

Services and facilities closed based on government advice:

- The Q, Bicentennial
- Libraries
- Playgrounds, off lead dog parks, outdoor gyms
- Indoor sports, Aquatic and Community centres
- Museums, VIC
- Saleyards



Closed, but restricted service:

- Customer centres
- Animal management facility

Reopen facilities in line with Government advice

Updates on Council facilities and services -

<https://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/COVID-19-Coronavirus>

COVID-19 impact and response

- Open spaces open for exercise
- Increase online/phone customer service
- Library services online
- Youth and children's services online
- Online business assistance
- Increase cleaning and sanitisation

All essential services retained:

- Roads, transport
- Water, sewer, waste
- Development, environment
- Public health
- Infrastructure projects

- 160+ staff working remotely
- Staff redeployed
- Remote Council meetings
- Online engagement

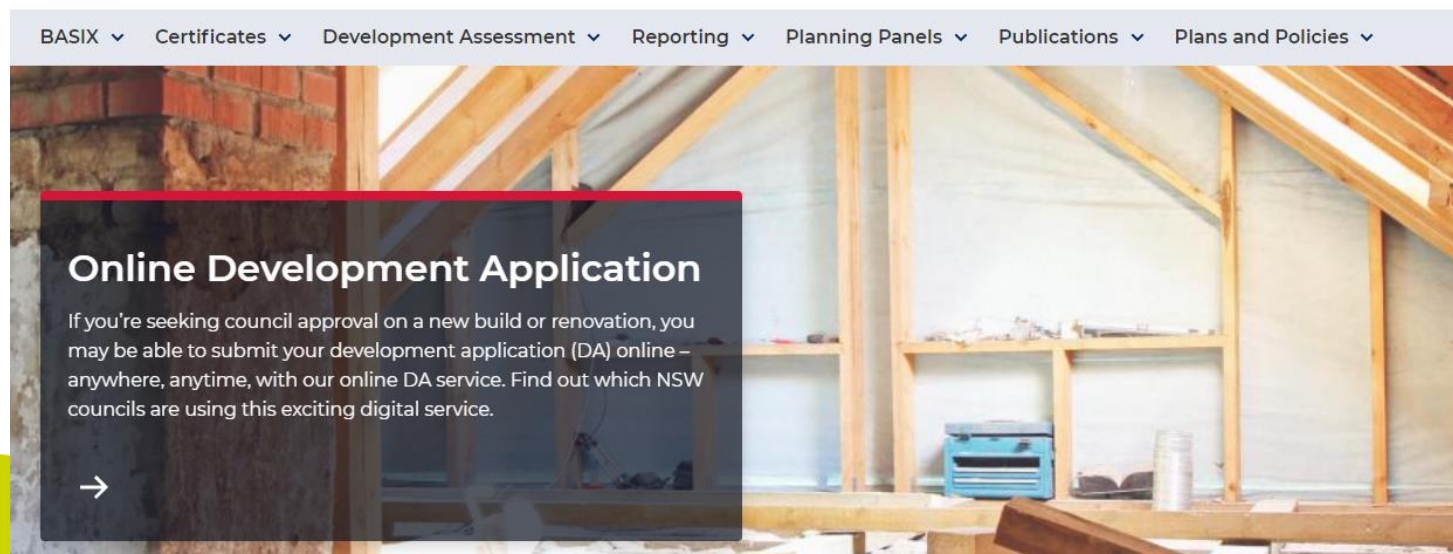
COVID-19 response and reopening

Budget impact

- Decreased fees and charges from businesses
- Reduced revenue
- Continue with capital works, local investment

Reopening

- Follow government advice, maintain distancing standards
- Continue cashless payments
- Introduction of NSW planning portal





Rates hardship and assistance

Rates and payments

1. [Overview](#)
2. [Receive your rates notices electronically](#)
3. [Pay my rates?](#)
4. What if I need help paying my rates?
5. [Pension concession information](#)
6. [Change your address](#)
7. [Change of name](#)
8. [Cancel direct debit](#)
9. [Rates forms and useful links](#)

4. What if I need help paying my rates?

If you are having difficulty in making your payments, please contact us on [1300 735 025](tel:1300735025). We have a  [Rates and Charges Debt Recovery Policy which you can download](#) (PDF, 258KB). The policy allows you to manage your outstanding amount through a payment arrangement. If you wish to consider a payment arrangement please contact Council.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty as a result of COVID-19, drought or other reasons you can apply for rate relief by completing the Rate Relief Hardship Assistance form which can be [completed online here](#) or  [by downloading the form here](#) (PDF, 258KB).

- Assistance for bushfire, drought, COVID impacted ratepayers
- Two-year payment plan
- Waive interest charges
- Defer BGD/BWD Stormwater Levy for one year
- Waive/defer rents for commercial operators leasing Council property
- Waive footpath and related business fees
- Consider deferral developer contributions

2020-21 budget

- \$447k deficit
- Reduced income due to COVID, additional expenditure
- Investments reduced
- Expanded rates hardship measures
- QPRC harmonised rating structure
- Rate peg 2.6% general income
- New valuations by V-G
- Fees increase by 2.6%
- Defer Stormwater Levy
- Public exhibition



2020-21 budget

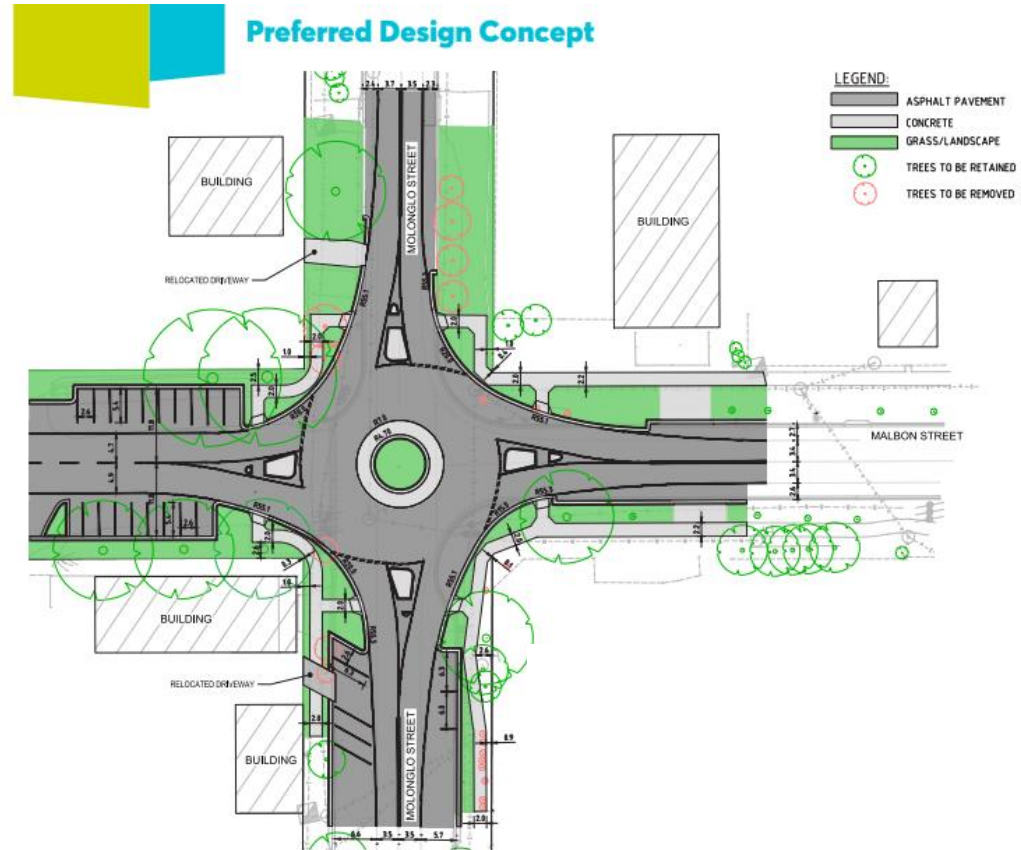
- \$167m capital works program – funded grants and loans
- Highlights:
 - Regional Sporting Complex
 - Stage 1
 - Bungendore Sports Hub
 - Stage 1
 - Nerriga Rd seal
 - Bridge replacement
 - Reedy Creek and Gidleigh Bridge



2020-21 budget

Highlights:

- Queanbeyan Civic and Cultural Precinct
- Monaro St, QBN refurbish
- Queanbeyan STP design
- Bungendore roundabout
- South Jerrabomberra Innovation Precinct infrastructure
- Off-street car parks
 - Bungendore and Braidwood
- Bungendore Flood Risk works
 - Stage 1



Key factors – rates 2020-21

- Rates Harmonisation process
 - Bring together two systems
 - Aim for equity – base pays for services, ad valorem for infrastructure
 - No increase in Council's income from harmonisation
 - Individual decreases/increases depending on change
- Land valuations
 - Determined by NSW Valuer General
 - Applies to land, not improved value
 - No increase in Council's rate income from revaluation
 - Individuals may increase/decrease depending on valuation
- Rate peg – 2.6%
 - Allows Council to increase rate income by 2.6%
 - Determined by IPART

Rates harmonisation

- Community Reference Panel considered options.
 - Made recommendation to Council
- Engagement during Feb-March
- Critical factors
 - Long term revenue requirements to meet the financial sustainability criteria
 - Mix of revenue from rates, annual charges and user fees and charges
 - Relative similarities and differences in the current rating structures and how changes will impact ratepayers
 - The principles of equity, simplicity and efficiency strategy.
 - Water, sewer, waste fee structure harmonisation next

Local Strategic Planning Statement QPRC

LSPS overview

- Aligns CSP and LEP
- On exhibition now, required to be adopted by 30 June 2020
- Your submission is encouraged
- Statement includes the following requirements:
 - 20 year vision for land use in the local area
 - the special characteristics which contribute to local identity
 - shared community values to be maintained and enhanced
 - how growth and change will be managed into the future
 - an implementation and review section.



<https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au/local-strategic-planning-statement>

LSPS overview (continued)

- The LSPS's visions, objectives and planning priorities provide the rationale for how land-use decisions will be made to achieve the community's broader goals.
- The LSPS works in concert with the Community Strategic Plan 2018-2028 to set out the community's long-term vision and aspirations for all Council's planning activities.
- Draws on other key planning documents

- South East and Tablelands Regional Plan 2036
- REDS
- IWCMP

Figure 1: Queanbeyan-Palerang's LSPS Strategic Framework



Local Strategic Planning Statement QPRC

Where are these requirements found in the LSPS?

- Section 02 – identifies a community vision for the LSPS
- Section 04 – Identifies 13 planning priorities which are drawn directly from the CSP's strategic pillars and goals
- Section 05 – Identifies those actions required to achieve each planning priority on a LGA level. This includes a broad list relevant to the entire LGA with the relevant ones then being applied to:
 1. Queanbeyan and surrounds
 2. Bungendore
 3. Braidwood
 4. Rural residential areas
 5. Rural areas.
- Section 06 – Identifies the 13 planning priorities, the actions to implement them, the required means to monitor and report on each as well as the time frame for each.

Local Strategic Planning Statement QPRC



COMMUNITY

4.1 Planning Priority 1

We build on and strengthen our community cultural life and heritage

"The community has a diverse and active cultural environment and takes pride in its rich heritage."

Outcomes

- Identify and protect important heritage items and conservation areas.
- Work closely with the local Aboriginal community to ensure indigenous heritage values are recognised and protected.
- Promote heritage related tourism across the LGA.

4.2 Planning Priority 2

We have an active and healthy lifestyle

"Health and quality of life are improved through access to a range of recreation and leisure opportunities."

Outcomes

- Take action to identify and provide recreation facilities that meet the needs of the current and future population.
- Implement contribution plans to ensure recreation and community facilities and open space are provided in a timely manner.
- Incorporate tourism opportunities into open space and recreational facilities.

CHOICE

4.3 Planning Priority 3

We will continue the ongoing revitalisation of the Queanbeyan CBD, suburban centres and rural villages

"The city and village CBDs are dynamic and thriving places which attract economic activity."

Outcomes

- Implement the Queanbeyan CBD masterplan and strategies.
- Promote sympathetic redevelopment and infill of existing areas where there are limited heritage values.
- Focus commercial and retail activity in existing centres.
- Investigate the opportunities that increased density can bring about for revitalisation of centres and reduced travel times.

Planning Actions for Bungendore

Planning Priority 1

- 4.1.7 Implement the recommendation of the Bungendore Heritage Study 2019.

Planning Priority 2

- 4.2.1 Ensure new developments are provided with appropriate open space and play equipment.
- 4.2.2 Prepare contribution plans that collect funds for open space, community facilities and recreational facilities as new development occurs.
- 4.2.3 Undertake needs analysis for the main townships to identify necessary facilities to meet the needs of the existing and future population.
- 4.2.4 Investigate allowing higher density development on land adjoining areas where such open space provides increased amenity and recreational opportunities.
- 4.2.6 Promote interconnected green spaces.

Planning Priority 3

- 4.3.3 Investigate opportunities for infill and mixed-use development where that provides additional forms of housing to suit the changing demographics of our communities.

Planning Priority 4

- 4.4.1 Ensure tourism orientated uses are permissible in Council's respective planning controls.
- 4.4.3 Ensure suitable land zoned to accommodate commercial, business and industrial development to 2040.
- 4.4.4 Maintain a supply of appropriately serviced employment land to create opportunities for new industrial development.
- 4.4.7 Investigate opportunities for use of mobile abattoirs in rural areas.
- 4.4.9 Provide a range of housing choices at different costs to meet the changing needs of the community.

Planning Priority 5

- 4.5.3 Encourage new developments to be early adopters of innovative and sustainable approaches to reduce energy and water consumption.

Planning Priority 6

- 4.6.2 Identify landscapes with high scenic qualities and protect from inappropriate development under respective planning controls.

Final Comments

- More information and a copy of the LSPS found on Council's web page at:
<https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au/local-strategic-planning-statement>
- Submissions extended to close on 29 May

Comprehensive Local Environmental Plan

- Amalgamating Council's local environmental plans (LEPs) into one Comprehensive LEP for Queanbeyan-Palerang.
- Council currently administers 7 separate LEPs (6 former Queanbeyan LEPs).
- Seeking to have all LEPs under one combined LEP by mid 2020.
- Benefits to Council staff, industry and the community having controls in one document.

Comprehensive Local Environmental Plan

- A draft combined plan and accompanying maps have now been prepared.
- Council staff currently consulting with government agencies prior to undertaking community consultation.
- Anticipating formal consultation with the community will occur during the month of June 2020.



Comprehensive Local Environmental Plan

- Council is essentially seeking to minimise policy changes and to carry forward existing provisions into the new plan.
- Changes to land uses in some zones are proposed due to the need to rationalise the different LEPs.
- Background information will accompany the plan and maps to explain any proposed changes.

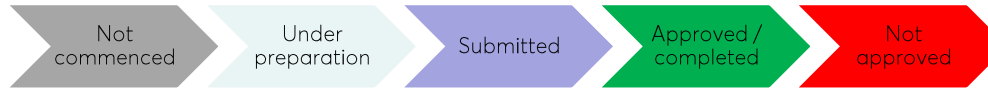
Braidwood agenda

- Off street car park
- Lascelles St
- Kings Highway safety improvements - RMS
- Nerriga Rd
- Water security
- Bushfire recovery



Braidwood off-street car park

KEY



Identify and design

Brief

Management Plan

Options study

Site assessment
21 Q1

Concept
21 Q1

Planning approvals
21 Q2

Design and
specification
21 Q2

Construction
procurement
21 Q4

Construction
delivery
21 Q4

Finalise contracts

Close out

Council depot

D&S Motors



Lascelles St update

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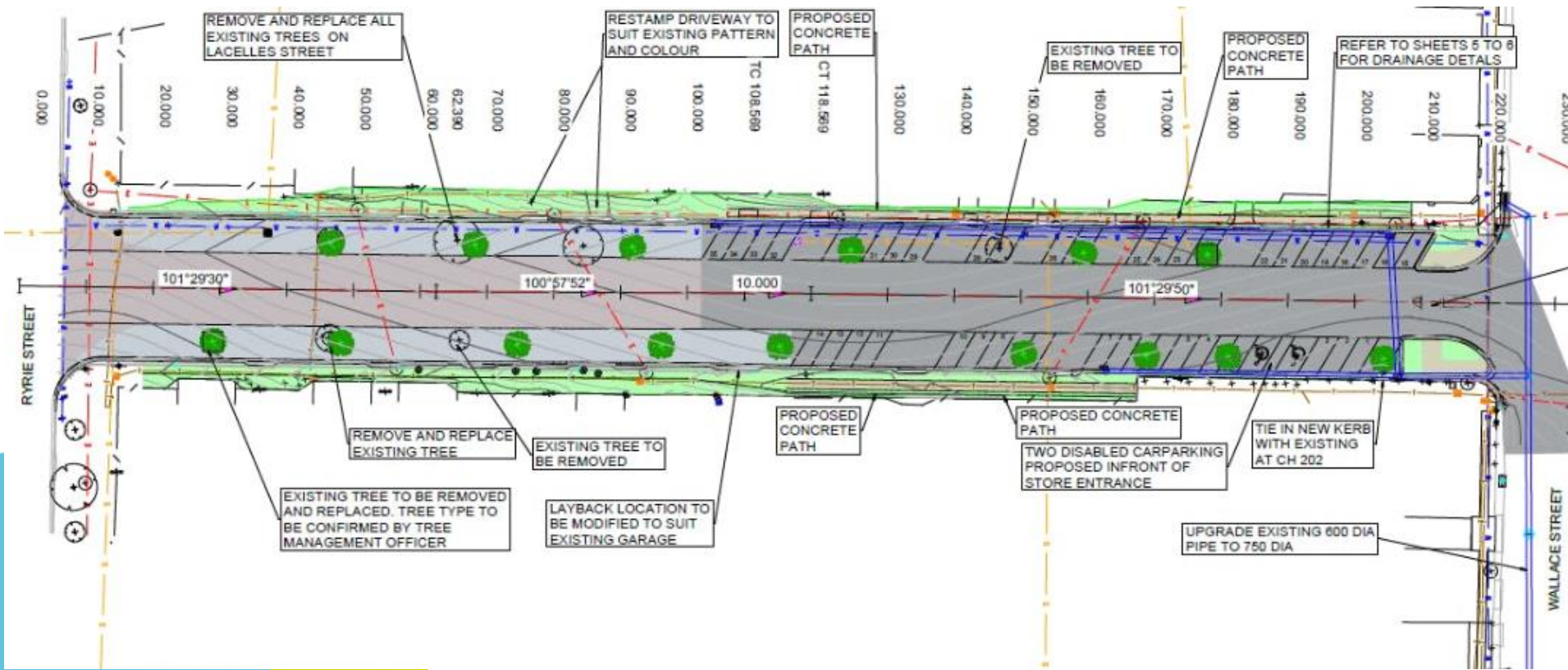
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delivery
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Finalise contracts

Close out



Kings Highway safety improvements

- Project managed by RMS
- Consultation with community in 2011
- Install guardrails on northern entry to Braidwood
- New Poplar trees to be planted behind current avenue
- New trees grown from cuttings of original trees
- Works to start in mid May 2020



Nerriga Rd

Identify and design

Brief

Management Plan

Options study

Site assessment

Concept

Planning approvals

Design and
specification

Construction
procurement

Construction
delivery
Ongoing

Finalise contracts

Close out

- Stage 3 – Durran Durra has started with vegetation clearing. Stage 3 = \$14m approx. Expected to be complete in mid 2021
- Stage 4 – intersection with Kings Highway to start around August, awaiting final approvals



Braidwood water security

- Water storage back to 100%
- Shoalhaven flowing well
- Conduct a revised yield analysis of Braidwood water supply
- Consider recommendations of yield analysis.



Bushfire Recovery

- Bushfire Recovery Centre opened in January and still open in Old Library
- Approval to create 'hub' for all supporting agencies
- Focus on individual meetings
- Community meetings/visits held through Jan/Feb
- Displaced residents using foundation pods/local hotels
- More than 180 residents received assistance from Red Cross/Salvation Army
- Established Facebook group



Community questions/agenda items

Submitted by Braidwood Community Association

1. Can we please have an updated listing of projects provided at the last community meeting as this is very helpful in tracking projects?
2. Can Braidwood swimming pool be added, to report on the progress of retiling etc and why the \$1 million NSW state election commitment as discussed at the last community meeting and included in the 2019-20 Capital Works Programme is not in the draft 2020-21 Capital Works Programme?
3. Can the Monkittee Bridge pedestrian path be included as it was discussed at some length at the last community meeting and was in the 2019-20 Capital Works Programme but is not in the draft 2020-21 Capital Works Programme?

Community questions/agenda items

4. Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Plans for Braidwood, Bungendore and Queanbeyan were adopted on 25 September 2019 as part of the Integrated Transport Strategy with clear prioritized schedules of works. What is happening with the Braidwood Plan and why is it not reflected anywhere in the Draft Operational Plan 2020-21?
5. In the draft 2020-21 Capital Works Program there are two projects at the Braidwood Recreation Ground totalling \$400k. One refers to construction and the other to a drainage channel. Can we have more detail about these projects? Are these related to preparation for the proposed Skate Park?
5. What is included in the Wallace St Carpark budget of \$820,000? Does that include relocating the Works Depot currently on that site?
6. Attached is an extract from the Capital Works Programs for Braidwood for 2019-2020, and for 2020-2021. Excluding road projects, some projects appear in both lists, some have disappeared from the 2019-2020 list without having been completed, and some have had changes to the budget allocation. Can we have an update on the projects highlighted in the 2019-2020 list? Have the funds allocated but not spent been carried over to 2020-2021?

Community questions/agenda items

7. The condition of the dirt roads in Bombay. That is, the bad condition of Little Bombay road. The road was graded in March-April but following the grading of Little Bombay Rd, a team was there doing tree cleanup (following the catastrophic bushfire in November) and now the road is badly corrugated and has many potholes, again. It is worse after the intersection of Little Bombay and Tally-Ho roads (heading away from Braidwood).