



**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC FORUM
HELD ON 22 JANUARY 2020**

1. Opening

The Public Forum commenced at 5.31pm.

2. Presentations relating to listed Items on the Council Agenda

The following presenters were heard:

Name	Item no	Item description	For/Against /Neutral
Ms Adele Julie Prater	9.1	Bungendore Structure Plan 2048	Against
Mr Marlon Butler	9.1	Bungendore Structure Plan 2048	Against
Dr Sonia McCarthy	9.1	Bungendore Structure Plan 2048	Against
Mr Peter Evans	9.1	Bungendore Structure Plan 2048	For
Mr David Hartog	9.1	Bungendore Structure Plan 2048	Against
Mr Warren King	9.1	Bungendore Structure Plan 2048	For
Mr Brian Charlton	9.1	Bungendore Structure Plan 2048	Against
Ms Marina Luscerio	9.1	Bungendore Structure Plan 2048	Against
Mr Richard Graham	9.2	Queanbeyan Section 7.12 Fixed Levy Development Contributions Plan 2019	Against
Mr Jody Whymark	9.6	Request for Donation for Rates Relief	Against
Ms Valarie Moran	10.3	Bushfire Recovery	For

3. Petitions

There were no petitions submitted.

4. 'Questions on Notice' from the Public

Responses to the following 'Questions on Notice' received up to 15 January 2020 were provided and tabled at the meeting (see attached for responses):

Questions	Received from	In relation to:
1-7	Katrina Willis	Braidwood water supply
8-9	Katrina Willis	Future of the Queanbeyan library building

10-11	Katrina Willis	CBD redevelopment
12-13	Katrina Willis	Concerning resolution 441/19, what is the anticipated cost of the measures agreed to.
14-19	Katrina Willis	CCTV
20-21	Katrina Willis	Bushfires

5. Presentations by Invitation from the CEO/General Manager

There were no presentations.

6. Closure

As there were no further matters, the Public Forum closed at 6.06pm.



ATTACHMENT TO MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC FORUM HELD ON 22 January 2020

4 'Questions on Notice' from the Public

Responses to the following 'Questions on Notice' received up to *Wednesday 15 January 2020* were provided and tabled at the meeting

Questions submitted by: Katrina Willis

Braidwood Water Supply

1. Has carting of potable water to Braidwood started?

Response – Community Connections

Cartage commenced on 21 January 2020.

2. From where is the water being sourced?

Response – Community Connections

Water will be sourced from a number of locations, including various groundwater bores in the Bungendore town water supply bore network and potable water from the Bungendore and Queanbeyan town water supply networks.

3. What is the estimated cost of carting water per week?

Response – Community Connections

It is estimated that the cost of carting and purchasing the water will be \$60,000 to \$70,000 per week.

4. How will the cost be covered?

Response – Community Connections

Costs will be covered from the former Palerang Water Fund which is funded from water user charges from residents connected to the town water supplies in Bungendore, Braidwood and Captains Flat.

5. Has the council secured agreement from the NSW Government to assist with the cost?

Response – Community Connections

Council has applied for a subsidy from the NSW Government to offset the cost of carting water to Braidwood.

6. If so, what proportion of the cost has the NSW Government agreed to pay?

Response – Community Connections

Council has not yet been advised of the level of funding to be provided from the NSW Government

7. Has the NSW Government set a time limit on its financial support? If so, what is the time limit?

Response – Community Connections

Council has requested assistance for three months. Should river flows not recover to provide sufficient water for Braidwood, further assistance will be sought.

Future of the Queanbeyan library building

8. **Given that the council intends to relocate the library to the proposed new QPRC administration building, what does the council intend to do with the building in which the library is currently housed?**

Response – Community Connections

If Council continues to progress the relocation of the Queanbeyan Library into the new building which forms part of the Queanbeyan Civic and Cultural Precinct, the existing Library building will become surplus to requirements and will be offered for sale.

9. **What will happen to the solar photovoltaic installation on the roof of the building?**

Response – Community Connections

If possible, the solar panels will be reused on other Council infrastructure.

CBD redevelopment

10. **Concerning the sale of the old fire station building and adjacent historic cottage in Crawford St, will the new owners be required to retain the buildings and their heritage features? How will protection be guaranteed?**

Response – CEO's Office

Yes, the heritage buildings are to be maintained, but repurposed as cafe etc. Under the QLEP 2012 both buildings are listed Heritage Items because of their local heritage significance. As such, the provisions of clause 5.10 of the QLEP require that a development application would be required before anything but minor works were carried out. During this assessment process, a review of the heritage impacts of any refurbishment will take place.

11. **Concerning resolution 464/19, what has council agreed to?**

Response – CEO's Office

The matter is commercial in confidence, while legal and property negotiations continue in relation to Council's CBD property.

Drought relief

12. **Concerning resolution 441/19, what is the anticipated cost of the measures agreed to?**

Response – CEO's Office

A further report on bushfire and drought relief assistance is presented to the 22 January meeting, recommending part of the financial assistance such as dams restoration and saleyards fees, and business/tourism stimulus be compensated initially by the \$1m bushfire grant from Government. Council has provided \$10,000 to the Braidwood Community Help Fund which is being administered by the Braidwood branch of the Bendigo Bank. The December report estimated \$130,000 cost in saleyards fees rebate, while the Showground fees are anticipated in the low \$1,000s pending the length of stay of BlazeAid volunteers. Loss of income for Q Theatre productions and pool entry is not expected to be significant. The extent of assistance with dams and weeds depends on the level of requests made, and is not able to be estimated at this stage.

13. How many farming enterprises are expected to benefit from the measures?

Response – CEO's Office

The assistance is available to all farmland rate category properties (~1024) that have been exposed to drought/flood, upon their request.

CCTV

14. How many CCTV installations approved by the council are in a) Queanbeyan; b) Bungendore; c) Braidwood?

Response – Community Connections

- a) Queanbeyan: 22 systems
- b) Bungendore: 5 systems
- c) Braidwood: 4 systems

Note: a system is comprised of multiple cameras. Around 250 individual cameras are in operation.

15. At what locations?

Response – Community Connections

Queanbeyan

- Googong Water Recycling Plant
- Queanbeyan Family Day care
- Queanbeyan Library
- The Q
- The Queanbeyan Visitors Information Centre
- Queanbeyan Customer Service Centre
- Queanbeyan Aquatic Centre
- Queanbeyan Waste Minimisation Centre (WAMI)
- Crawford Street between Morisset and Rutledge Street
- Moore Park
- Axis Youth Centre
- Sheedy Lane
- Queen Elizabeth Park
- Queanbeyan Caravan Park
- Morisset Street Bus Interchange
- Henderson Road Railway Skate Park
- Queanbeyan Operations Depot
- Queanbeyan Animal Management Facility
- Seiffert Oval
- NSW Rural Fire Service Fire Control Centre
- NSW Rural Fire Service Queanbeyan Station
- NSW Police Queanbeyan Station.

Bungendore

- Bungendore Customer Service Centre
- Bungendore Operations Depot
- Mick Sherd Oval Public Amenities
- Bungendore Skate Park
- Bungendore Waste Transfer Station

Braidwood

- Braidwood Rec Ground Amenities
- Ryrie Park Public Toilets
- Braidwood Waste Transfer Station
- Braidwood Truck Wash

16. What is the annual operating and maintenance cost of the installations?

Response – Community Connections

The maintenance of the CCTV systems is managed by QPRC staff and is estimated to cost \$16,000 per year.

17. Who monitors the CCTV footage?

Response – Community Connections

CCTV footage is monitored at certain sites where there is an operational need, ie Waste Transfer Stations. Footage from other sites is only accessed upon request. The CCTV systems are checked frequently by QPRC's security team to ensure they are operating. NSW Police has live access to selected cameras in the Queanbeyan CBD. This footage is shared under a MOU arrangement between NSW Police and QPRC.

18. Does the council have a policy governing in what circumstances it installs CCTV?

Response – Community Connections

QPRC's Workplace Surveillance Policy covers all QPRC workplaces, including those that are publicly accessible (for example public plazas and QPRC offices). The policy governs in what circumstances QPRC installs or utilises CCTV. Cameras are placed to mitigate privacy concerns.

19. If so, does the policy include seeking public feedback before finalising a decision on whether to install a CCTV at any particular location?

Response – Community Connections

At operational sites, QPRC does not seek community input on the installation of CCTV cameras, however will install signage to advise visitors of its operation. Cameras in public areas are often installed following requests from Police and members of the public. Public feedback is not specifically sought however the public can provide feedback to Council on any matter at any time.

Bushfires

20. Did the council undertake any work to mitigate the risk of bushfires ahead of the commencement of the current bushfire season? If so, please provide details.

Response – Natural and Built Character

Council annually undertakes maintenance of Asset Protection Zones (APZs) throughout the urban areas. These APZs are either mown or cleared of understorey to break the continuous fuel load or combustible material within the areas adjoining residential estates. This work is carried out by both council staff and contractors. Council also works very closely with the Lake George Zone Fire Control office to assist in facilitating periodic hazard reduction burns on public land managed by Council.

21. Will the council be undertaking an assessment of the impacts of the bushfires that have affected areas of the LGA since November 2019?

Response – Natural and Built Character

Council staff have been working with the RFS throughout the entire fire event and have conducted assessments where required. Work is continuing and will do so throughout the recovery process. Independent bushfire damage impact assessment team are engaged through the RFS to report on damage to private property. Council undertakes an assessment and repairs on public infrastructure for immediate maintenance and lodgement claims for grant assistance.