



Recycle your batteries

Batteries should not go in your bins at home as they are a fire risk.

Instead, take your batteries to a B-Cycle drop-off point the next time you're in town. This way useful elements can be reused from your batteries to make new products AND you're helping keep our waste workers safe.

- Learn more and find drop-off points like supermarkets, hardware stores or other retailers at bcycle.com.au



Christmas in July

Our Christmas in July market is back on Saturday 8 July at the Queanbeyan Showground from 9am to 3pm. Featuring all the delights of a mid-year Christmas gathering the only thing missing from this event is you!

Enjoy the unique market stalls, belly-filling foods and a whole lot of community love.

- Learn more or apply to become a stallholder at bit.ly/QPRC-xmasjuly23



Wood smoke

Wood produces particle pollution that is harmful to everyone when it burns. To reduce the harmful effects of wood smoke:

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

Remember, even in small amounts, wood smoke pollutants can be harmful, especially to young, frail or elderly people.

- Learn more at epa.nsw.gov.au/woodsmoke



QPRC Waste Info app

Download the **QPRC Waste Info** app on Android or iOS for updates on waste collections, reminders about what can go in your bins, and access to forms.

NAIDOC Week

This year's NAIDOC Week event will be on Monday 3 July from 10am to 4:30pm at Queanbeyan Park.

This event is run by and for the local community and will begin at Reconciliation Place in Queanbeyan park with a Welcome to Country and Flag raising ceremony run by Ngambri LALC.

Other activities on the day include an Elders lunch run by Ngambri LALC, community touch footy game, cultural activities, and stallholders from local service providers.



Araluen Road

Heavy rain caused a series of landslips on Araluen Road during 2020 to 2022. The first three slip sites were completed in early 2023 and work began in late April for the remaining sites.

The first three of these sites are on the sealed section of Araluen Road. These have been cleared, soil nails have been drilled and installed and, at time of writing, concrete work continues.

There are then seven other landslip sites on unsealed sections of Araluen Road that will be repaired.

We thank local road users for driving to conditions, observing roadwork signage and following the directions of traffic controllers until the works are complete.



2023-24 budget

Council has prioritised funding for maintaining and improving our local roads in the 2023-24 budget. The budget is balanced, noting that 2023-24 is the first year of the special rate variation of 18% per year for 3 years. The budget has been prepared in line with the application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal for the special rate variation. The special rate variation we have applied for requires budget savings of \$5.5m per year which have been identified in various projects, both capital and operational.

The capital works program is valued at \$80m, nearly \$30m of that is in our water, sewer and waste funds. The works program relies on funding from rates, grants, developer contributions, loans and reserves.

There will be more than \$20m worth of road and bridge upgrades, upgrades to aquatic amenities at Braidwood and Queanbeyan and a major restoration of the Captains Flat Pool. The Queanbeyan Civic and Cultural Precinct will be completed along with the first stages of the Regional Sports Complex at Jerrabomberra and the Bungendore Sports Hub.

The community feedback during the special rate variation consultation showed how much Council services were valued, and this budget has maintained current levels of services to all our libraries, community events and sporting fields, parks and amenities.

Council has also resolved to extend the additional \$40 pensioner rebate that was previously available only to Queanbeyan pensioners to all eligible pensioners in QPRC. That means that eligible pensioners will be able to receive rebates of up to \$460 off their general rates and water and sewer charges.

The draft documents have been on public exhibition since early May and the final documents will be adopted at the Council Meeting on 28 June. The final documents will consider all the feedback collected via Your Voice, at community meetings and other submissions.



Football field at the Regional Sports Complex

QPRC Bendigo Bank Art Awards

On Wednesday 17 May we awarded the 2023 QPRC & Bendigo Bank Art Awards. Five categories were awarded on the night and the People's Choice Award will be announced in the second week of June.

- QPRC Major Acquisitive Award - Lesley Sykes for *Bush Track - Bottom Pond* (pictured)
- 3D Award - Lea Durie for *Gorge yourself* and Highly Commended - Merran Toone for *Riva*
- First Nation's Award - Lea Palij for *Mute* and Highly Commended - Gail Neuss for *Through my eyes - Kunama to Coast*
- Emerging Artist Award - Mahala Hill for *Plastic Disease II*
- Bendigo Pick Award - Jerusha McDowell for *Morning Retreats* and Highly Commended - Angela Harris for *Spring has Sprung*



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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR, CR KENRICK WINCHESTER

Thanks to everyone who commented on our Integrated Plans. These plans guide what we do over the next year and your feedback helps us stay on the right track while we balance our budget and the community's needs.

It was great to attend the QPRC and Bendigo Bank Art Awards opening in May and to see all the amazing art that local artists have produced. Well done to all participants and to those who were lucky enough to win an award. If you didn't get to see the exhibition this year, keep an eye out for next year's awards.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander **Playgroup**

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Playgroup is a great way for children aged 0-5 years to socialise and learn.

Playgroup is at the Letchworth Community Centre (28 Miller Street, Queanbeyan) every second Thursday from 10am to 12pm during school terms. Every other Thursday is spent out-and-about on excursions!

- ▶ For more information contact community.team@qprc.nsw.gov.au

YourVoice

Have your say on policies, proposals and projects at yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au



Library **movie night!**

In April the Library and Community teams ran a movie night event at the Queanbeyan Library as part of Youth Week.

The free event included games and activities led by community groups and services like Headspace, Grand Pacific Health, Barnardos, Southern Tablelands Arts and the library.

The film 'Embrace Kids' helps children decode the ways that social media, celebrity culture, and the diet and fitness industries influence how we feel about our bodies.

- ▶ Learn more about all kinds of events that are hosted in our libraries at library.qprc.nsw.gov.au/whats-on



Monaro Street update

Upgrading the main street of Queanbeyan has been a priority of Council and the community for many years. Council accepted \$10m of grant funding under the NSW Government's Drought Stimulus Package in 2020 and also agreed to arrange loan funding of \$5.7m as co-contribution for the project.

On 26 April 2023 Council resolved to seek a variation from the Department of Regional NSW for an extension of time on the funding agreement. This will allow us to proceed to tenders for the detailed design. A detailed design will get the project 'shovel ready' and ensure that we have a better understanding of the complete costs of the project before we proceed to the construction phase.

The project will replace the road surface and update some underground infrastructure. The current concept design includes the widening of footpaths, new paving, additional plantings and lighting, reduced median width, a lower speed limit, changed turning options at intersections, new street furniture and wayfinding.

Upcoming shows at The Q

FOOTLOOSE | 23 JUNE - 2 JULY

The explosive movie musical bursts onto the live stage, with dynamic new songs and hits from its Oscar-nominated score.

ROCKETMAN – FLYING SOLO

| 24 JUNE

Greg Andrew celebrates the 50th Anniversary release of Goodbye Yellow Brick Road, in this special concert experience.

FASTLOVE: A TRIBUTE TO GEORGE MICHAEL | 8 JULY

Don't miss out on the acclaimed tribute to a global superstar putting the Boom Boom into your heart.

THE TWITS | 13 - 15 JULY

Dahl's gruesome twosome The Twits, live on stage in a visually-spectacular, delightfully-disgusting, revoltingly-funny production for the whole family.



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

'HELLO! WE'RE THE WIGGLES' LIVE IN CONCERT | 15 JULY

Double the line up, double the fun!

SOLD OUT!

ELVIS – THE GREATEST HITS

| 22 JULY

Relive the magical hits of The King of Rock 'n' Roll!

ROSS NOBLE – JIBBER JABBER JAMBOREE | 27 JULY

One of comedy's greatest marvels returns to Australia!

LEGACIES | 2-5 AUGUST

Follow six Scottish lads who stowed away on a ship, chasing dreams of adventure.



No Name Lane Exhibition

Frank Lindner's THE OUTSIDER is now in the No Name Lane Outside Photography Gallery in Queanbeyan.

Frank's bold emotive portraiture draws the eye and takes viewers on a visual journey. The exhibition can be seen until October.

This is the second exhibition in the renovated laneway, following the opening exhibition by Queanbeyan photographer/artist Hilary Wardhaugh.

Frank is a Braidwood photographer who was the winner of the QPRC Art Awards in 2022, for his brilliant *Virus Prepper* photograph.



Bungendore pipeline

In April, Council resolved to proceed with investigating a water supply pipeline between east Queanbeyan and Bungendore. While the pipeline is possible from an engineering perspective, we are progressing with feasibility studies. Affected landowners are being contacted.

The investigation work is funded by developer contributions for water supply. You can find out more at qprc.nsw.gov.au/bungendore-water

Braidwood Waste Transfer Station hours

The Braidwood Waste Transfer Station now has extended operating hours.

Beginning on Friday 2 June the facility can be used from **10am-4:30pm Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.**



National Family Day Care Week

The first week of May was National Family Day Care Week. Our educators and staff celebrated by inviting our children and families to playgroup at the Queanbeyan Library.

All ages were entertained with singing, dancing, music and puppets.

The children also crafted their own stars which form part of the Family Day Care 'Every Child is a Star' display in the library.