

## Easter Waste Changes

Easter is coming up and there are some waste collection changes.

**Majors Creek, Araluen and Sutton** will have their bins collected on **Thursday 28 March**.

**Queanbeyan suburbs** (normally collected on Friday) will have their bins collected on **Saturday 30 March**.

Make sure to put your bin out the night before your collection and put the right things in your bins.

Download the **QPRC Waste Info app** to be notified about collection changes and to learn more about what goes in your bins.



## Return + Earn!

More than 123 million bottles and containers have been returned in QPRC as part of Return and Earn since December 2017!

This has a huge impact, reducing our regions CO2 emissions by as much as 14 million kg.

Items recycled with Return and Earn can also be back on the shelf as a new container in as little as 4-8 weeks.

January was the second-biggest month of collections ever in NSW with an incredible 209 million containers returned.

► Find your nearest bottle return at [returnandearn.org.au](https://returnandearn.org.au)



## Tarago Road upgrades

The NSW Government has granted us \$3 million to improve sections of Tarago Road.

A combination of rehabilitation and heavy patching is expected to begin later this year.

The works will improve damaged pavement and widen the shoulders of the road.



## Queanbeyan Showground Pavilion

The Queanbeyan Showground Pavilion is taking shape with wall cladding complete and roofing well underway.

At the time of writing we expect the finishing touches to be complete by the end of March, ready for upcoming events.

The project was funded by a \$600,000 Stronger Country Community Fund grant, \$100,000 from Council and \$18,000 raised by the Friends of the Showground and Jerrabomberra Rotary.

## Grant Guru

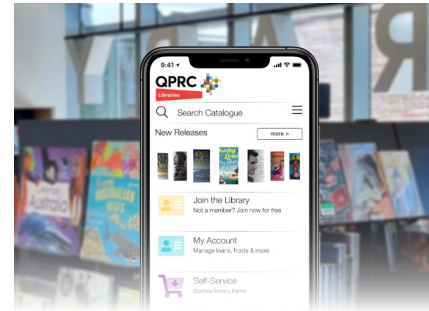
Never miss a grant opportunity with Grant Guru!

The QPRC landing page allows you to search for business, event, and community grants available in our region.

Register to receive emailed alerts for new grants, save your favourites, and find how-to videos to help you apply for grants.

The website also has great tips and tricks for your next grant application.

► Learn more at [grantguru.com/au/qprc](https://grantguru.com/au/qprc)



## Get the Library App

Did you know we have a great library app that's completely free?

You can reserve books, read a selection of digital editions, and find information about our physical libraries all in one place.

Use the app to access great eBooks, audiobooks, and more through subscriptions like BorrowBox, Indy Reads, and Comics Plus.

We recently updated the app and you can now set notifications for loaned books, create reading lists, and manage your loans.

► Head to the App Store or Google Play and **search for QPRC Libraries**.

## QPRC news

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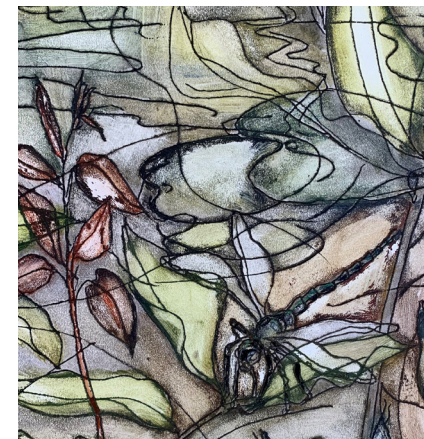
## QPRC and Bendigo Bank Art Awards

The Braidwood and Bungendore community branches of Bendigo Bank are generously supporting the Awards with a total prize pool of \$17,500.

This year there are six prize categories and we have increased the permitted size of works to take advantage of the new exhibition space connecting The Q Gallery to the new Queanbeyan Civic and Cultural Precinct Building.

These awards are a great opportunity to showcase local artistic talent and we encourage artists aged 16 years and over who live in our Local Government Area to register their works.

► Read the full terms and conditions and enter your works between 2 and 30 April at [qprc.nsw.gov.au/art-award](https://qprc.nsw.gov.au/art-award)



2023 Major Prize winner, Lesley Sykes, *Bush Track Bottom Pond* (Detail)

## Heritage Festival

The Queanbeyan-Palerang Heritage Festival is an annual celebration of history in our region from April to May each year.

This is the perfect time to learn more about local history, as our events align with the NSW and ACT heritage festivals.

There is an exciting series of events being hosted by community groups, open days at our local museums, activities in our libraries, exhibitions in local galleries, and so much more.

► Learn more about the events in this year's festival at [qprc.nsw.gov.au/heritage-festival](https://qprc.nsw.gov.au/heritage-festival)



## Local History Collection

Our Local History Collection has moved from the old Queanbeyan library into the Heritage-listed former Council Chambers.

The collection includes archives from local newspapers, genealogy records, historical resources, books on the history of Bungendore, Braidwood, Queanbeyan, and the surrounding area, as well as maps, village plans and other council documents from the former shires of our region.

There will be an open day to view the collection as part of the Heritage Festival otherwise you can book in to see the collection on our website.

► Learn more and make an appointment to visit the collection by filling out the form at [library.qprc.nsw.gov.au/local-history](https://library.qprc.nsw.gov.au/local-history)







## CONTACT YOUR COUNCILLORS

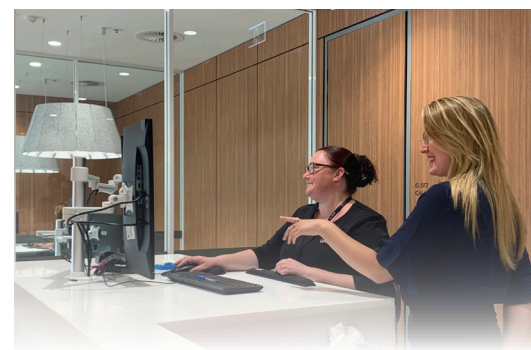
Phone numbers and email addresses can be found at  
[www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/councillors](http://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/councillors)  
or follow the convention  
[cr.firstname.lastname@qprc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cr.firstname.lastname@qprc.nsw.gov.au)



## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR, CR KENRICK WINCHESTER

The past month has been packed with community events like the Multicultural Festival in Queanbeyan, a tree planting day and Council Meeting in Braidwood, and community consultation in Bungendore for their Place Plan.

We have also been asking everyone to share their ideas for the future of our region as part of our Towards 2042 Community Strategic Plan update. In the coming weeks we will compile all your ideas into an updated plan which will help inform our Delivery Program for the next four years.



## Contacting Council

Our Customer Service team are available by email, over the phone and in person from 8:30am-4:30pm Monday to Friday.

They can answer all kinds of questions or put you in touch with the right person.

You can also use our web forms – like the Planning Enquiry form – to request specific information from Council.

Please be ready with as many details as possible and treat our team respectfully while we find an answer to your questions.

- Contact us on **1300 735 025** or [council@qprc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@qprc.nsw.gov.au)
- Or find more at [qprc.nsw.gov.au](http://qprc.nsw.gov.au)

## Upcoming shows at The Q

### AWKWARD | 7:30PM 27 MARCH

A dance show for anyone that has ever felt like the odd one out.

### THE BEACH BOYS EXPERIENCE | 7:30PM 3 APRIL

Pick up some Good Vibrations at this celebration of the music of The Beach Boys.

### EMMA DONOVAN | 7:30PM 5 APRIL

Indigenous singer and songwriter, Emma Donovan fuses classic R&B, soul and country with her unique heritage in this one-of-a-kind show.

### BILLY ELLIOT THE MUSICAL | 9 APRIL - 5 MAY

A young boy finds his passion for dance in the midst of the 1984 miners' strike in northern England, with music by Elton John.

### ALL FIRED UP | 7:30PM 18 APRIL

This 80s mix-tape musical follows Tammy who is on the brink of an epic existential mid-life crisis.

### A TASTE OF IRELAND | 7:30PM 10 MAY

The Irish Music & Dance Sensation returns with a Celtic performance for this decade.



For tickets go to  
[www.theq.net.au](http://www.theq.net.au)  
or call **6285 6290**



## Book-in with a Duty Officer

If you have a current development or need to speak with a planner you can book in for a 30 minute appointment with a development and planning Duty Officer. Appointments are available:

- 9am-12pm Tuesday, Thursday (weekly) and Wednesday (fortnightly) at the Queanbeyan Civic and Cultural Precinct (257 Crawford Street)
- 9am-12pm Wednesday (fortnightly) at the Bungendore office (13 Gibraltar Street)

Bookings can be made by calling us on **1300 735 025** or in person with our Customer Service team.

- Learn more at [qprc.nsw.gov.au/where-do-i-start](http://qprc.nsw.gov.au/where-do-i-start)



## Library events for seniors

At our libraries we have all kinds of free events and activities for our community - young and old!

Senior Moments is a monthly group that offers activities, crafts, guest speakers and games at the Queanbeyan Library. If you are a senior looking to meet new friends or spend a few hours at the library, come along to Senior Moments.

Come and join us on the mezzanine at 257 Crawford Street in Queanbeyan on the last Tuesday of each month at 10am.

- Find more events at [library.qprc.nsw.gov.au](http://library.qprc.nsw.gov.au)



## Rusten House Art Centre

Rusten House was built in 1861 and the heritage-listed building was renovated and repurposed as an art gallery.

The art centre now hosts a variety of touring and local exhibitions each year.

The gallery at 87 Collett Street, Queanbeyan is open from Wednesday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm.

- Learn more about upcoming exhibitions or how to hire the space at [qprc.nsw.gov.au/rusten-house](http://qprc.nsw.gov.au/rusten-house)
- If you have enquiries, you can contact the team on **6285 6356**

## Your Voice

Make submissions, answer surveys and ask questions online.

Whether it's a policy, proposal, program, plan, project or something else - have your say at [yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au](http://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au)



## Become an educator with Family Day Care

Queanbeyan-Palerang Family Day Care are looking for educators to join our network. Family Day Care is a unique opportunity to work from home, set hours that suit you, be your own boss, and be supported by a national accredited organisation with local support from Council.

We are looking for experienced educators and passionate people just getting their childcare qualification.

We will be holding Future Educator information evenings in the coming weeks!

Register to join us in Braidwood from 6-7pm on 10 April via our website.

- Learn more at [qprc.nsw.gov.au/family-day-care](http://qprc.nsw.gov.au/family-day-care)
- Or contact [info.fdc@qprc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:info.fdc@qprc.nsw.gov.au) **02 6285 6253**



## Responsible pet owners

The NSW Companion Animals Act 1998 requires dog owners to take all reasonable precautions to prevent their dog from escaping. This includes making sure fences and gates are properly locked and in good condition.

It also means keeping your dog on lead and under control in public areas.

If you want to let your dog off-lead you can find dog parks in Braidwood, Bungendore, Queanbeyan, Googong and Jerrabomberra.

Keeping your dog properly contained isn't just for their own safety, it's for the safety of the entire community as it helps to prevent dog attacks.

- Learn more about responsible pet ownership at [qprc.nsw.gov.au/animals](http://qprc.nsw.gov.au/animals)