

What is PFAS?

After testing all our water supplies, a low level of PFAS was detected in the water supply for Bungendore.

PFAS are a group of substances that are used in all kinds of products to make them heat, grease, and water resistant.

Things like waterproofing sprays, packaging (including takeaway containers and paper towel) and sunscreens commonly include PFAS.

While current data from the National Health and Medical Research Council assumes that 90% of a persons PFAS exposure comes from other sources, we are taking a risk management approach and will be regularly monitoring PFAS levels in all our drinking water supplies.

It's important to note that Bungendore's water is compliant with both the current Australian Drinking Water Guidelines and the proposed new guidelines (which are more specific to the type and levels of PFAS).

We detected a type of PFAS known as PFOS at 4 parts per trillion, and another type known as PFHxS at 2 parts per trillion.

► Read more at qprc.nsw.gov.au/pfas



Your local pool

As the weather continues to warm up the pools are open in Braidwood, Bungendore, Captains Flat and Queanbeyan.

All our pools are open every day, except Christmas Day and Boxing Day, until 16 March 2025 so make sure you take the chance for a great swim this season.

► Learn more about our pools at qprcaquatics.com.au



Lease a Council building

We have three buildings available for lease on Crawford Street in the Queanbeyan CBD.

- Former customer service centre, 256 Crawford Street (for a maximum of 5 years)
 - RB Smith Building, 262 Crawford Street (for a maximum of 5 years)
 - Part of Level 3, Nellie Hamilton Centre, 257 Crawford Street
- Read more and apply at qprc.nsw.gov.au/for-lease

Water wise summer

Let's beat the heat *and* save water this summer.

- Fix those leaky taps. Even a slowly dripping tap can waste up to 20,000 litres a year.
 - Try a water-saving shower head and aerators on your taps. Limiting shower times to four minutes also helps.
 - Use the half flush on your toilet or try taking up some of the space in your cistern by adding a brick to decrease the volume of each flush.
 - Completely stack your dishwasher before washing.
 - Install a water tank for your home or garden.
- Read more at qprc.nsw.gov.au/water-restrictions



Wallaces Gap Road Bridge

The bridge on Wallaces Gap Road has progressed well and is expected to be complete by the end of November.

The deck panels have been installed, concrete pours completed and the approaches are underway.

Finishing touches including handrails, guardrail and line-marking are anticipated to be complete before the end of the year.



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Community Christmas Parties

Christmas is the time to celebrate with our community and this year there are plenty of opportunities to enjoy entertainment, food, carols and meet Santa!

Schools, choirs, dance groups and local performers will create a festive atmosphere alongside face painting, great food, and other fun activities.

Join us at:

- Mick Sherd Oval, Bungendore from 4-8pm on Friday 6 December
 - Ryrie Park, Braidwood from 4-8pm on Friday 13 December
 - The Queanbeyan Showground from 4-9pm on Saturday 14 December
- Learn more at qprc.nsw.gov.au/events

Nominate the heroes in your community!

Nominate community members for three different awards in Braidwood, Bungendore, Captains Flat, or Queanbeyan and celebrate the people who go above and beyond to make our community the best place it can be.

The Young Citizen Award is open to people between 14 and 26 years of age on 26 January 2024 and the Citizen Award is open to people over 27 years of age.

The Community Event Award is open to any event which has contributed to the Queanbeyan-Palerang community between November and the following October each year.

► Learn more and nominate until 13 December at bit.ly/AUS-DAY-NOM



Shop and WIN

Shop & Win is back in Braidwood and Bungendore from 14 November with five chances to win a share of the \$10,000 prize pool per town!

To enter the draw, simply spend \$20 or more at a participating store to receive an entry ticket. Head to treasuretrail.com.au/win and enter your unique entry code to enter the draw.

There are prizes to be won until 12 December so shop local for your chance to win!

► Find all participating stores and Terms and Conditions at treasuretrail.com.au/win

YOUR NEW COUNCILLORS



Mayor
Cr Kenrick Winchester



Deputy Mayor
Cr Esma Livermore



Cr Bill Waterhouse



Cr Bryce Wilson



Cr John Preston



Cr Katrina Willis



Cr Mareeta Grundy



Cr Mark Schweikert



Cr Morgan Broadbent



Cr Ross Macdonald



Cr Steve Taskovski

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR, CR KENRICK WINCHESTER

I am humbled and honoured to have been re-elected Mayor of Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council and congratulations to Cr Esma Livermore who will resume her role as Deputy Mayor alongside me.

I am looking forward to continuing to work with my fellow councillors for our community.

CONTACT YOUR COUNCILLORS

Phone numbers and email addresses can be found at qprc.nsw.gov.au/councillors or follow the convention cr.firstname.lastname@qprc.nsw.gov.au



Christmas Day bin collection changes

Christmas Day falls on a Wednesday and the following changes to bin collections apply.

Make sure your bin is out the night before your collection.

Queanbeyan suburbs including Rural Googong areas, normally serviced on Wednesday, will be collected Tuesday 24 December.

Bungendore suburbs normally collected on Wednesday will be serviced on Thursday 26 December.

Make sure you pop the right things in your bin and enjoy the Christmas break.



Summer at the library

Our libraries have all kinds of events and activities planned for summer!

You can join in at regular programs like Baby Bounce, Storytime and Book Club or sign up for special school holiday activities in the new year.

Don't forget that you can access our online collection for free with the QPRC Library App or pop in to find new publications, DVDs, graphic novels and so much more at Braidwood, Bungendore or Queanbeyan.

There's something for everyone at the library!

► Learn more about our events at library.qprc.nsw.gov.au/whats-on



Vaccinate your pets

Vaccinating your animals is the best protection against disease.

Dogs can come into contact with viruses anywhere other dogs go - whether it's a dog park, a local cafe, or regular walking spots.

Making sure your dog is up-to-date protects them from deadly diseases like parvovirus.

You can check whether your dog is up to date with your vet and help keep your pet safe.

End of Year Financial Position

At the end of the 2023-24 financial year Council's overall position is in surplus, primarily due to the strong performance of our Water (\$4.1m surplus) and Sewer (\$10.9m surplus) funds.

This surplus is restricted for use on Water and Sewer projects like treatment plants, pump stations and water main replacement and repair. Council's General fund result is a deficit of \$8.2m, and Council's unrestricted cash position remains low but improving. This will continue to steadily improve due to the Special Rate Variation.

BUDGET FACTORS

Favourable variations

Favourable budget variations included higher than expected income from: environment compliance actions, additional grant funding for the Regional Roads program and the Regional Drought Resilience Planning program and approximately \$84m of contributed assets consisting of roads, stormwater, sewer and water network assets. Council benefitted from additional interest income earned on investments and the ability to capitalise borrowing costs associated with ongoing capital projects.

Unfavourable variations

Unfavourable budget variations included: a loss on asset disposal for infrastructure that was due to be replaced, increased depreciation expenses and delay experienced with the sale of Council properties.

The final Annual Financial Statements and the audit report are expected to be presented to Council in early November.

► You can find Council's budget review statements at bit.ly/QPRC-QBRS



Upcoming shows at The Q

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

ANH DO - THE HAPPIEST REFUGEE LIVE! | 7:30PM 20 NOVEMBER

Anh's show takes his bestselling novel a step further, combining stand-up comedy with real life stories and filmed pieces.

THE ITALIAN TENORS | 7:30PM 29 NOVEMBER

The trio are back with arias, beloved Neapolitan classics, and Popera.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM | 29 NOVEMBER - 15 DECEMBER

Enjoy A Midsummer Night's Dream under the open sky.

PAY WHAT YOU FEEL

CHRISTMAS AT THE B | 6:30PM 14 DECEMBER

A night of laughter and fundraising for Motor Neurone Disease NSW.

GARY PUCKETT AND THE UNION GAP | 8PM 5 FEBRUARY

A show that delivers the raw live-music sound of the sixties at its best.