



## Keep Watch

As the weather warms up keep an eye on young children around water.

Drowning is one of the leading causes of death in children 0-4 years of age. Data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics shows that drowning is the number one cause of death in one, two and three-year-old children (ABS 2019).

Whether it's at the pool, by the river or at the beach keep watch!

- For information and safety tips head to [royallifesaving.com.au](http://royallifesaving.com.au)



## The Voice Referendum

All Australian citizens aged 18 and over must vote in the referendum on Saturday 14 October.

Polling will be open between 8am and 6pm, and early voting is also available if you can't make it on the day.

Your vote will help make an important decision for Australia. Make sure to consider the source of what you see, hear, or read.

- For information about what the Voice will mean, go to [voice.gov.au](http://voice.gov.au)
- Learn about the referendum at [aec.gov.au](http://aec.gov.au)



## Water conservation measures

With the hot weather now upon us and a dry summer forecast, we need to be mindful of our water use.

In Queanbeyan, Googong and Jerrabomberra where water is supplied from ICON Water, permanent water conservation measures are always in place in line with those in Canberra. There are some more specific measures from 1 September to 31 May.

In Braidwood, Bungendore and Captains Flat, water conservation measures may be implemented if part of the local government area is drought-declared. We still encourage you to use these measures as tips for saving water.

The measures encourage things like washing vehicles on the lawn, using sprinklers only in the evening or hand watering gardens. Guidelines are on the website and include how the exterior of your home can be cleaned, and recommendations for dust suppression on worksites.

If you are in Googong, recycled water can be used to water gardens, lawns and washing cars but should not be used in pools, or in areas where children or animals might play in or drink it.

ICON Water also have specific guidelines around large water use (like filling pools) which can be found on our website.

- For a detailed list of tips head to [qprc.nsw.gov.au/water-restrictions](http://qprc.nsw.gov.au/water-restrictions)

## Work for Council

There are a wide range of roles available at Council and one might be perfect for you.

Working with Council allows you to make a positive impact on the communities you live in. You'll be working with a diverse group of people with all kinds of backgrounds and skills.

We also have Trainee and Cadet roles in a variety of areas.

- Head to [bit.ly/QPRC-Careers](http://bit.ly/QPRC-Careers) to see current roles and apply.



## Biodiversity Month Events

In September we held a series of events to celebrate Biodiversity Month.

We held two walks at Mount Jerrabomberra.

The first was for National Wattle Day which was a great opportunity for attendees to enjoy the fresh wattle blooms and hear from a knowledgeable local guide.

Our other walk focussed on the diverse native plants and animals that call the area home. Local experts shared their knowledge about the biodiversity in the area and how anyone can help preserve it.

We also held a Waterbug Survey at Turallo Creek in Bungendore which was a great opportunity to learn about the water quality in the area.

Thank you to everyone who came along!



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## Community Meetings

We hold community meetings twice a year in Braidwood, Bungendore and Queanbeyan.

These meetings are an opportunity to hear from Council and staff about a range of local projects and services and ask questions about issues that matter to you.

Join us from 6-8pm on:

- Monday 23 October - Multipurpose Hall at Bungendore Public School
  - Monday 30 October - Bicentennial Hall, Queanbeyan
  - Tuesday 31 October - Braidwood Servicemen's Club auditorium
- Register to attend at [qprc.nsw.gov.au/community-meetings](http://qprc.nsw.gov.au/community-meetings)



## Garage Sale Trail

Join Australia's biggest festival of pre-loved stuff this Spring!

The Garage Sale Trail is back this year and it's a fantastic opportunity to clear out your old things and reduce waste.

With tens of thousands of garage sales happening across Australia on 11-12 and 18-19 November, the Garage Sale Trail is a great chance to turn your stash into cash or shop epic stuff at retro prices.

With free registration, how-to guides and promotional resources, being part of the trail makes a garage sale easy!

- Register now at [garagesaletrail.com.au](http://garagesaletrail.com.au)

## Diwali Mela in Queanbeyan

Council is partnering with community groups to bring the Diwali Mela Lantern Festival to Queanbeyan on Saturday 18 November. Join the celebration from 6pm to 10pm at Queen Elizabeth II Park.

It's a free event and open to the whole community to come along and celebrate Diwali Mela, the Festival of Light. Enjoy cultural performances from different communities that celebrate Diwali along with delicious food, lots of singing, dancing, and of course lights.

Make sure to stay until the lantern parade around part of the Queanbeyan River lead by a giant handmade Diya lantern.

- Find out more about this fantastic event at [qprc.nsw.gov.au/events/diwali](http://qprc.nsw.gov.au/events/diwali)



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## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR, CR KENRICK WINCHESTER

In the last month progress was made on the Halfway Creek bridge which will connect the Bungendore Sports Hub with the village. Lovegrove playground in Googong received new softfall and works on the Queanbeyan Showground Pavilion continued. There were also some great community events in September including the Artisan Markets in Bungendore, Volunteering Expo in Queanbeyan and road safety events.

I encourage you to come along and meet with your local Councillors at our October community meetings. They are a great way to raise questions with staff and Councillors, as they are much more informal than a Council Meeting.

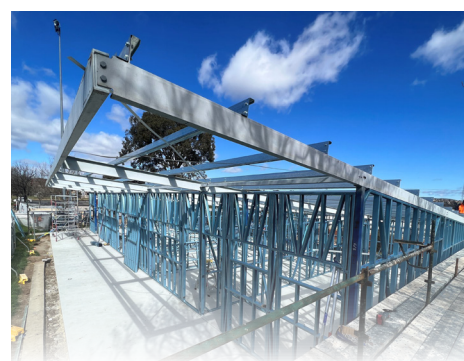


## Nerriga village upgrade

A series of grant funded upgrades have been underway in Nerriga. These include a new playground at the Nerriga rest area, along with a shelter, picnic furniture and BBQ, new footpaths, half tennis court basketball court, and upgraded car park.

The project was funded by the Australian Government under the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program and came in under budget.

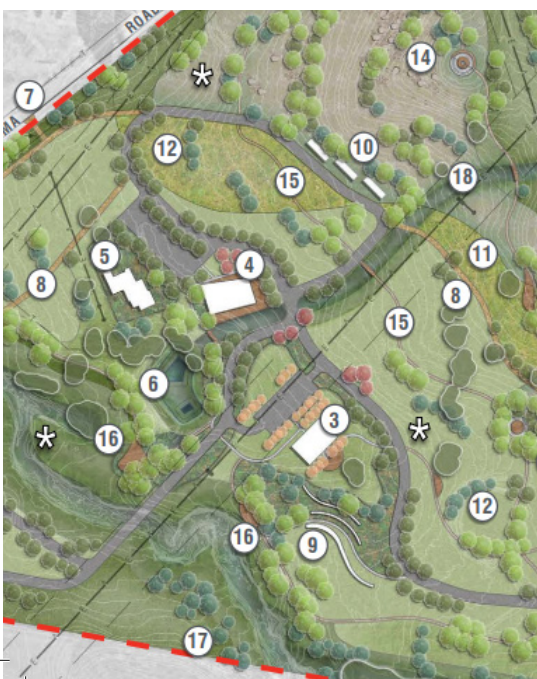
We are working with the Nerriga Progress and Sporting Association to spend the remaining funds.



## Wright Park Amenities

This amenities building is rapidly taking shape. The team storage area is complete along with the framing and rough in for services.

Solar panels and batteries have also been ordered which will be installed closer to lock-up.



## Memorial Garden Concept Plan

We want to hear your feedback on the Memorial Garden Concept Plan.

We have been planning a replacement for the Queanbeyan General Cemetery since 2009 and in 2017 we purchased the site at the corner of Old Cooma Road and Burra Road.

The Concept Design has been developed in response to a wide variety of reports and feedback from the community. We are now asking for feedback on the concept plan, including how we can make sure that the Memorial Garden is a welcoming space for people from all backgrounds.

Join us at our drop-in information session at the Googong Sales Centre on Thursday 12 October between 5:30-7:30pm to ask questions, see the plans, and share your ideas. You can also join our online session from 12pm on 25 October.

- Look at the plans and have your say until 31 October at [yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au/memorial-garden](http://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au/memorial-garden)

## Don't bag your recycling!

Whether they're food wrappers, bin liners, pet food bags or old shopping bags - plastic bags can't go in your recycling bins.

Plastic and biodegradable bags are a major contaminant in household recycling bins. Sometimes this is because people are bagging their recycling. Unfortunately bagging your recycling prevents it from being processed properly, so it can't be turned into new things. The contamination of soft plastics like plastic bags can even lead to an entire load of recycling being sent to landfill or your bin not being picked up!

Recycling in plastic or biodegradable bags cannot be sorted at Material Recovery Facilities because:

- plastic bags can damage equipment by getting caught in the machines
- it's a risk to sorting staff who can't see the contents of the bags and whether there are sharp objects

### Items that should NOT go in our recycling:

- ✗ soft plastic
- ✗ styrofoam
- ✗ plastic plant pots
- ✗ anything smaller than a credit card

For more information and to make sure the right things are going in your bins:

- Check the sticker on your bin, download the **QPRC Waste Info App** or head to our website [qprc.nsw.gov.au/waste](http://qprc.nsw.gov.au/waste)



## Queanbeyan Civic and Cultural Precinct

The Queanbeyan Civic and Cultural Precinct is almost complete and at the time of writing, we expect our new Customer Service Counter and Library to open in November.

By this time we anticipate the Lowe Street Car Park and basement car park to be available to the public, improving access to our services and shows at The Q (and Bicentennial Hall).

The top three floors will be leased to tenants who will move in once their fit-out is complete. Two areas on the ground floor will also be leased.

## Upcoming shows at The Q

### OKLAHOMA! | 13 - 29 OCTOBER

A beloved Broadway classic, this show follows the complicated romance between Laurey, from a farming family, and the cowboy Curly.

### COAL MINER'S DAUGHTER | 28 OCTOBER

The Multi-award winning Amber Joy Poulton is bringing Coal Miner's Daughter - the hits of inspirational superstar Loretta Lynn to Queanbeyan.

### UNDER THE INFLUENCE | 3 - 4 NOVEMBER

This bittersweet cabaret, delves into the formative elements of Mikelangelo's life, from his years as a Croatian-Australian boy growing up in Canberra to a performer and writer.

### GARRY STARR PERFORMS EVERYTHING | 9 NOVEMBER

Back by popular demand, disgraced actor Garry Starr will once again defy his critics by performing every style of theatre imaginable.

### A SALUTE TO ROY ORBISON & THE EVERLY BROTHERS | 10 NOVEMBER

Internationally renowned artist John Stephan returns to Queanbeyan to pay homage to Roy Orbison, and celebrate The Everly Brothers.

### MUSIC OF THE NIGHT | 12 NOVEMBER

Internationally acclaimed vocalist Joey Fimmano returns to Queanbeyan with his wonderful Celebration of Musicals.

### DEAR AUGUST | 18 NOVEMBER

Multi award winning artist Darren Coggan returns to Queanbeyan with his talented daughter, Olivia, for a very special heart-warming performance.

### TRICERATOP | 24 NOVEMBER

This romp tells the story of the last days of the doomed Cretaceous Civilization asking: ARE THERE EVEN ANY (tricera)TOPS LEFT ANYMORE?!



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