

Share the **Dignity**

There are now three Share the Dignity vending machines in Queanbeyan Palerana.

These machines provide free sanitary products to anyone who may need them.

The machines are supplied by Share the Dignity and each machine is programmed with a delivery delay of 10 minutes to ensure no period packs are wasted.

There are currently two machines in Queanbeyan and one in Braidwood.

Read more at bit.ly/STD-VM



for our eNewsletter

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Science Week at the library

Our Libraries celebrated National Science Week on Saturday 12 August with two fun-filled programs.

At our first session budding palaeontologists learned how fossils are formed, and analysed dinosaur specimens they dug out of sand. The second session had some super sleuths working in groups to find clues and collect evidence using fingerprinting, blood typing, and DNA comparisons.

Thanks to everyone who came along and gave us such great feedback about the programs.



Download the QPRC Waste App!

Set bin reminders, fill out forms and check what can go in your bins all in one place!



Wright Park

The new Wright Park amenities block is taking shape, with the block wall foundations complete.

Construction of the steel frame of the building began in August and the building is on track to be finished in November.

Sports user groups currently have use of onsite temporary storage which will continue to be used until the building is complete.

Bungendore **Artisan Market**

Join us for our Spring Artisan market.

On Saturday 23 September Ellendon Street will come alive from 10am to 2pm, with loads of vendors, free face painting for the kids and live music to add to the atmosphere.

There will be amazing local products available including gifts, décor and so much more.



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Jerrabomberra Pump Track

We are working with the community and our contractor, Common Ground, to build a pump track in Jerrabomberra.

Common Ground are an award-winning team who have lots of experience in pump track design and construction. We held a drop-in session to chat with residents about the project in August. It explored the possible locations for the site and the design ideas for the track and park - which could include seating, a barbecue and shade structure.

Once we have gathered more feedback from the community Common Ground will develop a detailed design. This project is funded by the NSW Government's Regional Youth Investment Program.

 Have your say until 13 September at yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au/jerrabomberra-pump-track



The Arts Trail

The Queanbeyan-Palerang Arts Trail showcases the incredible artisans, makers, studios and galleries that call our region home.

The trail is on in:

Braidwood - 30 September and 1 October

Bungendore - 7 and 8 October

Queanbeyan – 14 and 15 October

Follow the trail through a variety of art galleries and artist studios. Meet the makers and experience the wealth of talent and creativity in the region, including ceramics, glassworks, textiles, and much, much more.

Find out what's in store for each weekend at treasuretrail.com.au/arts

Queanbeyan Showground **Pavilion**

Our contractor, Rice Construction, has begun work on the new pavilion at the Queanbeyan Showground.

This purpose built structure will be used at a variety of future events and improve amenity at the site. It is expected to be completed early in 2024.

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







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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR, CR KENRICK WINCHESTER

In late-July our Bungendore Customer Service Centre moved into 13 Gibraltar Street and the team are available from 8:30am-4:30pm Monday to Friday.

Work is continuing on the Bungendore Sports Hub, and the plan is to have the fields ready for the next winter season, including the Halfway Creek bridge to access the site, and the final shotcreting work on Araluen Road is expected to be completed this month.

As this is being written, we are heading into finals periods in our local winter sporting seasons, I'd like to wish all the Queanbeyan-Palerang teams good luck.



Waterbug Survey at Turallo Creek

We are hosting a Waterbug Survey on Sunday 24 September to celebrate Biodiversity Month

Biodiversity Month promotes connecting with nature and caring for all life on earth - animals, plants, and other organisms.

Join our Sustainability Team at Turallo Creek in Bungendore. You'll help conduct waterbug surveys while learning about our river ecosystems. Aquatic macroinvertebrates (waterbugs) are very important – they can show how healthy a watercourse is, and help identify issues with water quality. They also provide excellent food for fish, birds, frogs, and platypus!

Please wear long clothing, sun protection and enclosed shoes.

For more information head to **aprc.nsw.gov.au/events**

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Tree Day

plantings

On 30 July more than 150 volunteers joined us to plant, guard and mulch over 350 trees.

Queanbeyan Landcare helped us organise this mammoth planting for National Tree Day.

You can see their fantastic work any the many trees - at Barracks Flat Reserve in Queanbeyan.

We have some upcoming planting days planned for later this month in Braidwood. Details will be available on our website and Facebook page.

Upcoming shows at

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MONTY PYTHONS SPAMALOT | 12-30 SEPTEMBER

The Monty Python comedy classic has been adapted into an hilariously entertaining musical that will have you laughing until your sides hurt.

ONE NIGHT IN MEMPHIS | 15 SEPTEMBER

Showcasing the greatest Rock n Roll songs of the 1950s & 1960s, this tribute show brings together three of the world's greatest performers Elvis Presley, Roy Orbison and Johnny Cash.

THE BEANIES EGG-STRAORDINARY DAY | 7 OCTOBER (for kids!)

As seen on ABC Kids TV! The Beanies sing, dance and laugh in their giant box fort. But little do they know they're about to face their biggest challenge ever – BABYSITTING...or should we say "egg-sitting".

OKLAHOMA! | 13 - 29 OCTOBER

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



Volunteering **Expo**

Are you looking to give back to your community, have some time on your hands or want to make new friends?

The Volunteering Expo is the perfect opportunity to chat with all kinds of organisations and learn about volunteering opportunities in our community.

It is a FREE event, with live music and a

It's on Sunday 17 September from 10am - 3pm at Bicentennial Hall in Queanbeyan.

Read more at aprc.nsw.gov.au/events

YourVoice



Kids Photo Competition

We are running a photography competition for school age children in our region. **Picture This ... Spring in QPRC** is about capturing what the season means to young people who live here.

Sponsored by the Bendigo Community Bank, the best photo in each category will be awarded a \$500 bank account. There is also a People's Choice award.

The People's Choice award will be open to the general public to vote on at the Bungendore Artisan Market on Saturday 23 September.

Enter your photos until 18 September at bit.ly/QPRC-PTS



Environmental UpgradeFinance

Many businesses in Queanbeyan Palerang are now eligible for Environmental Upgrade Finance!

This program helps local businesses improve the sustainability of their buildings though projects like installing solar systems, replacing inefficient fixtures, or adding EV charging stations.

Environmental Upgrade Finance is a unique loan agreement that allows repayments to be made alongside your council rates. Many of these upgrades save you money because repayments are often less than your savings!

Read more about eligibility and apply for Environmental Upgrade Finance at bit.ly/QPRCEUF



Shade Sails

Each year we set aside some of our operational budget to provide shade in playgrounds all over our region.

This year we installed a new shade sail over Ernie Beaver Park in Queanbevan West.

We will also install shade sails at Gracelands Park in Queanbeyan East, David Madew Memorial Park in Jerrabomberra and the playground in Nerriaa.



Heritage Grants

Each year Council offers Heritage Grants with the support of the NSW Heritage Office.

These grants help residents complete works to preserve their heritage buildings and applications are open until Monday 30 October.

Read the grant guidelines and apply now at **bit.ly/MSUF-21**

Pensioner **Rebate**

If you aren't sure if the rebate was applied to your current notice please give us a call or fill in the form on our website.

Learn more at bit.ly/QPRC-PRF