



Disaster Recovery Funding

Late last year areas near Braidwood received more than 250ml of rain in three hours during the Boxing Day flood event.

The downpour opened a gully 3m deep and 15m long on Cooma Road near Witts Creek, destabilised abutments on nearby bridges, and damaged culverts on Hereford Hall Road.

While we were able to complete emergency works to reopen roads at the time, we required further funding to make long-term repairs.

In March the Boxing Day storm event was declared eligible for Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

The DRFA is jointly funded between the Australian and NSW governments, and provides financial assistance with disaster recovery costs.

The financial assistance helps Council with the costs of restoring essential public assets like roads and bridges and allows us to engage contractors to assess the damage and undertake the work.

► Further information on disaster assistance can be found at disasterassist.gov.au



Queanbeyan pickleball

The Queanbeyan Park Tennis Club recently upgraded the East Queanbeyan courts on Waniassa Street.

As part of the upgrade the tennis courts were resurfaced and pickleball courts were installed along with lights for night play.

The upgrade works were primarily funded by a \$531,128 grant from the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund.

► Learn more at play.tennis.com.au/QueanbeyanParkCampbell



Halfway Creek Road

At the time of writing Halfway Creek Road is expected to be complete by the end of April.

This link road that extends from Malbon Street to the Bungendore Sports Hub includes Halfway Creek bridge which was installed last year.

Finishing touches to the bridge including a handrail and line marking are expected to be completed during April.

Oallen Road rehab

We will be rehabilitating 7.6km of Oallen Road in two sections.

The project involves widening and stabilising the pavement, line marking and installing guardrails.

This project is funded by \$3m from the NSW Government's Fixing Local Roads program and \$150,000 from Council.

Geotechnical investigations are expected to be completed in May. Construction is expected to start in early August and be completed in October 2024.



Local election

QPRC will hold a Local Government Election on Saturday 14 September 2024.

Are you interested in becoming a candidate in this year's local government election?

Councillors represent their local community's needs, wants and aspirations and make important decisions on behalf of their local community.

Every four years you have the opportunity to become a candidate who reflects the diverse community you serve.

► Learn more about becoming a councillor at qprc.nsw.gov.au/candidate-info



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Community Meetings

We are holding three community meetings in May where residents can hear about projects and ask questions about topics that matter to you.

The Mayor, councillors, our General Manager and other staff will be at the meetings so you can ask your questions of the right people and meet your representatives.

Join us from 6-8pm on:

- Thursday 16 May at the Braidwood Servicemens Club auditorium
- Tuesday 21 May, at the Queanbeyan Council Chambers
- Thursday 23 May at the Bungendore Multipurpose Hall in Bungendore Public School

► Learn more and register to attend at qprc.nsw.gov.au/events

Bungendore Pool open next summer

We have accepted the NSW Department of Education's offer to extend the lease of the Bungendore Pool until 31 March 2025.

This means that the existing Bungendore pool will reopen next summer before the area is redeveloped by the Department of Education.

We hope to be able to progress the new Bungendore Pool project at the Bungendore Sports Hub to the construction contract phase by November 2024.



Honeysuckle Creek bridge replacement

Council is replacing the Honeysuckle Creek Bridge on Majors Creek Road later this year. This project is funded by the Australian Government's Bridges Renewal Program.

We expect the bridge components to arrive in July and are seeking quotes and tender responses for installing the bridge, and associated landscaping and drainage.

As part of the project, there will also be some upgrades to Monga Lane, which will serve as a detour. This will include a grade and re-sheet, removing some trees, as well as some widening and culvert work.

► Learn more at qprc.nsw.gov.au/major-works-project



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This newsletter was printed and expected to be delivered in late-April to early-May.



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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR, CR KENRICK WINCHESTER

Later this month our integrated planning and reporting documents will be put on exhibition and I really encourage you to have a read.

These documents plan out the coming year and outline the budget, the projects we will work on and the programs we will offer. You can share your feedback on the plans online via your voice, in writing or by email.

Good luck to all local sporting clubs commencing their winter competitions, in particular the Queanbeyan Tigers as they embark on their 100th season.



Frogs Hollow update

Frogs Hollow in Bungendore will be upgraded as a passive recreation space.

The first stage of work includes a car park, barbecue and shelter area, bins, water refill station, seating, pedestrian paths, and tree planting.

A contractor has been selected for concreting and installation of park furniture and we expect this to begin soon after power and water are introduced to the site.

We will need further funding for future stages that may include public toilets, a nature playground, paths, and a footbridge.

This project is funded by is \$307,000 from section 7.11 developer contributions.

- Take a look at the plans and learn more at bit.ly/frogs-hollow



Christmas in July

The Christmas in July Markets are on Saturday 6 July from 9am-3pm and we are looking for vendors selling gifts, goodies, food and more.

- Learn more and apply at qprc.nsw.gov.au/christmas-in-july-24



Kerbside collection

Use our online booking system for your next kerbside clean up.

The program is available in some urban areas of Braidwood, Bungendore, Captains Flat and Queanbeyan which have a three-bin kerbside collection service.

- Learn more and book at qprc.nsw.gov.au/your-kerbside-clean-up



Waterwise rebates

Did you know you could be eligible for rebates on rainwater tank installations, or subsidies to replace inefficient toilet cisterns?

Home owners in Braidwood, Bungendore, Captains Flat and Queanbeyan who are connected to town water can apply for a free Waterwise Home Audit on our website. This audit tests water pressure, checks for leaks, and can provide professional advice on your plumbing. Once this is complete you may be eligible for the Retrofit Toilet Subsidy, to reduce water use.

We also have a Rainwater Tank Subsidy designed to encourage more people to install rainwater tanks and connect them to their garden, laundry or toilets.

- Learn more and apply at bit.ly/qprcwaterwise

Your Voice

Ask questions.
Answer surveys.
Make submissions.

Whether it's a policy, proposal, project or something else - have your say at yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au

Pruning urban trees?

Trees in urban areas, including in backyards, help keep our residential areas cooler, improve the streetscape and form important habitat for native species. They are also protected by legislation and regional control plans.

If you want to remove or prune urban trees on your property there are a few different things you need to do. Start by speaking to your neighbour if the tree is on a boundary, then check the controls that apply to where you live and submit an application for the work. If you want to remove a tree, there will need to be a detailed report to support the removal. You can find information about required reports on our website.

- Find relevant controls for your area and submit an application at bit.ly/qprc-urbantrees

If you live in a heritage zone you also need a minor works approval to make changes to a tree. Many residential areas of Braidwood may need this kind of approval. This is a simple application that can also be completed on our website.

- Find the Minor Heritage Works Application form at bit.ly/qprc-minorworks

For more information about pruning or removing trees in urban area, email your questions to council@qprc.nsw.gov.au or call us on **1300 735 025**

Upcoming shows at The Q

A TASTE OF IRELAND | 7:30PM 10 MAY

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

WHALEBONE | 11 MAY **for kids!**

Step into the magical world of the 'Depository', a mysterious agency that safeguards human memories. A fantastical realm where tech meets tale.

THE TROJAN WAR | 14-15 MAY

It's a classic tale of gods and heroes that playfully explores the chaos of our times. An explosive, hilarious and interactive performance.

HOME IN QUEANBEYAN MOVIE NIGHT | 6PM 17 MAY

Enjoy a fundraising evening while watching The Miracle Club, alongside a silent auction, dinner, and drinks.

IN GOOD COMPANY | 8PM 24 MAY

Two of Australia's most lauded performers, Darren Coggan and Damien Leith, are back on stage and in good company.

CHOIRBOYS: RUN TO PARADISE | 8PM 25 MAY

Part story, part song this show chronicles some of the wildest, most risqué, outrageous, and hilarious stories of Australian Rock. **R18+**

THE EAGLES STORY | 8PM 1 JUNE

A celebration of the iconic American rock band, The Eagles.

HIGHWAY OF LOST HEARTS | 6-7 JUNE

A regional story of a woman, a dog, a campervan and 4,500kms of road.

THE WILL TO BE | 13-14 JUNE

An award-winning solo show, laced with the words of Shakespeare.



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



World Environment Day

World Environment Day is on 5 June and this year the theme is Land Restoration, Desertification & Drought Resilience.

We are celebrating with a range of activities in our region between 1-5 June.

These events include a tree planting in Bungendore, an educational walk in Queanbeyan, a networking afternoon and more!

We will also be holding an art competition for k-6 students where they can create artwork that expresses what our native environment means to them.

- Learn more at qprc.nsw.gov.au/wed