

QPRC Response to BCA submission on 2020-21 Operational Plan and Fees and Charges

Summary of submission: The Braidwood Community Association conducted a survey, with members asked to rank their top three priority projects for 2020-21. From the 56 individuals who completed the survey, the outcome was:

Priority	Staff Response	Staff recommendation
1. Greater resilience and sustainability in Braidwood and surrounding villages' infrastructure	Following the severe water restrictions imposed on Braidwood residents, Council resolved to investigate options to increase the Braidwood water supply. During the dry period, we did some initial background work looking at alternative groundwater supplies without finding anything suitable. This type of work does take some time and considerable investigation, and Council will continue to look at the security of water for Braidwood. In regards to affordable housing, this is something that should be raised with the State Government	
2. Heritage protection of our natural and built environment	Over the past 20 years there has been a trend towards the state government reducing the amount of funding available for heritage grants and for heritage advice. Council however, continues to run the annual local heritage grant program which includes a portion of state funding and now include a special heritage grant fund (fully funded by Council) for larger projects. Last year four projects in Braidwood were successful in receiving funding of over \$25,000, with individual amounts ranging from \$14,700 to \$1000 for civic and residential buildings restoration and maintenance works. The grant programs will continue for next financial year. A heritage advisor also continues to provide advice in relation to sites at Braidwood. Council also continues to explore other avenues of heritage support for Braidwood. The issues relating to the heritage protection, tourism and the application of heritage guidelines are relevant for the Local Strategic Planning Statement and will be addressed as part of the submission review for that project.	
3. More footpaths and bike paths within town	Council notes the oversight and will allocate funds to the path on Wilson St between Wallace St and the multi-purpose centre.	Include \$80,000 in funding for the construction of a footpath on Wilson St, Braidwood between Wallace St and the Multipurpose Centre

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4. Bike path and footpath around outskirts of Braidwood	This is noted and following progression of the projects within the Braidwood PAMPs staff will look to identify proposed routes for this.	
5. Youth Performing Arts Centre	Stage 2 of the project at the current Braidwood administration building will look at restoring the upstairs area into a cultural/community facility. Planning for this has not yet commenced, however it is included in the 2020-21 budget, reliant on grant funding	
6. Swimming pool refurbishment	Funding has now been received and the project will be included in the final Operational Plan	Include \$1m project for Braidwood Pool in the Operational Plan (grant funded)
7. Footbridge over Monkittee Creek	Addition of guard rail at this location will effectively make the footpath at this location unusable without providing any additional safety benefits. Guard rail is designed to deflect with clearzones behind a rail required to be app 1.2m. If lighter duty handrail were to be installed it could become a projectile in the case of an accident. Council will approach the road authority to seek further funding opportunities	
8. After-school care centre	Staff from Council's Community Choice portfolio have discussed this matter with residents in the past. However further consideration is required with the Department of Education and other key stakeholders.	
9. Skate Park at the Rec Ground	The detailed design is almost complete and grant funding grant funding will be sought for the construction in two stages, Stage one being complete piping of the creek at this location and stage two build the skate park.	
10. Security lights in North Ryrie Park playground	Urban Landscapes are current sourcing an appropriate light	
11. Re-development of D&S Motors site and the Council Depot	The community will be involved in decisions that are made with regarding to the proposed carpark site.	
12. Bubbler and water refill station in North Ryrie Park	This has already been ordered and will be installed soon	
13. Maintain library services	Council does not have any intention on changing library services in Braidwood, in fact the linking of the Braidwood customer centre and Library has the potential to increase opening hours.	
14. Lascelles Street improvements	Works are scheduled to commence in mid-2020	

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Request for Delivery Program update to be published on the QPRC website, alongside QPRC Annual Report	The Delivery Program update will be added to the website and future reports will be uploaded as presented to Council.	