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Responses to BCA Committee Meeting 9 Oct Questions:

1. Rural Road Maintenance:

- a. Has the promised 3rd rural road maintenance team been formed?

Answer:

- We are establishing two new road maintenance crews (Grading Team and General Maintenance Team) expected to start Jan 2025.
- Main target activities will be unsealed road grading, sealed road shoulder grading, gravel patching, drainage cleaning and roadside vegetation cleaning.
- In the meantime, we will engage wet-hire contractor (plant and people) to undertake targeted activities including sealed road shoulder grading works for upcoming road reseals and stabilisation works.

- b. Will this result in a revised road grading schedule?

Answer:

- There will not be a change to the schedule, however we will improve efficiencies for unsealed road grading works. For example, in the last financial year (23/24) we completed approx. 600km of road grading works due to combination of significant wet events (about 100 days) and resource capacity constraints. However, our target is to achieve 750km with the additional crews as well as other road maintenance activities and priorities.

2. What is the latest update on plans for the Nerriga Road to be completed? There was a \$10m grant announced from the State Govt for the completion of this road. Is that funding available yet? How will it be spent?

Answer:

- Over 11,200m² or 1.2km has already been completed from work program. For the remainder
- Design 90% complete. Draft REF has been submitted.
- Land acquisition and Telstra relocation underway.
- Road construction works expected to start in early Dec 2024.
- The project scheduled to be completed by June 2026. The \$10M election commitment fund has been approved.

When will the review of the Queanbeyan and Palerang IWCM Plans be completed? We were told that it was due in 2023-24 so it is now well overdue.

Answer:

- The Palerang IWCM was adopted by Council in February 2019. The Queanbeyan IWCM was adopted by Council in June 2024.
- Options for a “harmonised” IWCM proposal is intended to be considered by Council by June 2025.

4. You are probably aware that the Palerang Water Access charge was increased by 15.6% in the 2024-25 budget. This was strongly opposed by the BCA. Will this decision be reviewed before the Operational Plan for 2025-26 is developed? I have attached the BCA's written submission on this, presented to Council for their meeting on June 26th 2024.

Answer:

- As above, review of charges, tariffs, rates is expected to form part of the financial modelling and options for a “harmonised” IWCM proposal, rather than considered as a stand-alone 2025-26 operational plan review, unless otherwise resolved by Council.

Responses to Priorities Survey Results:

Issue / Project	Weighted Average	Resp.	Comment
Better maintenance of rural roads – including fully meeting the maintenance schedule for unsealed roads and better communication of the grading schedule.	4.35	Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted. Additional maintenance crews to better resource our rural road maintenance activities including resheeting, grading, drainage cleaning etc. Noted. Plans to improve communication and community updates on progress (completed, work in hand, work in view).
Long-term strategic plan for Braidwood - eg locations of future housing and industrial development, rezoning, possible bypass/ring road, social housing, commitment to heritage protection and beautification, tourism development etc.	3.89	TBC	Update by others
Securing Braidwood's water supply - QPRC is undertaking a review of water security for Braidwood, which may consider additional source / storage options.	3.78	Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted. Review of non-revenue water (NRW) to address demand will coincide via rollout of smart meters.
Harmonisation of water and sewerage charges across QPRC. Overall Braidwood charges are significantly higher than those charged in Queanbeyan. In 2024-25 they will be \$676 higher.	3.66	Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted. Refer Q3 & Q4 above.
Environmental enhancement - eg. more tree planting for shade within town and along roads, protection of significant trees, management of creeks to improve public access, and encourage birdwatching and platypus viewing.	3.65	TBC	Update by others
Community Transport – Council to investigate ways to provide or facilitate community transport for medical appointments and outings as done by other LGAs.	3.62	TBC	Update by others
Covered and heated swimming pool – while the pool and changing facilities have been upgraded, covering and heating the pool will extend the length of the swimming season and the use of the pool.	3.57	TBC	Update by others
More affordable rental housing in Braidwood. With increasing house prices there is a real need for a supply of appropriate affordable rental housing.	3.57	TBC	Update by others
Preservation of Braidwood's heritage - More funding to maintain heritage buildings. Better consultation and	3.55	TBC	Update by others

communication with Braidwood residents in line with the recommendations of the GML reports on the management of the State Heritage Listing of Braidwood and its Setting.			
More off-street car parking - QPRC to commence a small car park behind D&S Motors and expand it when their Works Depot is relocated.	3.29	Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted. Small carpark at the back of 88 Wallace St is in planning phase.
Traffic calming of key side streets throughout the town (eg. speed humps and review of speed limits) including the known hotspots of McKellar, Elrington, Wilson and Monkittee streets.	3.26	Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted. Specific areas or locations to be identified for review.
Completion of all high priority paths in the Braidwood Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Plan. Current works outstanding include a priority path and 2 refuge islands. The Plan is to be reviewed and will add new priority paths.	3.19	Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted. The Braidwood Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Plan is work in progress and will include community consultation to confirm priorities.
Development of a shared path around Braidwood. While sections of this could be completed during the next Council term, completion of the overall path would take longer.	3.09	Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted. As above.
Truck and RV Parking – need for designated parking areas and signage.	3.03	TBC	Update by others
Facilitate the development of a caravan park for Braidwood.	2.86	TBC	Update by others
Develop cycling infrastructure to make the region a cycling destination (eg. mountain bike trails, signage).	2.71	TBC	Update by others
Enclosed off-lead dog park – there are many dog owners who would like to see the provision of an enclosed off-lead dog park separating large from small dogs to allow dogs to exercise in safety.	2.55	TBC	Update by others
Regulating short-term holiday rentals and capping the number of days per year that can be booked.	2.35	TBC	Update by others

Transport Update:

- DRFA (Disaster Recovery Funding Agreement) projects approved:

Event	Event Date	Damage Number	Road	Works	Total \$
1034	Aug-22	DM00552	Butmaroo Road (Firetrail)	Repair scour damage, restore formation of the road and gravel washing at site.	\$ 182,408.80
1012	Mar-22	DM00533	Araluen Street	Repair scour damage.	\$ 2,419.20
1012	Mar-22	DM00503	Hill Street	Repair the embankment failure	\$ 29,716.96
923	Aug-20	DM00418	Sandholes Road - SITE 1	Repair culverts.	\$ 60,000.00
		DM00418	Sandholes Road - SITE 2	Repair Culvert	\$ 600,000.00
1012	Mar-22	DM00525	Cooma Road	Repair shoulder damage, repair table drain damage, repair drainage damage	\$ 112,819.84
				Traff Control for Drainage	
				Grade	
1012	Mar-22	DM00539	Harts Road	Repair table drain damage, repair drain damage	\$ 39,346.48
				Grade	
1012	Mar-22	DM00528	Hereford Hall Road	repair table drain erosion & patch gravel, debris removal	\$ 11,443.13
1012	Mar-22	DM00520	Stoney Ridge Road	repair road damage surface tidy up gravel patching	\$ 12,119.84
				Heavy maintenance grade - \$5k added to estimate dated 1/7/2022	
1012	Mar-22	DM00522	Wyanbene Road	repair table drain erosion & road cross gutters	\$ 16,973.15
1012	Mar-22	DM00550	Webbs Road	repair damage to scours	\$ 5,735.52
1100	Dec-23	DM00562	Stoney Creek Bridge - Cooma Road	Abutment Repairs	
923	Aug-20	DM00424	Berlang Forest Road	Gravel resheet	\$ 80,000.00
923	Aug-20	DM00423	Berlang Forest Road	Repair culverts	\$ 58,569.00
960	Mar-21	DM00466	Nerriga Road	Repair shoulder with shotcrete and replace gravel placement.	\$ 63,337.50
923	Aug-20	DP00050	Farringdon Road	Replace damaged slaps with reinforced concrete	\$ 260,000.00
1012	Mar-22	DM00532	Araluen Road	Replacement of material repair of cross gutters and rock rip	\$ 49,210.57
1012	Mar-22	DM00526	Cooma Road	repair western side fix the embankment erosion,	\$ 29,736.00
1012	Mar-22	DM00536	Corang Post Office Road	restore Table drain erosion & repair scour damage, replace gravel loss, repair drain damage	\$ 26,089.79

1012	Mar-22	DM00529	Hereford Hall Road	removal of debris & and repair culvert outlet scour	\$ 82,561.92
1012	Mar-22	DM00531	Larbert Road	repair the damaged concrete causeway	\$ 10,413.00
1012	Mar-22	DM00530	Larbert Road	Repair table drain erosion, repair causeway damage & embankment slip, gravel patching.	\$ 113,660.00
1012	Mar-22	DM00541	Little Bombay Road	repair scour damage, replace pipes fix headwall damage	\$ 71,919.81
1012	Mar-22	DM00509	Little River Road	removal of and clean out debris under the bridge structure	\$ 13,473.60
1012	Mar-22	DM00510	Majors Creek Road	reinforce the embankment washed	\$ 46,972.35
1012	Mar-22	DM00513	Oallen Road	replace soil for table drain erosion, removal of debris in bridge and culverts	\$ 127,504.16
1012	Mar-22	DM00543	Nerriga Road	repair abutment scour damage	\$ 13,737.92
1012	Mar-22	DM00517	Reservoir Lane	Gravel patching, removal of debris in mitre drain, table drain scour repair	\$ 21,719.07
1012	Mar-22	DM00518	Sandholes Road	repair damage to rock scour and gravel patching where it has washed away.	\$ 36,496.71
1012	Mar-22	DM00544	Sawyers Ridge Road	Remove the debris in culvert	\$ 8,677.76
1012	Mar-22	DM00545	Stewarts Crossing Road	repair table drain damage, remove drain debris	\$ 17,825.31
1012	Mar-22	DM00547	Tallaganda Road	Repair Scour damage	\$ 21,621.57
1012	Mar-22	DM00548	Tally Ho Road	repair damage & replace gravel	\$ 65,971.00
1012	Mar-22	DM00549	Tudor Valley Road	replace gravel & new culvert installation	\$ 10,114.65
1034	Sep-22	DM00557	Harolds Cross Road	Loss of gravel at site	\$ 8,827.84
1034	Sep-22	DM00559	Farringdon Road	Gravel loss over causeway, debris in culvert, table drain erosion	\$ 8,288.00
1034	Sep-22	DM00560	Farringdon Road	Restore culvert outlet	\$ 45,816.96

• **Road Construction projects commencing 2024/25 FY:**

Scope	Location/Section	Start	Finish	\$ Value
Nerriga Rd Upgrade	Widen and seal 4.7km of unsealed sections (100% seal)	Feb 2025	Dec 2026	\$13m (\$10m election commitment)
Tarago Rd Renewal	Rehab and widen 1.5km plus 2 large patches	Feb 2025	Jun 2026	\$2.1m (\$3m election commitment)
RERRF Upgrades	Rehab and widen Captains Flat , Cooma Rd, Nerriga Rd – approx. 10km seal	Feb 2025	Jun 2026	\$4.5m (\$5.9m to 7m RERRF grant)
RMCC Upgrades	Overlay and rehab (Kings Hwy seg830 1km, Goulburn Rd seg150 1.5km)	Oct 2024	May 2025	\$3.3m (\$3.3m RMCC Works Order)

Road Maintenance priorities for 2024/25 FY:

- Guardrail repairs on Araluen mountain and Braidwood township
- Linemarking works on Little River Rd.
- Heavy patching works on Araluen Rd.
- Kerb and guttering, and footpath repairs in Braidwood township.
- Mulching and tree trimming on Nerriga Rd, Budawang Rd and Little River Rd.
- Maintenance grading plans for November (noting some roads may change) – Neringla Rd, Majors Creek Mountain Rd, Cawthorne’s Lane, Peters St, Wallace’s Gap Rd.
- Shoulder grading and drainage works for upcoming stabilisation.
- Potential resheets for Columbo Rd and Tudor valley Rd.

Other Projects & Activities:

- Braidwood Pool Access and Carpark Upgrade: Constructing two new disabled parking spaces in the carpark and accessible paths between the carpark and pool and public toilets. Construction has been awarded, completion due December 24.
- Jembaicumbene Bridge Replacements x3: removing 3 timber bridges and constructing new concrete bridges to also provide 1%AEP flood immunity. Design and Construction award imminent. Construction completion due by end of June 25.
- Braidwood Carpark and 88 Wallace St Renewal: Provide long stay parking to free up on-street parking for regular turnover of customers/visitors.
- Mulloon RFS Shed: Extension of existing RFS shed to accommodate two more fire trucks and associated amenities. Construction completion imminent.
- Continued rollout of NBIOT meters (integral to understanding Non-Revenue Water challenge for Braidwood).
- Waste Strategy Review 2025, noting indicative schedule as follows with first community consultation late November 2024:

Table 3: Project Schedule

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