



# BRAIDWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Braidwood Community Association (BCA) is conducting a survey of all interested local residents. We want to know which issues are of most concern to our community, and what major projects you would like the NSW government to pursue during the next term of government (election in March 2023).

Only the top-rated issues and projects (5-7) will put forward as our priorities. All candidates will then be invited to commit to pursuing these priorities should they be elected. The candidates' responses will then be made public, and it will be up to each individual voter to decide which of the candidates best reflect their personal needs and desires. A similar exercise was done for the Council elections.

The information you provide will be kept in confidence and only aggregated data released.

## 1. Personal Details (optional)?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Are you a full-time or part-time resident?

Full time  Part time

## 3. Do you live in Braidwood, a surrounding village or on a rural property?

Town  Village  Rural

**Issues (please rate each issue from very low to high importance from your personal perspective).  
Score very low as 1, low as 2, medium as 3, high as 4 and very high as 5**

Issue	Score
<b>Significant increase in the repair and maintenance of rural roads.</b> There needs to be a step change in the amount of funding by the NSW government to reverse this deterioration in the state of rural roads, particularly those maintained by Councils. (Note: NSW government recently announced \$500m to tackle flood-damaged roads throughout the state, with the estimated cost at \$2.5b).	
<b>Environmental enhancement.</b> Funding for local environmental programs (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).	
<b>Preservation of Braidwood's heritage.</b> More funding by the NSW government to maintain Braidwood's heritage buildings. Full, consistent and transparent application of the heritage controls by Heritage NSW.	
<b>Alleviation of cost-of-living pressures.</b> Given the sharp rise in the cost-of-living pressures, the NSW government needs to propose more innovative solutions to assist people in need.	
<b>More affordable housing in Braidwood.</b> There is a shortage of accommodation in Braidwood and district and a lack of diverse housing options. The NSW government needs to provide more support for proposed solutions to address this serious issue.	
<b>More staff for Braidwood MPS.</b> Especially more Registered Nurses and Doctors on call/duty 24/7. This is linked to provision of more housing for hospital staff.	

<b>Braidwood's Clean Energy Independence.</b> Funding for the design and development of a Braidwood micro-grid based on renewable energy.	
<b>Securing Braidwood's water supply.</b> Future droughts and higher demand will require a more secure water supply for Braidwood. State Govt assistance may be required to help fund this.	
<b>Development of a shared path around Braidwood.</b> Funding for a recreational/exercise path around Braidwood for use by locals and visitors alike.	
<b>Traffic calming of key side streets throughout Braidwood.</b> Funding for traffic calming (eg Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) review of speed limits) including the known hotspots of McKellar, Elrington, Wilson and Monkittee streets)..	
<b>Develop cycling infrastructure to make the Braidwood district a cycling destination.</b> Funding for the provision of cycling infrastructure (eg dirt bike trails, signage etc) as a tourist attraction.	
<b>Rate Cap Methodology Reform.</b> Reform the methodology to calculate the rate cap so annual increases better reflect the funding needs of Councils to avoid the need for large rate increases through special rates variations.	
<b>Additional transport for Braidwood.</b> While there are some buses to/from Canberra and Bateman Bay, there is the need for more transport for the aged and more funding to better facilitate the transportation of rural patients to their medical appointments or treatment provided in other locations.	
<b>Finalise sealing of Nerriga Road.</b> Upgrades to Nerriga Road aim to provide a higher mass limit route, particularly for freight, from Nowra to the Kings Highway at Braidwood. Several sections of the road have been sealed over recent years. A remaining section near Nerriga village remains unsealed.	
<b>Braidwood Depot relocation / Car Park – 80 Wallace Street.</b> Relocation of Council's Braidwood depot and decontamination will unlock space for a larger public car park and /or medium density housing / mixed use.	
<b>Caravan and Camping Park for Braidwood.</b> Funding to establish a proper caravan park with permanent vans which could provide short-term housing for visiting essential workers and long-term affordable housing for some, while at the same time providing accommodation for tourists.	
<b>Upgrade the sealed sections of Nerriga Road.</b> Several existing sealed sections of Nerriga Road require rehabilitation and widening to complement the recently sealed sections.	
<b>Drainage and beautification of Braidwood's main street.</b> Improved drainage, rehabilitation of the heritage values and tree protection of Wallace Street.	
<b>Creek and Flood Management.</b> Funding for the development and implementation of a Vegetation Management Plan for Recreation Ground Creek as part of the implementation of the Braidwood Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan.	
<b>Swimming Centre.</b> At the last election \$1m was offered and provided to upgrade the swimming pool. Ideally the pool should be rebuilt as a 25m pool (currently 17m) and be enclosed.	
<b>Measures to retain youth and young families in Braidwood.</b> Funding for a range of measures to stop the exodus of the young. These include additional incentives for businesses to employ apprentices, TAFE training in Braidwood. Also linked to affordable housing.	
<b>Footpaths.</b> More funding to complete the Braidwood Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Plan including improved access from roads to footpaths.	

4. Are you a member of the Braidwood Community Association? Yes  No
5. Do you want to join the Braidwood Community Association? Yes  No
- Membership form at the Braidwood Community Bank or email: [info@braidwoodcommunity.org.au](mailto:info@braidwoodcommunity.org.au)

Thank you for taking the time to complete the questionnaire. Your views are important to us.

Please return the form to the Braidwood Library, the Visitors Information Centre or the Braidwood Community Bank by 21 February