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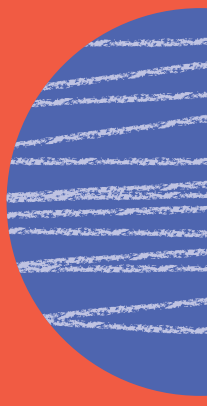
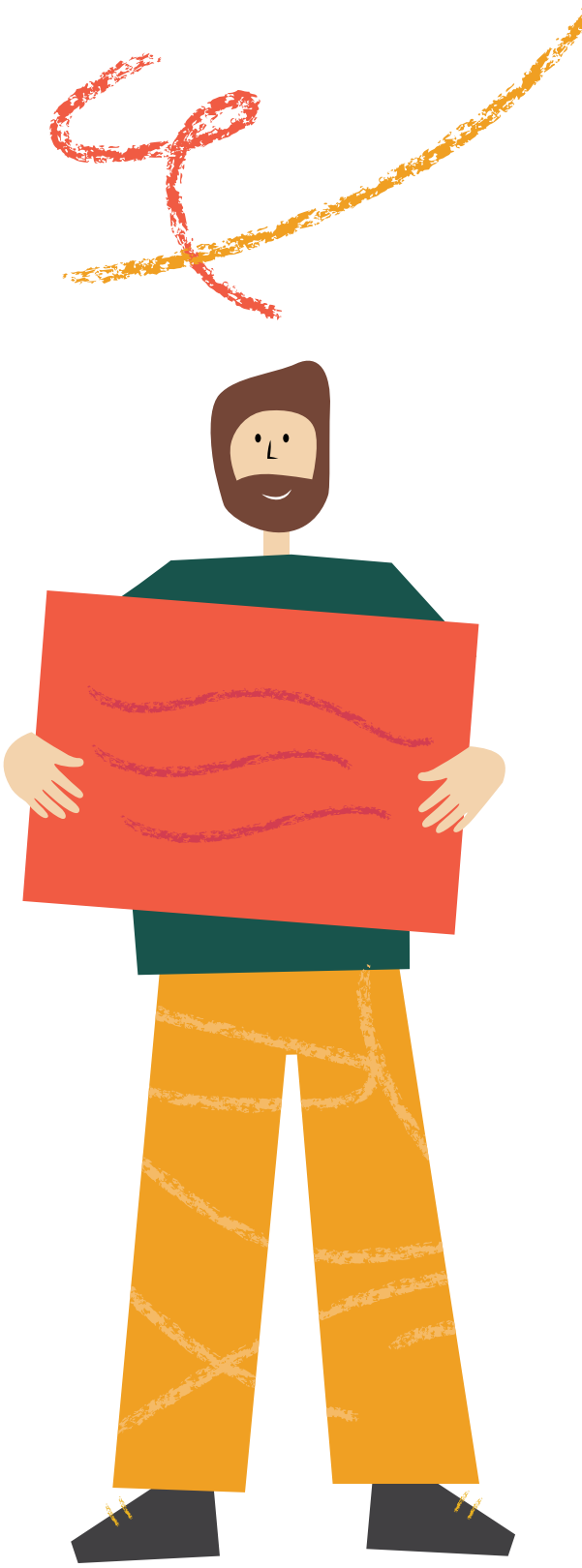


About

Towards 2042 Discussion Guide

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council is reviewing the Community Strategic Plan and would like to hear from you about your ideas and priorities for our future.



The questions in this Discussion Guide are aligned with the online survey. The survey, and responses to this Discussion Guide will be open from 1 February to 15 March 2024.

We will use the information you provide us to review our Community Strategic Plan and make sure that it is an accurate representation of our vision.

There will be further opportunities to have your say when the Draft Community Strategic Plan is made available.

WHO IS THIS DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR?

This Discussion Guide is for community groups or committees that would like to provide group feedback to this project. Groups are integral to the success of our community, so we're keen to hear thoughts via your collective voice.

HOW TO USE THIS DISCUSSION GUIDE

This Discussion Guide will help you lead conversations within your community group, association or committee.

It includes:

1. Advice on leading your own conversation.
2. An overview of our region.
3. A suggested agenda.
4. Survey questions for you to respond to.
5. How to return the Towards 2042 Discussion Guide:
   - If you were emailed by a Council contact, check the email for a link to complete the Discussion Guide online.
   - Visit Council's website and complete the **Towards 2042 Survey**. Be sure to choose "group response" when completing.
     OR
   - Complete a printed copy of the Discussion Guide and return it to Council's Customer Service Centre.

Hosting your own discussion

Use this Guide to document the discussions in your community

Provided in this Guide is:

- An overview of our community.
- Instructions on how to host and facilitate your own discussion.
- The questions to ask your community group.
- Instructions on how to return your completed Discussion Guide.

SUGGESTED AGENDA (40 MINUTES)

1. **Welcome everyone**
2. **Acknowledgment of Country**
3. **Information about Towards 2042 project (5 mins)**
   - Thank you for having your say about the future of our community as we think Towards 2042.
   - Through the Towards 2042 consultation, Council will guide the community through important discussions on our local government area's main ideas and priorities and document these in a Community Strategic Plan.
   - Council has a custodial role in initiating and preparing the Community Strategic Plan, but it is a community plan. Many partners, such as state agencies and community groups, will be responsible for its implementation. The Community Strategic Plan ensures the whole community is working towards a shared vision for a better future.
   - The purpose of today's discussion is to understand as a group why our community is special to us and what we'd like our community to look like in the future.
4. **About our region and our community (5 mins)**
   Share snapshot on pages 6 and 7 with the group to provide a starting point and prepare your group for the conversations
5. **Take some individual thinking time (5 mins)**
   Before getting into the survey questions, take a few minutes to think about:
   - What led you to live in our community. Why is it special to you? What do you value most about this place and its community?
   - Imagine our community in 10 years from now. What does our lifestyle offer? What will people value most?
6. **Complete the survey (20 mins)**

   Ways to submit your groups responses are highlighted on the previous page.
7. **Thank-you**

Your details

On this page, we ask some questions about your group.

We ask these questions so that we can compare aspirations and priorities across different groups. For instance, we can compare how responses from groups from different geographic areas differ.

GENERAL

What is the name of your group/committee? _____

_____

About your group _____

_____

_____

What is the purpose of your group? _____

_____

_____

How many people are in your group? _____

How many people contributed to this discussion? _____

Where are you meeting (town/suburb/village/area)? _____

GROUP CONTACT

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

About our community

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council is located in the southern tablelands about 15 kilometres southeast of Canberra and 250 kilometres southwest of Sydney.

It is predominantly a rural area, with growing residential areas to the south of Queanbeyan and several, the main being Bungendore, Braidwood and Captains Flat.

With advanced manufacturing capabilities and specialised agriculture and tourism industries, Queanbeyan-Palerang is identified as growing faster than any other part of regional NSW. Its proximity to state and federal government provides unique networking and business opportunities.

WHAT WE MEAN BY 'OUR COMMUNITY'

Our community describes the entire municipality. It includes our business centres, towns, villages and rural areas. Our main towns are Braidwood, Bungendore, Captains Flat. Urban areas are Crestwood, Googong, Greenleigh, Jerrabomberra, Karabar, Queanbeyan East, Queanbeyan West, Queanbeyan Town Centre and The Ridgeway. We have 57 other localities including Wamboin, Bywong, Nerriga, Majors Creek, Araluen and more.

Key stats

62,189
population

76,699
forecast 2036 population

38 years
median age

425
total births

85.1 years
life expectancy

$2,290
median weekly household income

27,294
number of dwellings

$2,167/month
median mortgage repayment

$355/week
median rent

2.6
average household size

5,404
number of businesses

35,888
total labour force

1061
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TOP INDUSTRIES OF EMPLOYMENT:

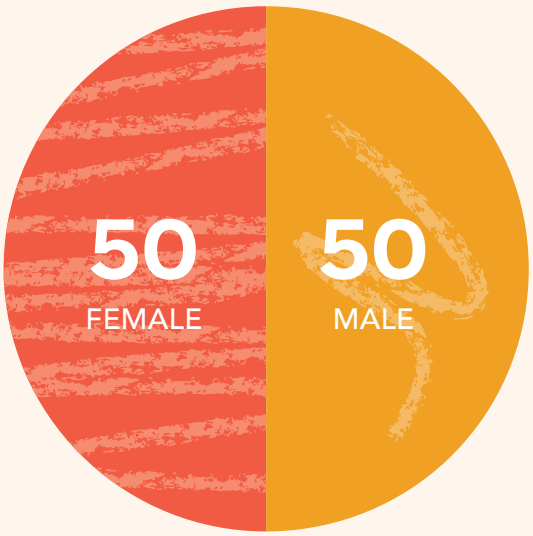
1. Public Administration and Safety
2. Construction
3. Health Care and Social Assistance
4. Professional, Scientific and Technical Services
5. Education and Training

If Queanbeyan-Palerang region consisted of 100 people, there would be:

4
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders

18
born overseas

14
speaking languages other than English at home



25: 0 – 19 years **56:** 20 –64 years
19: 65+ years

12
care for someone with a disability

4
have a disability

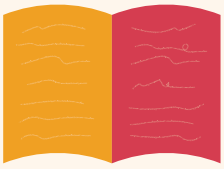
72
who own or mortgage a house

26
who rent

17
with an individual income less than $400 per week

27
living by themselves

73
living in families



59
that completed higher education

33
that did not complete year 12

2
unemployed and looking for work

17
who volunteer

25
working part time

66
working full time

74
who drove to work

3
who walked to work

ABS Census. Forecast.id, profile.id. economy.id. BOSCAR, NSW Health stats. NSW Population Health Survey.

Have your say

Questions

ARE WE ON TRACK?

Every four years Council documents the community's vision in a Community Strategic Plan. In this section, we ask you questions to understand if the current vision is still valid, whether you think we're on track for achieving our vision, and what needs to change.

6. How do you feel about the vision in the adopted Queanbeyan-Palerang Community Strategic Plan 2042?
The vision is: The Queanbeyan-Palerang region is a safe and relaxed place to live, offering a wonderful lifestyle for all members of our community, where we can enjoy excellent services and facilities while experiencing the benefits of a healthy natural environment.

○ Very happy ○ Happy ○ Neutral ○ Unhappy ○ Very unhappy

7. What else would you like to tell us?

_____

_____

8. Have you read the Queanbeyan-Palerang Community Strategic Plan 2042?

☐ Yes - go to Q9. ☐ No - go to Q12.

9. Within the plan there are 5 high-level strategic pillars. The strategic pillars are:

- Community
- Choice
- Character
- Connection
- Capability

Do you agree with these strategic pillars?

☐ Yes, all ☐ Yes, some ☐ No ☐ Unsure

10. Do you think we're on track with delivering the 5 strategic pillars?

Community

☐ Yes ☐ Partly ☐ No ☐ Unsure ☐ Other (please specify) _____

Choice

☐ Yes ☐ Partly ☐ No ☐ Unsure ☐ Other (please specify) _____

Character

☐ Yes ☐ Partly ☐ No ☐ Unsure ☐ Other (please specify) _____

Connection

☐ Yes ☐ Partly ☐ No ☐ Unsure ☐ Other (please specify) _____

Capability

☐ Yes ☐ Partly ☐ No ☐ Unsure ☐ Other (please specify) _____

IS THERE ANYTHING MISSING?

11. Is there anything missing in the Queanbeyan-Palerang Community Strategic Plan 2042?

Strategic pillars	**What is missing?**
Community	
Choice	
Character	
Connection	
Capability	
Other (please specify)	

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Things change over time and quite often we are faced with issues that we hadn't even considered (global pandemic). In this section, we ask you questions about the strengths and challenges we face as a community right now.

12. What makes your community a great place to live? Please list your top 5 options.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

13. What do you think are the main challenges facing our community? Please list your top 5 options.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

WHERE DO YOU WANT TO BE IN 10 YEARS TIME?

The questions in this section require you to think towards 2042. Spend some time thinking about how you would like your community to be in ten or more years.

14. What have you seen in another area/shire that you think would work well in your community? This might be a facility, attraction, service or event that you think is missing in your area.

☐ Yes - please share your top five

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

☐ No

15. What is one thing you would like to see achieved in your community in the next ten years?

1. _____

_____

16. What services or projects do you think Queanbeyan-Palerang Council should be prioritising, or lobbying other levels of government for? *(please choose your top 5)*

- ☐ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.
- ☐ Accessibility.
- ☐ Aged and disability services.
- ☐ Animal services.
- ☐ Aquatic facilities.
- ☐ Arts and cultural services.
- ☐ Asset management.
- ☐ Business support.
- ☐ Bushfire/flood recovery.
- ☐ Business and industry attraction.
- ☐ Character and amenity.
- ☐ Climate change and adaption.
- ☐ Communications – IT, Internet and Mobile.
- ☐ Community buildings and facilities.
- ☐ Community development.
- ☐ Community engagement.
- ☐ Community service delivery.
- ☐ COVID-19 recovery.
- ☐ Customer service.
- ☐ Cycle, shared pathways and footpaths.
- ☐ Drainage.
- ☐ Early childhood and childrens services.
- ☐ Economic development.
- ☐ Education and training.
- ☐ Employment.
- ☐ Environmental stewardship.
- ☐ Event attraction.
- ☐ Event management.
- ☐ Families.
- ☐ Financial sustainability.
- ☐ Future resilience
- ☐ Gardens, trees and landscaping.
- ☐ Governance.
- ☐ Health services.
- ☐ History and heritage.
- ☐ Housing availability and affordability.
- ☐ Infrastructure.
- ☐ Land use and planning.
- ☐ Library services.
- ☐ Lighting.
- ☐ Maternal and child health.
- ☐ Our towns and places.
- ☐ Parks and playgrounds.
- ☐ Public health and wellbeing.
- ☐ Recreation reserves.
- ☐ Recreation planning and management.
- ☐ Renewable energy.
- ☐ Roads and parking.
- ☐ Safety.
- ☐ Sewerage.
- ☐ Signage.
- ☐ Sports facilities.
- ☐ Strategic planning.
- ☐ Tourism and visitors.
- ☐ Transport.
- ☐ Waste management.
- ☐ Waterways.
- ☐ Weed control.
- ☐ Women.
- ☐ Youth services and support.
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

HOW TO RETURN YOUR SURVEY

Once you have completed the survey, please return to Council's Customer Service Centre by 15 March 2024.