



Barcoo Shire Community Newsletter

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St Patricks Day, - Windorah Style

Windorah residents celebrated St Patricks Day in style this year. Jessica Simpson, from the Western Star Hotel, organised an evening of green, games and trivia.

Over 30 locals turned up to enjoy the evening. Splitting into teams of four, they were asked trivia questions in categories such as Irish, movies, Australia, general knowledge.

The Champions, Peta Geiger, Roxanne and Kelvin Weston & Maureen Scott, were the victorious team.



Polly, Stef and Daitonah ready for St Patricks Day fun.



Punk Geiger getting in the spirit of St Paddys Day.

After the quiz, team members were encouraged to participate in games. These games were very keenly contested and saw people trying to shake ping pong balls out of a tissue box while it was tied to their back. There was some very expressive shaking and gyrating happening to get those pesky balls out of the box!

Another game was to blow up a balloon and use the air from the balloon to move a number of plastic cups across a table. Sounds easy? Really proved to be quite tricky. Koby Geiger was the champion of this event.

Then it was out onto the lawn to try and use a sling shot to fire ping pong balls into the barrel. This took a lot of skill and a lot of luck!

Emma Jeremy was the winner of this game.

Everyone enjoyed home made pizzas from the kitchen while all the fun was happening.

Jess and the crew did such a great job organising this fun night for the community, it could become an annual event!



Windorah’s very own Patrick, - Paddy Collins enjoying the St Paddy’s day fun



Mayors Message

Dear Barcoo Shire Residents,

The recent beautiful steady rain from the low pressure system that drifted down from the northwest has been very welcome by everyone. Though, there have been huge variations across the shire and across Queensland. For some on the land, it has meant some very good falls – but unfortunately for others it was not so good. Even between neighbours or across properties there has been huge variations in rainfall. In some places there were good rains that filled dams, where a few kilometres away very little rain and no running water at all.

I did think that all of this variation in rainfall was particularly unusual for the length of time the system hovered around, and for this type and size of weather event. The track of the low pressure system completely defied the forecasters and headed southeast, instead of directly south to around Boulia, and west across the Northern Territory border as predicted. Though the system did end up in the Northern Territory, it moved as far east as Adavale and Charleville and further before making its way west.

As I write this article, we have seen further isolated, but some very good falls of rain around the Stonehenge area (up to 120mm), and towards Longreach, Barcaldine and Yarka districts. While this event has been more storm type rain, similarly we have again seen huge variations between neighbours. We are also seeing the development of Severe Tropical Cyclone Nora in the Gulf of Carpentaria, which we hope doesn't cause any destruction in the communities and for the residents of that region. Hopefully the rain depression tracks south into the parts of Queensland that has missed the recent rain events. And let's hope that everyone manages to get some decent rain before winter sets in.

The flood waters as a result of the weather event in the north has found its way down the Thomson River and into Cooper's Creek. This has caused some minor road closures at the Thomson River at Jundah and the Barcoo River at Retreat for just a few days, and has put shallow water over the road in the channels across Cooper's Creek.

While this flooding has caused some inconvenience to road users, it has been very useful for Council to test the accuracy of the automatic automatic river and creek gauges. We had some initial variations in the

readings, but we discovered that much of the new road height data and recording benchmarks had not been uploaded to the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) website. We are very grateful for the cooperation of the BoM, our engineer and staff, local police and the company who has installed the automatic river recording and telemetry equipment for their cooperation in getting this service as best we can for future events.

As the emphasis on disaster reporting and disaster management has increased as the Disaster Management Standard, and statutory responsibilities under the Disaster Management Act has refocused, post the release of the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services - Prevention, Preparedness, Response and Recovery (PPRR) Disaster Management (DM) Guideline on 19 January 2018.

The Barcoo Shire Council and the Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) has a lot of work to do to make sure we are not only compliant with the Disaster Management Act, we also have a duty of care to our community to be prepared and resilient and keep them safe in times of natural and manmade natural disasters.

The Disaster Management Act 2003 (the Act) clearly articulates disaster management stakeholders must be ready and equipped to help the community prevent, prepare, respond to and recover from both natural and man-made disasters

Queensland Disaster Management Guideline states in:
2.1.2 Disaster Management Process

Local governments – through their respective LDMGs – have primary responsibility to manage a disaster at the community level. Accordingly, they are responsible for the development and implementation of their Local Disaster Management Plan (LDMP).

While the Council and LDMG has the responsibility under the above requirement, the ability for Council and the LDMG to respond in times of disaster is sometimes reliant on assistance from the Longreach District Disaster Management Group (which Barcoo Shire is a member), Queensland Police Service, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, Queensland Health, Royal Flying Doctor Service, and social services such as the Department of Communities and Centrelink etc...

Though we rely on the above agencies, the most important resource that the Council, LDMG and the above agencies have to manage a disaster situation from a prevention, preparedness, response and recovery perspective, is our own local volunteers, our communities'

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government and non government organisations, local businesses and the general community.

I cannot stress enough the importance of Barcoo Shire having an active, well trained and well resourced local State Emergency Service (SES) and Rural Fire Service (RFS). It is these agencies and members who will mostly be on the frontline for protecting our communities from the effects of natural and manmade disasters.

Currently the SES and RFS in all communities could do with an increase in membership. Apart from the areas of disaster management listed above i.e. prior, during and after a disaster, the SES and RFS agencies are required on the frontline for the important roles of road crash rescue (RCR) and flood boat competency.

At a recent SES and RFS sign up day in Windorah, we had a good rollup of community members attending and signing up to volunteer for both organisations. This response to membership for SES and RFS is commendable, but we still need more citizens signing up to be members. This doesn't mean that you would have to attend all training and attend all instances. And because we have such diverse communities, that work unusual work cycles, we need to have the maximum amount of people as members of these agencies. This will enable Council, the LDMG and the community to have the confidence that we can respond to most disaster management, public safety and socially distressful situations.

The SES and RFS will be having membership applications sent to the Barcoo Shire Council Visitor Information Centres at Stonehenge, Jundah and Windorah. If you are not already a member of these organisations, please call in and fill out a membership form and become a member. I would also encourage our rural residents, as well as the corporate agricultural and resources companies to join the SES and RFS. It would be very pleasing to see every organisation make a commitment that their employees become members also. Remember it could be your property, or one of your family members, or company personal and staff, who need the assistance of these services. And I would like to be in a position to be able to say that we in Barcoo Shire are well prepared.

It is hard to believe that it is the end of the first quarter of the 2018 calendar year and the end of the third quarter of the 2017-18 fiscal year for Barcoo Shire.

At our April Ordinary Meeting of Council, we will be reviewing our 2017-18 Budget, and if required, Council will bring down an amended budget. An amended budget will adjust for any revenue and expenditure changes in both capital and operational works as the year has progressed and situations have altered. This is not an unusual role of councils or governments, as the budget set down 9 months ago, is at that time, a 'best forecast' for the year ahead. We have seen additional Works for Queensland (W4Q) and W4Q2 funding and some other grants that will affect our original budget forecast. We have also had some changes to our maintenance and capital works programs as priorities and delivery times are adjusted to suit our daily needs.

After an April budget review, Council will then be starting to consider its 2018-19 financial year budget. The two houses that were planned for this financial year will now be constructed next financial year, as well as the completing of the Jundah Roadhouse and General Store. The W4Q and W4Q2 funding has given Council and excellent opportunity to get some additional buildings completed, the halls upgraded and some aging assets refurbished - like the Jundah Pool. The down side is, that there is a completion date to have the funds acquitted – which has kept our workforce very busy.

We have recently attended a suite of regional meetings in Longreach and over teleconference. These include the Remote Area Planning and Development Board (RAPAD), Central West Regional Pest Management Group (CWRPMG), RAPAD Water and Sewerage Alliance (RAPAD W&SA), the Outback Regional Roads and Transport Group (ORRTG) and the Integrated Care Innovation Fund (ICIF) Western Corridor Project.

These meetings either take me out of the community or keep me fairly well occupied for considerable amounts of time. There has been good progress on the Advance Queensland – Advance Regional Innovation Program, that RAPAD is partnering with South West Regional Economic Development (SW RED) and the McKinley Shire Council on its delivery. And the rollout of the central west digital strategy - *Smart Central West Queensland – A digitally enabled community strategic plan*, has taken a leap forward with the appointment of Richard Chappell as the RAPAD Chief Digital Officer.

Mayor's Report cont...

This month will see me travel to Toowoomba for a Telstra Regional Advisory Council (RAC) meeting, a board meeting of the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) in Sydney, a Rural Financial Counselling Service - North Queensland (RFCS NQ) Project Management Committee (PMC) meeting in Townsville and a RAPAD Board meeting in Long reach.

This month ahead will also see the 2018 ANZAC Day ceremonies take place. This is a significant year for ANZAC history, as it will be 100 years this year since the cessation of World War 1 hostilities on the Western and Eastern Fronts of Europe and in the Middle East. The armistice took place on the 11th Hour of the 11th Day of the 11th Month in 1918. This event saw the end of some of the bloodiest warfare and horrendous loss of life ever encountered in the modern world. Council will be planning some ceremonies to mark this occasion, and to recognise those men and women who served in the Great War. This year we particularly want to recognise those who gave their lives, or were traumatized for life from their service some acknowledgement of that sacrifice. We Will Remember Them – Lest We Forget.

Warm regards,

Bruce Scott

Dates for Barcoo Shire Council Sport and Rec Plan town meetings

Chris Capel is currently consulting the Barcoo Shire community via phone interviews, a facilities inspection and an upcoming survey on improvements needed for existing sport facilities as well as any new potential sports infrastructure. The plan goes from 2018 to 2028.

Facilitated town hall meetings with Councillors attending will be held to prioritise sport facilities needs so all those with an interest in the future of sport and (active) recreation are advised to come and have their say.

Dates are as follows:

May 1 Windorah Town hall 6 -7.30pm

May 2 Stonehenge Town Hall 6.30 – 8pm

May 3 Jundah Town Hall 6 – 7.30pm

Hope to see you there. For more information please contact Chris Capel on 0447 589424 or by email on capel@tpg.com.au

Did you know you can check the river and creek heights from the comfort of your own home?

Log onto http://www.bom.gov.au/qld/flood/rain_river.shtml You then select which river system you would like to look at.

You will find up to date river height data.



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Pest Exclusion or Cluster Fencing

The Barcoo Shire Council seeks expressions of interest from landholders interested in building Pest Exclusion/ Cluster fences where the Barcoo Shire Council would borrow the money and the landholder would pay the amount back to the council through their rates over a 10/20year time frame.

Information required:-Approximate length of fence.
If a Cluster number of properties inside the Cluster.

For further information contact Peter Pidgeon Rural lands officer ASAP on 0459028596 or via email: peterp@barcoo.qld.gov.au .

Michael Parker
Chief Executive Officer
Barcoo Shire Council

Kerbside Collection of Rubbish/Large items

A proposed kerbside collection of rubbish/large items in Jundah, Stonehenge and Windorah will most likely take place the week commencing 16th April through to the 20th April. An official community notice will be circulated when all has been confirmed. There will be contact numbers available for those who wish to take advantage of this offer and to do their bit in cleaning up Australia.

Your Lake Eyre Basin

Your Say - Intergovernmental Agreement Review Consultation process now

Closes 2nd May.

The agreement was the end result of the World Heritage Listing proposal/cotton on the Cooper/water plans/etc to ensure any decision that was taken took into account all effects.

Peter Douglas is a member of the Lake Eyre Basin Community Advisory Committee that operates under this agreement in tandem with a Scientific Advisory Committee in working towards long term survival of the system and the people in it.

For any queries – please email Peter at junodowns@iinet.net.au

Invitation:

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to invite you to participate in the second review of the Lake Eyre Basin Intergovernmental Agreement.

The *Lake Eyre Basin Intergovernmental Agreement Act 2001* brings together the Australian, Queensland, South Australian and Northern Territory governments. The Agreement provides for the establishment of arrangements for the management of water and related natural resources within the Lake Eyre Basin Agreement Area including the development or adoption and implementation of agreed policies and strategies for the avoidance or elimination as far as reasonably practicable adverse cross-border impacts. The Agreement requires that a review of all policies and strategies be undertaken every 10 years. This second review will look at the operation of the Agreement, how the operation of the Agreement can be improved and the extent to which the Agreement's objectives were achieved since the last review in 2008.

The Lake Eyre Basin Community Advisory Committee and the Scientific Advisory Panel encourages communities and those with research and technical interests in the Basin to consider the public consultation document prepared for the second review of the Agreement and to provide views on the future arrangements for its management. The Committee and Panel members are committed to providing community and scientific input into the review and would greatly value any

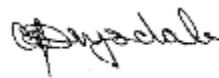
feedback you might care to make.

The public consultation document and feedback form on the second review of the Agreement can be found on the Lake Eyre Basin website at <http://lakeeyrebasin.gov.au/collaborative-management/intergovernmental-agreement> you can print and complete the feedback form and email it to lebsecretariat@agriculture.gov.au or post it to the address below. Your feedback will be considered in the development of the Final Report on the second review.

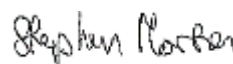
Should you have any enquiries regarding the second review of the Agreement, please contact Christopher Biesaga on 02 6272 4109, or email the Lake Eyre Basin Secretariat at lebsecretariat@agriculture.gov.au.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards



Andrew Drysdale, Chair
Lake Eyre Basin
Community Advisory
Committee



Stephen Morton, Chair
Lake Eyre Basin
Scientific Advisory Panel

Easter Sunday

1st April

Anglican Church Service

Cnr Macrossan and Garrick Strs

Jundah

Commencing 5:00pm



Congratulations to Bill, Liz and

Summer Steedman on the arrival of their daughter and sister – Holly Elizabeth.

Holly was born at the Longreach Hospital on 15/02/2018

Seeking Members—SES



Do You Want To Join the
Queensland SES
 In Jundah, Windorah or
 Stonehenge?

**THE BARCOO SHIRE SES GROUP
 IS LOOKING FOR
 NEW MEMBERS**

**If you're interested in joining our local SES
 team in either Jundah or Windorah.**

Contact our Local Controller:

Bill Pitman on 4658 6911



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Windorah P&C Assn present the annual

YELLOW BELLY HUNT



FISHING COMPETITION

Labour Day Long Weekend – 5th & 6th May 2018

Cooper's Creek, Windorah

Nomination
 draw prize
**Win a CAR
 FRIDGE**
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Registration from 8am Saturday
 Presentation Sunday afternoon
 with fantastic cash & product prizes up for grabs!

FOOD, DRINKS AND BAR AVAILABLE ALL WEEKEND!

Saturday night DJ entertainment
BOOZE BUS & FREE CAMPING

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

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Jundah Clinic Happenings

INFLUENZA VACCINATION

Now is the time to order your influenza vaccines. Please ring the Jundah clinic (46586500) if you would like to have the immunisation here.

Starting this year, all children aged from 6 months to less than 5 years are eligible for the free vaccine. If this is the 1st year your child is being immunised, they will need 2 immunisations, 1 month apart. Please read the information on the attached poster which gives you some information on why young children are now included in the free schedule.

As in previous years, free immunisations will be available for all persons aged 65 and over, indigenous people 15 years and over, all pregnant women & those in the “medically at risk group” which includes diabetics, those with emphysema, severe asthmatics, heart disease & malignancies. Vaccines will be available from late April, at the clinic. For people not in the above group, you’ll need to see a doctor so a script or order can be written.

INTEGRATED CARE INNOVATION FUND

There is to be a meeting on April 12th, at the hall, to continue efforts to improve service provision to the smaller communities in the western areas. This is your chance to have input into what health services you think should be available and how to access them. Put the date aside & book in with Doreen at the Info Centre

Recommending influenza vaccination for young children is essential because...

Children from six months to less than five years can now get the influenza vaccine for free through general practices and other childhood immunisation providers in Queensland.

Flu can cause serious complications

At high risk are:

- Up to **13%** of children under 5 hospitalised with flu are admitted to intensive care every year.¹
- More than half of children admitted to public hospital with flu are younger than 5 years.¹
- Most children being hospitalised or dying because of the flu were previously healthy kids.
- Flu shots can reduce the number of kids having to go to emergency departments or hospitals by up to **70%** each flu season.²
- Children, including healthy kids, are more likely to catch the flu than adults and are 'super-spreaders' in the community.

Queensland Government

1 Queensland public hospital influenza admission data 2013-2017
2 West Australian Influenza Vaccine Effectiveness Study 2009-2015

Five reasons why children should get the flu shot every year

- Protects children against the flu and serious complications, such as bronchitis and pneumonia, in some cases hospitalisation or even death.
- Protects children, their family and friends by helping contain the spread of flu.
- Is better than catching the flu. Even though it doesn't provide 100% protection against the flu, if a child still catches the disease it can lessen its duration and severity.
- Is safe and has been given to millions of children worldwide.
- Avoids costs (for alternative work/childcare arrangements and medicine)

Flu is not worse than the common cold

Flu symptoms can include:

- COUGH**
- Headaches
- FATIGUE**
- Body aches
- CHILLS**
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- FEVER**

Five easy steps to help fight the flu

- Get a flu shot every year
- Wash your hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol based hand rub
- Cover your coughs and sneezes
- Dispose of used tissues immediately, then wash your hands
- Stay at home if you have flu symptoms



Getting the Message – Loud and Clear

Have no fears, check your ears!

How many times can you ask someone to repeat themselves before your communication or social exchange becomes an awkward one? Without thinking about it, I am sure I give up, smile and nod if I still can't hear a friend after my third attempt; "Pardon?? What was that? Sorry I missed it again..." Everyone mishears or has difficulty hearing *sometimes*. Imagine if you could not hear *any* of the time though.

Your responses	Responses from others
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why don't others talk louder? • Why won't others include me in their conversations? • Why can't others understand me? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You aren't paying attention • You are just misbehaving • You are being unsafe • You are talking too loudly/quietly • You have poor social skills • You are not intelligent • You are rude

The World Health Organisation - World Hearing Day is celebrated on 3rd March each year to raise awareness about how to prevent deafness and hearing loss and promote ear and hearing care across the world.

Healthy ears are important for:

- Talking and hearing
- Listening and learning
- Playing and sharing
- Making friends
- Being aware of danger
- Balancing



When we hear, sound waves travel through the air to our ear where vibrations send messages to our brain. When we have an ear infection, those vibrations get stuck before they make it to our brain, and we don't get the message. Ear infections can cause temporary, fluctuating or permanent hearing loss.

"Good early childhood development sets the stage for health and wellbeing across a life course" (Marmount, 2016)

You can support your child's ear health by:	Your child can keep their ears healthy by:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breast feeding • Keeping their vaccinations up to date • Not smoking around them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blowing their nose • Washing their face and hands • Eating a nutritious diet • Exercising regularly

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When does middle ear disease become a serious health problem?

Middle ear disease is a common condition that children acquire at some stage during early childhood. It is caused by a bacterial or viral infections which gets behind the eardrum by travelling up the tube connecting the back of the throat and the ear (Eustachian tube). In most cases, the condition resolves itself quickly with limited or no medical intervention.

The condition becomes a serious health problem when children experience it frequently and persistently, and it is accompanied by mild to severe hearing loss. Children who develop one of the severest forms of middle ear disease – chronic suppurative otitis media – are likely to continue to have ear and hearing problems as adults.

25-50% of children in Australia experience middle ear infections. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are 2x more likely to develop middle ear infections.

If you or your child have an ear infection, you might notice:

- Fever
- Runny nose
- Runny ears
- Feeling sad or angry
- Difficulty sleeping
- Pain/discomfort in the ear

If you notice any of these symptoms, contact your regular GP.



If your child has experienced regular ear infections, they may have difficulty with:

- Understanding and using language
- Making clear sounds to communicate
- Using social skills to play and make friends

If you notice any of these difficulties, a Speech Pathologist may be able to help.

What is a Speech Pathologist?

Speech Pathologists screen, assess, identify and work with families to help:

- **Speech:** Difficulties/delays producing the speech sounds of our language
- **Language:** Difficulties/delays in understanding what is said or using words to express what they wish to say
- **Voice:** Irregular voice pitch, loudness, and/or quality when compared to peers
- **Fluency:** Stuttering
- **Disability:** Difficulty with communicating due to disability
- **Swallowing:** Difficulties with feeding and swallowing.



Lucy Griffin
Speech Pathologist NWRH

If you have any questions or concerns, please call NWRH on (07) 4652 7100 to speak to your local Speech Pathologist. NWRH offers a wide range of allied health professionals who service communities across Central West Queensland. To obtain a referral or book an appointment please contact your local medical practice or health clinic.

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Clean up Australia Day in Windorah

A small, but very enthusiastic group of Windorah residents gathered on Saturday 24th March, braving the sand flies, to clean up Windorah as part of the Clean-up Australia Day movement.

The group met at the Visitor Information Centre and under the guidance of Vanessa DeLandelles walked out to the town grid picking up rubbish along the way. The group then followed the town fence and picked rubbish up around the town.

The group were so impressed with the results of their clean up they plan to make it a monthly event to get together and have a clean up for an hour or so. If you

would like to join in the monthly clean up keep an eye on town notices for when the next clean-up day will take place.

It is great to see members of the community taking so much pride in their town.



Ten second Grab Extension

Make the most of the Easter break and send in your 10 Second Grab no later than the 6th April.

Are you going to be out and about in Barcoo Shire this summer?

Why not record your adventures and send them in to be part of a video clip to help promote the amazing Barcoo shire?



Some ideas include:

- ⇒ Fishing, swimming and water activities
- ⇒ Working in the shire,
- ⇒ Exercising, eg walking/bike riding/running in the early morning, late evening
- ⇒ Enjoying a bbq or social event.
- ⇒ Horse or motorbike riding

We are looking for 10 seconds of video, using your smart phones or video camera, depicting the great lifestyle enjoyed in the Barcoo Shire.

Entries need to be sent to Doreen Pitman, doreenp@barcoo.qld.gov.au by Friday 20th January 2018.

Winning entries will be announced at the Australia Day events in each town.

Videos will then be collated into a minute or so of promotional material for the shire.

Prizes for all winning entries.

For more information, please contact you local Visitor Information Centre.



Jundah 07 46 586 930
 Stonehenge 07 46 585 857
 Windorah 07 46 563 063

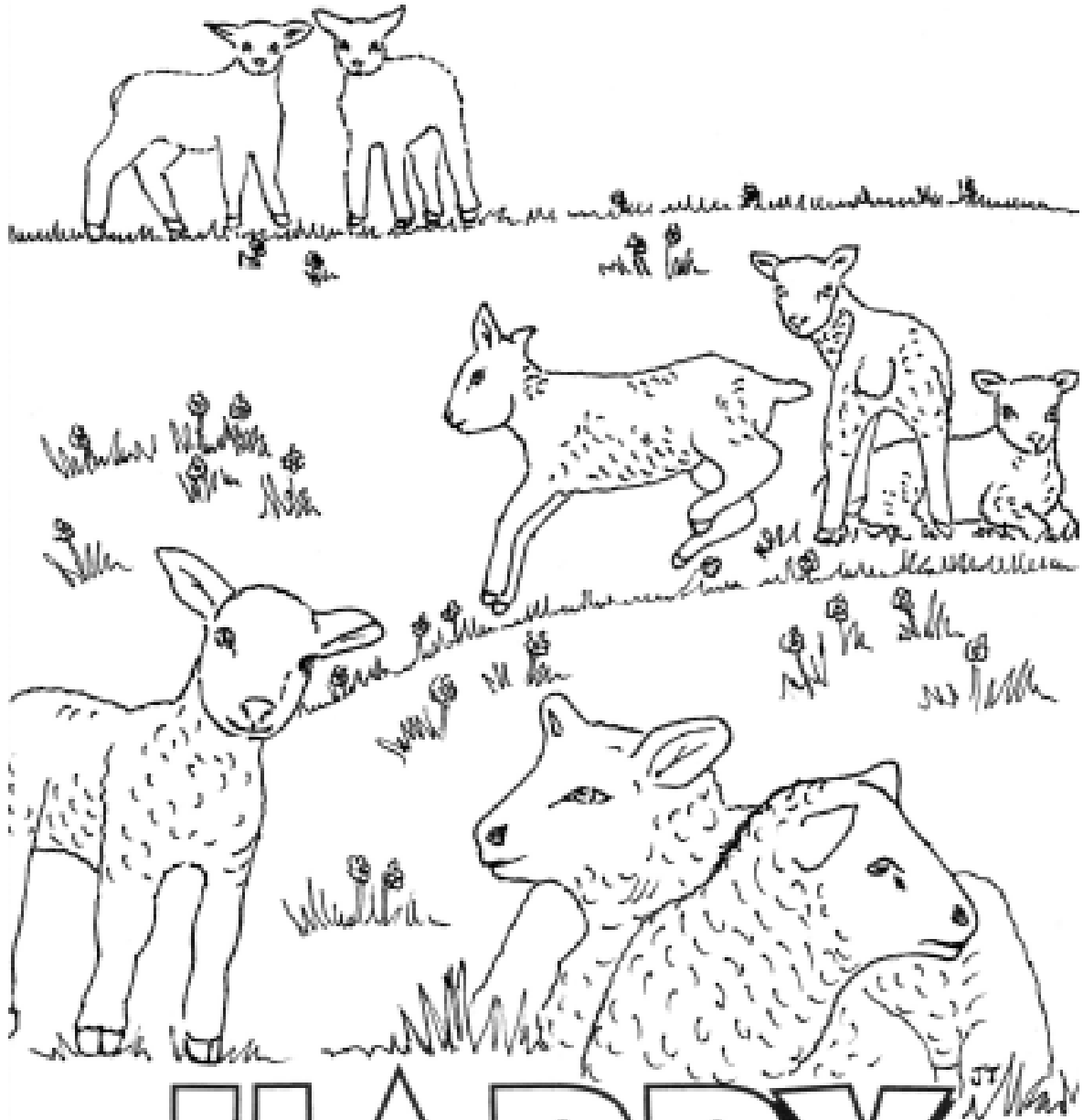


Q1 Which is the best athlete to have with you on a cold day

A. A long jumper

Q2 Did you hear about the two men that were arrested for stealing batteries and fireworks?

A. One was charged and the other was let off



**HAPPY
EASTER**

Easter Recipes

Crumbed Fish with Light Cheese Sauce

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

1 egg white
2 tablespoons skim milk
1/2 cup dried breadcrumbs
4 x 150g boneless fish fillets
Cooking Spray

Cheese Sauce

1 tablespoon Flora Light margarine
2 tablespoons plain flour
1 1/2 cups skim milk
2 tablespoons grated parmesan cheese
1 teaspoon salt reduced chicken style stock powder
1/2 cup 25% reduced fat grated tasty cheese
Pepper to taste.

Directions:

On a dinner plate beat egg white and milk together. Pour breadcrumbs onto another plate. Dip fish in egg mix then coat fish with breadcrumbs. Leave to one side.

To Make sauce: In a medium size saucepan melt margarine, add flour and stir well. Slowly add milk using a whisk to avoid lumps. Add parmesan, stock powder, grated cheese and pepper stirring continuously. Leave on a very low heat.

To cook fish: In a large non stick frypan that has been generously coated with cooking spray, cook fish fillets for 3 minutes. Coat top of fish generously with cooking spray, then turn and cook a further 3 minutes or until fish is cooked through. Place on serving plates and pour cheese sauce over top



Easter Egg Hunt Cookie

Ingredients:

175g butter, softened
2/3 cup caster sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 egg
2 cups plain flour
1/2 cup malted milk powder

Royal Icing:

6 egg whites
9 cups CSR Pure Icing Sugar, sifted
1 1/2 tablespoons lemon juice
Pink, green and blue food colouring

Method:

Step 1

Using an electric mixer, beat butter, caster sugar and vanilla together for 5 minutes or until light and fluffy. Add egg. Beat to combine. Stir in flour and milk powder until well combined. Turn mixture out onto a sheet of plastic wrap (dough will be quite soft at this stage). Fold up sides of plastic to enclose dough. Refrigerate for 1 hour or until firm enough to roll.

Step 2

Preheat oven to 180C/160C fan-forced. Grease 3 large baking trays. Line with baking paper.

Step 3

Remove plastic from dough. Roll out between 2 sheets of baking paper until 5mm thick. Freeze for 10 minutes. Using an 8cm Easter egg-shaped cookie cutter, cut shapes from dough, re-rolling and cutting trimmings. Place on prepared trays. Bake, 1 tray at a time, for 8 to 10 minutes or until light golden around the edges. Cool cookies on trays for 5 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

Step 4

Make Royal Icing: whisk egg whites in a medium bowl until foamy. Gradually whisk in icing sugar until well combined. Whisk in lemon juice. Divide icing evenly among 4 bowls. Using food colouring, tint one portion pink, one portion green, one portion blue and leave remaining portion white. Spoon into separate snap-lock bags.

Step 5

Snip 1 corner from each bag. Pipe icing onto biscuits to cover. Tap gently on bench. Stand biscuits for 1 hour or until set. Decorate with remaining icing. Allow to set. Serve.

To forward news items for the community newsletter please email to: [Stonehenge Community Centre](mailto:StonehengeCommunityCentre@barcoo.qld.gov.au)



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