



Barcoo Shire Community Newsletter

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Drought, Dry, Dogs, Despair, Debt, Depopulation



Barcoo Shire, like most western shires are faced with the dreaded 6D's. There have been few runs in the Thomson—the river that gives life-blood to this shire and elsewhere. Dry feed on the ground is almost non-existent,

and as February creeps to a close another failed wet season is looming. Facing the 6th year of hard times, despair in the community is relatable. What is to become of this once viable backgrounding shire and its hard working population?

Without work, populations drift away and the flow-on, is reduced services. Currently, there is about 300 permanent residents in this shire that is almost the size of Tasmania.

Years ago, a shearing contractor stated that the best wool growing area in the Longreach district is in the Barcoo Shire. The exclusion fencing has been a boost for employment, but to what end if there are no grasses for the sheep to eat?

Life is becoming harder and harder. This has been one long and hot summer with little relief. Maximum temperatures have reached new heights and rainfall has reached new lows.

I feel for the livestock—we can escape indoors and into air-conditioning, or go for a swim—but livestock have no relief from these conditions, just the relentless search for shade, food and water.

We need some off farm industry to generate income and not be at the mercy of nature.

Time for innovation and thinking outside the square.

Mayors Message

Dear Barcoo Shire Residents,

As the unfortunate political circumstances in Canberra continue to unfold within the Australian Parliament, with the Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce's public marriage breakup, rumours of an affair with a former member of staff and resulted pregnancy, and accusations of misuse of public resources are, without a doubt, damaging the credibility of the government. These matters are being dragged further and further into the public arena of speculation and innuendo as more stories emerge, and it now appears that only a swift resolution to the situation, will restore public confidence in our decision makers and national leadership.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull's public condemnation of the affair and criticism of the Deputy Prime Minister, and the Deputy Prime Minister's response has potentially fuelled a rift in the Coalition between the Liberal Party and National Party that is irreparable. There is also speculation by many commentators, that internally within the National Party, members are to a point where they think that the Deputy Prime Minister's position is thought as untenable. As a result, the Deputy Prime Minister has taken a weeks leave while the Prime Minister is out of the country, and the Acting Prime Minister's role has been filled by the finance minister, Senator Mathias Cormann in the absence of the deputy leader of the Liberal Party and Minister Foreign Affairs, Hon. Julie Bishop.

While I have my own thoughts about the whole dreadful saga, and that whether personal matters of elected members are of the public's interest, and whether there has been a misuse of public resources – I offer no opinion other than to speculate on what is generally reported. But ultimately the stability and confidence in the Australian Parliament should always be the focus of all elected members. And I cannot condone the dragging of the Australian Parliament through what seems like a soap opera, and certain people putting their own interests and position first, and in front of those interests of the Australian public, and the credibility of the office of a publically elected member.

I am sure that the public speculation and media reporting about a possible spill motion at next Monday's National Party room meeting, and whether the Coalition relationship is in jeopardy, will dominate all forms of reporting. I sincerely hope for Australia's sake, that common sense prevails in the end, and we can start governing the country for all the reasons that this

this government was elected.

Barcoo Shire Council is back in full swing after the Christmas – New Year break, with a number of projects underway or being planned. Our road crews are busy doing a number of maintenance jobs on shire and Main Roads roads; and there are building, repair and town improvement works well underway.

Jason Beilby and his construction crew are currently doing formation grading and re-sheeting works on parts of the Jundah – Winton Rd. This crew will be west of Jundah and Stonehenge for some time working on the roads toward Eldwick, Connemara, Warbreccan, Tonkoro etc..

Ronnie Rayment and his crew are doing formation grading and re-sheeting works on the Hammond Downs Road and the Tenham Road. This crew is also preparing the streets in Windorah for the kerb and channel works around the town. This crew will then move to Morney to start on an 8km bitumen section near the Morney Plains homestead.

The construction of the wash down bay in Windorah and the repairs to McPhellamy's Crossing are underway at the moment, as well as new road signage and road side works being completed with works undertaken by contractors and the Flying Gang. Work will also commence on the completion of the Windorah Caravan Park paths and camp kitchen, and the fire safety accreditation for the Jundah Caravan Park accommodation will be completed for approval and sign off prior to the tourist season.

The completion of the Jundah Depot trade shed, sign storage and relocation of bulk fuel for road train access will add to the tidiness, efficiency and usability of the Jundah Depot. The new bulk fuel facility in Jundah is now operational, with the tank and dispenser available for both council's fleet and the general public with credit card facilities installed. This will be the only diesel available in Jundah during the construction of the new Jundah General Store and Road House, as the current tanks and diesel bowser will be need to be removed prior to construction commencing.

There will be public consultation meetings in Jundah and Stonehenge soon to discuss the refurbishment of the hall kitchens and air conditioning. There will also be meetings across the three towns to discuss the planning for future Barcoo Shire sport and recreation facilities.

Council has been discussing the potential location of new housing in Jundah, with the construction of two new houses planned over the current and next financial year.

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Mayors message *cont...*

The lack of quality housing is a concern for council, and we will be reviewing the need to replace and or add to the current stock with a program over the next ten years. This will allow to better attract and retain people to our towns and to positions in the council workforce. We are also waiting on a decision from the Queensland Government in relation to the sale of some of the current stock, so we are able to facilitate an increase in private home ownership in Jundah and Stonehenge.

The new hanger at the Windorah airport is still in the planning stage, as an airport master plan has to be completed so the location of any additional infrastructure, does not interfere with the glide path and clearances for the airport users and the current commercial Regional Express (REX) Regular Public Transport (RPT) Service.

As residents are well aware, there has been some problems with the water supplies for all three communities, with either pump failures or pumps not keeping up with demand during the relentless hot weather.

I sincerely apologise for this inconvenience, and we will endeavour to have the water pumping and reticulation infrastructure assets audited, and any deficiencies brought into line with the principles of the council Total Management Plan (TMP) for water. The Jundah reverse osmosis plant will be brought back online to give better water security and redundancy outcomes for Jundah. Works will be completed at the Murkin water hole near Windorah to enable pumping at this site at lower standing water levels, and to support the Windorah town when demand exceeds supply or there is maintenance required on either pumping system.

The very small run in the Thomson River will give our water supplies some relief for the short term until the big rain comes – we hope soon.

As this is the Barcoo Shire Newsletter's Editor's last issue, I would like to thank the Manager of the Stonehenge Community Centre, Mrs Judy Baldry for the wonderful job she has done producing the newsletter on the communities behalf.

This thankyou is also extends to the great hospitality and help that Judy extends to the locals and visitors who come into the community and information centre.

We get so many positive comments from visitors for the hospitality and kindness that is on offer when dropping in at Stonehenge.

On the above note, many would have heard that both Judy and Jeff Baldry are heading off after approximately 38 years in Stonehenge, to take on the management of a motel in Gin Gin. This will be a bit hard to get used to, as Judy and Jeff have been the face of Stonehenge for so many years. Their commitment for making Stonehenge a better and nicer place to live and visit does not go unnoticed over the many years of this commitment.

Thank you so much Judy and Jeff, Stonehenge will not be the same without you both in the town – though I note that every time I have spoken to them about their 'tree change' - they have said that they are just going away for a while, and will be back.

Good luck to you both, and thank you so very much for your contribution to Stonehenge and Barcoo Shire.

Warm regards,

Bruce Scott

Clean up Australia in Stonehenge



When: 7 am 4th March

Where: Meet at the Hall

**What: Bring gloves, hat
sunscreen and water**



Time to get fit

JUNDAH WELLNESS CLINIC

Time to get fit!

Come join us for a fun 1 hour workout.
Every Saturday 7am @ Jundah Memorial Park.
All ages & fitness levels welcome.

Starts on the 3rd of March



For more information contact
Georgie @ Jundah PHC

PosterMyWall.com

Planned Kerb & Channel



Planned Kerb and Channel for Windorah



Barcoo Shire Rural Lands

Reminder for landholders to have their Property Pest Management Plans returned by the 1st of March, if you have questions or need help contact Peter Pidgeon 0459028596 or peterp@barcoo.qld.gov.au. Plans received to date are,

Beatrice Downs

Bimerah

Carella

Clifton/Coniston

Connemara

Eldwick/Corriekie/Warbreccan

Evengy/Hammond Downs

Glenroy

Hayfield

Hillview/Barnsdale/Goon Goon

Tenham

Waroona/ Bellfield

Welford

The Barcoo Shire 1080 ground baiting program is coming up over the next couple of months, so, have a talk to your neighbours and your baiting coordinators and work out a program of where everyone is baiting and sourcing a meat supply, I will be sending out more information in the next couple of weeks. Dogs are getting really active at the present time. If you wish to do a baiting program give me a call or email.

The next **Land Water Animal Management Advisory Committee** meeting is on the 6th of March—if anyone has any issue they would like brought up at that meeting, please let me know, so I can add it to the agenda.

Peter Pidgeon
Rural lands Officer
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Seeking Members—SES



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

THE JUNDAH & WINDORAH SES GROUPS ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

If you're interested in joining our local SES team in **Jundah or Windorah** please come & join us at the **Windorah Community Centre** on **16th March 2018** at **10am - 12pm**.

Or Contact our Local Controller anytime on:

Bill Pitman 4658 6911.



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Queensland SES OVERVIEW & RESPONSIBILITIES

The **State Emergency Service in Queensland** is a not-for-profit, community based volunteer emergency service and has approximately 6000 active members enabled by both State and Local Governments.

They are the **lead agency** for core functions:

Storm
Flood
Cyclone

Members are trained and equipped to help their communities across a range of functions, and their primary purpose is to assist the most vulnerable in their community.

Are You:

- Over 16 years old?
- Active, adventurous & enthusiastic?
- Wanting to give back to the Community of Longreach and Surrounds?
- Wanting to learn new life long skills?
- Wanting to make new friends and be part of a team?

People helping People, Mates helping Mates, Neighbours helping Neighbours



Kristin's Smart Eating

Smart Eating When Fresh Is Far

By Kristin Lawrence, Dietitian



Living in remote presents very real challenges with including fresh fruit and vegetables regularly, with access limited, expensive and often of poor quality. We all know the feeling of spending a small fortune on "fresh foods" to then toss the-not-so-edible in the bin a few days later. This is a big deterrent from gaining the well-known health and well-being benefits of a diet high in vegetables and fruits. But don't give up, there are many practical and inexpensive ways you can include fresh friends on your plate no matter how far you live. With a solution-focused attitude, and desire to seek and experiment with new ideas you are sure to find strategies that work for you and your family.

Smart Eating Week

12-18 February 2018



Below are a list of strategies that work well for others also living remotely to get you started:

- Prior preparation:** write a rough plan of meals and snacks your family will have over time between orders, do a stock take of what you have and order what you need. Start with using up fresh perishable foods, then go to tinned and frozen items.
- Smart storage:** learn how to best store your fresh foods for longer life e.g. root vegetables last 2 weeks in dark, well ventilated spaces like a cupboard or box and leafy greens go best in fridge crisper or wrapped in plastic in the cold room.
- Have a cook-up:** incorporate frozen, tinned or not-so-pretty vegetables into a large one-pot recipe like bolognaise, soup, stews and casseroles, with meat and sauces makes a delicious meal. Apples, berries and pears bake and stew into delicious desserts. Other fruits go well in baking. Make extra, portion left overs and freeze for a later date.
- Fantastic freezer:** Buy frozen fruit and veg in bulk. All fresh fruits freeze well, peel skins and package tightly. Best eaten as frozen as an ice block or in a smoothie, or defrosted and mashed into baking. Snap frozen vegetables last months, either buy from supermarket or blanch prepared vegetables and freeze.
- Tinned time:** stock up on the range of tinned fruits and vegetables like, corn, legumes, lentils and pears, these are great for including in salads and cooking.
- Prefer preserved:** with health benefits of fermented foods, jarred and pickled varieties like pickled cucumbers and sauerkraut are becoming increasingly popular. If you're up for it, give pickling your own veg a go.
- Antipasto please:** yes the antipasto plate can be enjoyed, jarred roasted capsicums, artichokes, eggplants and olives all count towards the veggie quota and they make our cheese cracker much more exciting.
- Get growing:** set up a garden for a fresh supply of herbs, shallots, tomatoes and leafy greens. Yes it is possible, learn how to overcome our hot climate by asking and researching.



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Community Information

Barcoo Shire Councillors farewell Stonehenge Info Officer



Councillors and staff farewelled Judy Baldry at the Stonehenge Council meeting held on 14th February with an afternoon tea.

Judy and husband Jeff Baldry, who have called Stonehenge their home for the past 35 years - are moving to take up a business opportunity in Gin Gin.

Judy said she loved her job and her community, but found the heat over summer particularly draining this year, and was looking forward to a new business challenge.

Smart Eating When Fresh Is Far

By Kristin Lawrence, Dietitian



Corn and bean salad

- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon white sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
- 3 tablespoon chopped fresh/dried coriander/parsley
- 1 can black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can sweet corn, drained



In a small bowl, mix together balsamic vinegar, oil, salt, sugar, black pepper, cumin, and chili powder.

In a medium bowl, stir together black beans and corn. Toss with vinegar and oil dressing, and garnish with herbs. Cover, and refrigerate overnight.

Note: Can also add diced tomato, capsicum, avocado and red onion to extra colour and flavour.

Poaching in our Shire



Police from Windorah and surrounding divisions have engaged in an operation in relation to the detection and prosecution of reptile and animal poaching activities and to raise an awareness of the issue. The operation has been run with the assistance of The Department of Environment, Heritage and Protection.

The Windorah and surrounding areas are well known particularly for the inland taipan and other venomous snakes and reptiles. Researchers and enthusiasts often frequent the area to study the animals. However, information has been received that in recent times there have been incidents where people have come onto the properties to try and capture reptiles, particularly the inland taipan, without the consent of the managers or owners. Under the Nature Conservation Act 1992 (NCA), these people are possibly committing offences.

Further offences are also being committed in terms of trespassing and potentially wilful damage; for example the cutting of fences to access areas.

Not only are individuals committing offences by taking protected wildlife, they also potentially commit offences by taking items from the environment, such as sand, rocks and flora to simulate environments from where the animals have come from. Financial gain can be made from taking these items and selling them. For example authorities state that red sand on the market can average \$30 for five kgs.

There are also concerns in relation to biosecurity issues for graziers, where if vehicles access grazing land without approval and declaring them, it potentially can impact on the running of the properties and people's livelihoods.

Not only are people potentially committing offences, but they also put themselves at considerable risk of serious injury and possible death when handling the reptiles and given the remoteness and limited resources, survival is greatly reduced.

Substantial amounts of money can be made in the illegal trade of reptiles and other species of native wildlife in Australia. Due to the iconic and unique species which occur in Western Queensland some of these species can attract significant value. Authorities advise that a reptile may be worth a few hundred dollars on the domestic market, however when it is sent overseas, the value escalates from anywhere from \$5000 to \$15000 an animal.

There is an animal in Western Queensland which is of significant value.

The egg of this animal can receive up to \$300 000 Euros on the black market in Europe.

This is equivalent to \$450 000 Australian dollars. Hence the financial incentive for poaching this animal is significant.

To date there have been a number of persons that have engaged in illegal animal poaching activities in South West Queensland that have been charged. Some of these people have engaged in the international trade of animals. There are also some that have had associations with criminal motorcycle gangs.

Members of the public are encouraged to relay any information to Police in relation to this matter. Reports can also be made to Department of Environment, Heritage and Protection by ringing 1300 130 372 or alternatively through Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

If you witness or suspect an offence to wildlife, you can notify the department via a wildlife complaint form, found at www.ehp.qld.gov.au/contactus.

Members of the public are encouraged to report incidents of wildlife related crime or incidences where they believe wildlife related crime has occurred.

In Queensland, native animals are protected and taking or possessing them without a permit is against the law, with penalties of up to \$378 450 or two years imprisonment for an individual.

Senior Constable R. EDWARDS

Officer in Charge

Windorah Police Station

Ph 46563133



Community Information

All about: Black Box Flight Recorder

As hard as it may be to fathom—the black box was met with the ‘stupid invention’ shrug in the 1950’s. Research scientist David Warren’s interest in developing an in-flight recording device stemmed from his work investigating the crash of the world’s first jet-powered commercial aircraft, the Comet, in 1953. Inspired by a miniature recorder he’d seen at a trade fair, Warren began working on a recording device for aircraft that would continuously record all the details of the flight and provide a record for investigators in the event of a crash.

No one showed much interest until a former British vice-marshal, Sir Robert Hardingham, visited Warren’s workplace—Aeronautical Research Lab in Melbourne. He quickly shipped Warren and his black box off to England in 1958. An announcement followed that the device was likely to become mandatory in the future.

Another crash in 1960 (TAA) in Mackay – killing all 29 passengers, was the impetus for Australian authorities to recommend the installation of in-flight recorders. Australia became the first country in the world to make cockpit voice recording mandatory. It would have been a proud moment for Warren, who at 9 lost his father in a plane crash over Bass Strait.

David Warren’s invention has provided accident investigators with an invaluable tool for determining the cause of aeroplane crashes, and to help prevent their recurrence. Black boxes are now mandatory for all major aircraft worldwide to install voice and data recording and in the past 40 years 100,000 flight recorders have been fitted on commercial aircraft.

Flying is now safer than at any time in history and it is thanks in no small part to an Australian guy born on an island off the coast of the Northern Territory.

David Warren passed in 2010, at the age of 85 in Melbourne. He was buried in a casket labelled ‘Flight Recorder Inventor: Do not Open’, proving that scientific genius need not come at the expense of a good sense of humour. Incidentally, the black box is coloured orange.



Get ahead in 2018—Finances

Now that we have gotten over the fright of the credit card blowout—presents, food, entertainment and travel costs over the Christmas period, it is time to take stock of where you are now financially - ‘I couldn’t have spent that much?’

1. Start with a blank page and list how much you owe, to who, monthly repayments—we will call them ‘outs’. Under another heading ‘Living expenses’ - electricity, telephone, groceries, rent, fuel. On the other side of the page list ‘ins’ income, interest on investments and any other money coming in. This can be confronting, but it will give you a clear position of your financial position.
2. Develop a debt action by consolidating your loans and negotiate a lower interest rate. Try to pay more than the minimum and reduce the number of credit cards
3. Build a buffer for the unexpected. Try saving a fortnights salary—this is a starting point and can be increased later.
4. Organise your superannuation. Reduce the number down to one. Try adding an extra \$10 per pay—it isn’t much, but will mount up. This is your future money.
5. Set a plan in motion and keep it visible and updated—display in office. Set your goals and results will follow.

Top ways to save energy bills

Here are some tips to try and reduce your energy footprint, and help with the wallet.

Living Areas

- * In summer, keep cool by closing windows, doors, curtains and blinds and cool only the areas that are in use shutting off the rest
- * Use external shading to keep sun off windows
- * Try to use fans instead of air con and set you air con to 26C teardrop/dry
- * Change bulbs to LED lights and turn off when not needed
- * Switch off all appliances at the wall—especially chargers.

Kitchen

- * Keep plenty of space around your fridge—it is on constantly, so is one of the most expensive appliances to run. Fridge temp should be 4-5C and set freezer at –15C. Turn the second fridge on only when needed. Make sure your fridge isn't too full.
- * Cover pots and pans to reduce cooking time
- * Set the cycle on the dishwasher on economy cycle, and use only when full.
- * Thaw food in the fridge to reduce cooking time, and use the microwave when you can— heat free cooking and uses less electricity than the oven

Bathroom and Laundry

- * Wash your clothes using cold water –cold water wash can save \$115 annually
- * Use a clothes line instead of a dryer
- * Only wash a full load
- * Switch off your hot water system in summer—can be used as a cooling tank

Building and renovating

- * Insulate all ceilings to reduce heat exposure
- * Install ceiling fans
- * LED lights use much less energy than other lights
- * One light per switch and use only when required
- * Solar hot water and panels for roof
- * Gas ovens and cook-tops are usually cheaper to than the electric versions

On 16th February Desiree Jackson held a nutrition training workshop in Stonehenge. 8 participants attended at the Hall and then further on to paddock sessions.

Below were some of the topics covered-



Topics

- Healthy rumen – productive animal
- Key nutrients - Protein, energy & phosphorus
- Assessing pasture quality and diet quality
- Animal nutrient requirements
- Water quality – importance to production
- Weaner management
- Breeder condition score and fertility
- Managing breeder condition in dry times
- Evaluating hay and supplements – what to look for

Rubbish Collection

“ Weekly rubbish removal in Windorah will be on Thursday, Stonehenge and Jundah pick up will be Friday. If a routine rubbish day falls on a public holiday then the pickup day will be the day prior.

Please be aware that only Household general rubbish is allowed in the supplied green bins. Green\garden waste should not be deposited in the domestic bins. Council will provide a bulk rubbish kerb side clean-up in each town after Clean-up Australia day. Any enquires please ring the office on 46586900.”

Chris Richards | Town Services Manager

Puzzler??

Dave ran halfway into the forest in half an hour. Steve claimed he had gone two-thirds of the way into the forest in the same time, but Dave said that was impossible. Why?

Community Information

★ *Thank you Notice*

Friends In Isolation Barcoo would like to thank the Windorah Development Board for their recent generous donation.

This support is most appreciated and will go towards helping members of our community who are currently undergoing cancer treatment.

Thank you so much!



With the Commonwealth Games about to kick off I thought I would include the 2nd verse of our national anthem:-

*Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
We'll toil with hearts and hands;
To make this Commonwealth of ours
Renowned of all the lands;
For those who've come across the seas
We've boundless plains to share;
With courage let us all combine
To Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.*



January Weather Statistics

Lowest Minimum Temp 22.4C
Highest Maxi Temp 43.2C
Average Temperatures 27.8C>>>41.3C
Rainfall 7 mm

**AT TIMES WHEN WE FEEL OVERWHELMED
IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHO CAN HELP**

**CALL 1300 64 2255
(1300 MH CALL)**

TO CONNECT WITH
MENTAL HEALTH,
ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS SERVICE
**24 HOURS
7 DAYS A WEEK**



OR CALL...

COUNTRY CALLBACK 1800 54 33 54
LIFELINE 13 11 14
SUICIDE CALLBACK SERVICE 1300 659 467
KIDS HELPLINE 1800 55 1800
MENSLINE SUPPORT 1300 78 99 78
WOMENSLINE DV CONNECT 1800 811 811
PARENTLINE 1300 30 1300
ALCOHOL & DRUG INFO 1800 177 833
IN CASE OF EMERGENCY 000

Puzzler Answer : You can only run half-way into a forest. After that you're running out of the forest.

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RFDS Clinic Days

Windorah
6th & 20th March 2018

Jundah
13th & 27th March 2018

Stonehenge
14th & 28th March 2018

Skin Clinic—24th March 2018

Yaraka
14th & 28th March 2018

Sport & Recreation Facility Plan

Sport and Recreation facility planning 2018-2028

Barcoo Shire Council was successful in obtaining a grant to appoint Dr Chris Capel from Chris Capel Consulting to conduct community consultation in order to develop a new ten year Sport and (active) Recreation plan. The planning this time is focussed on facilities not programs as such. Chris will be approaching all organisations with an involvement or interest in sport and recreation across the shire for short phone interviews over the next month. Also all those with an interest will be invited to respond to a survey and/or to attend town hall style meetings to prioritise needs across the shire.

A steering committee has been formed to guide this process and includes the following people:

Councillor Jill Fitzgerald
Dean Allen President, Stonehenge Action Group
Marilyn Simpson President, Windorah Development Board
Doreen Pitman, President, Jundah Progress Association
Debbie Hall Advisor | Emerald Area Office Sport and Recreation Services | Department of Housing and Public Works
Chris Capel – Chris Capel Consulting
Michael Parker, CEO, Barcoo Shire Council
Lisa Russell, Human Resources & Governance Manager, Barcoo Shire Council

Please contact Chris if you have any questions or want to have input on current or future sport and rec facilities:

Mobile Phone: 0447 589424

Email: capel@tpg.com.au

She will be working out of the Barcoo Shire Council office the week starting March 19 if you would prefer to speak to her in person. Please phone or email to make an appointment.

The plan will be used to identify what facilities exist, what condition they are in and what are priority needs. Once approved the plan will be used to support funding applications for sport and rec facilities

Jundah School Jottings

At Jundah State School we have been extremely busy. We are almost half way through the term and about to start the next unit of work in English. The younger students have worked on a short spoken presentation about their favourite story to present to the class. The middle students entertained us with their dramatic representation of a new trick that they had to devise after reading 'The Twits' and the older students have been developing a multimodal advertisement. Congratulations for all the hard work. Swimming: Caroline Taylor has been coming once a fortnight to teach swimming lessons to the Barcoo Shire students. Stonehenge and Windorah State School come to swim each time as well and we all enjoy getting together. The older students have been working on their strokes and tumble turns. The middle students have been developing their strokes and the younger students have been becoming comfortable in the water and learning the basics.

Thank you to the Barcoo Shire Council for their ongoing support. We use the pool free of charge and the buses are provided for the other schools to come to Jundah and then to ferry the students to and from the pool. We appreciate the support and continued commitment from the Barcoo Shire Council in supporting our schools, students and families.

Homework: Students have been working to complete their homework so they can participate in the water slides on a Friday afternoon. What a lot of fun they had slipping and sliding on the water slides and it is a wonderful cool way to finish the week.

This year the welcome barbeque will be held later in the term with an Easter bonnet parade when it is hopefully a little cooler. Miss Gillian and Mrs Volker went to Windorah State School to work with David Hoare, the Finance Officer on the school budget for 2018.

Kindy: The students are settling into the routine. Kindy is on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 12 noon - 3.00 pm and Thursday 9.00am - 3.00 pm. Kindy students must be escorted by an adult to and from school and signed in when they arrive and when they are collected. The students have been learning about sharing, using their manners and being a group member. They are learning to recognize their name, the days of the week and the colours.

STEM: This week, Mrs Volker will be attending the STEM conference in Brisbane on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

In week 7, the Principals of the Outback Advantage will be meeting in Longreach to explore the Australian curriculum in multi-age classrooms. The Assistant Regional Director, Brendan Smith visited last week and worked with the students. Reading continues to be a major focus and an emphasis is on reading to and listening to your child read each night. We continue to purchase books and have completed a stock take of the library. The next project is to expand the nonfiction section of the library.

Yours in learning Chris Volker

February Icons

Flower: Primrose
Stone: Amethyst
Bird: Azure Kingfisher

Ten second Grab Extension

Extended to 30th March 2018

*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.

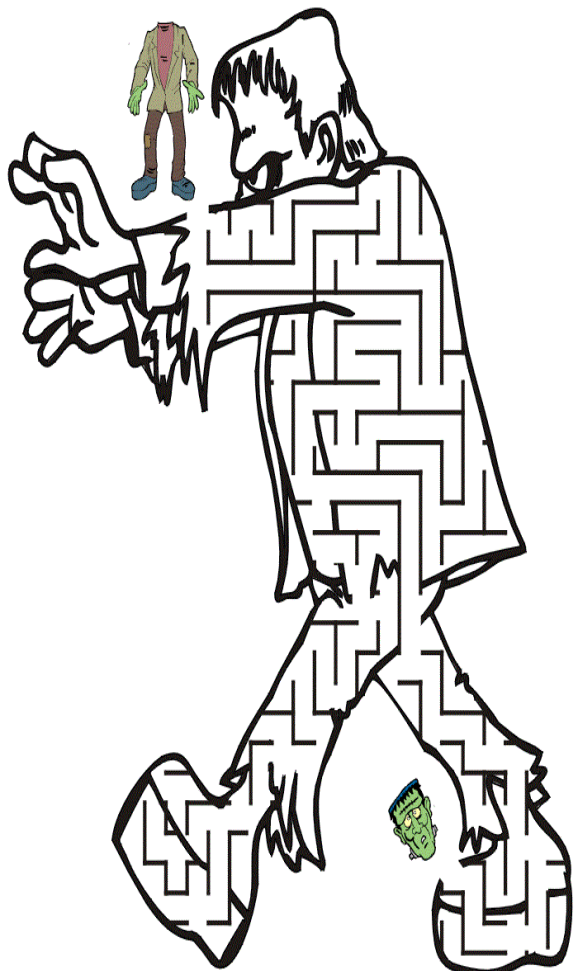
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Football Fun!



Kids' Sudoku

Level: Easy Cheesy

How to play:

Each row (across) must contain the numbers 1 through 9.
 Each column (up and down) must contain the numbers 1 through 9.
 Each square box must contain the numbers 1 through 9.

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Taste's Top 6

Chicken & Vege Pie

1 tbl olive oil
1 kg chicken thigh fillets quartered
2 corncobs, kernels removed
1 1/4 cups chicken stock
1/4 crème fraiche
4 rashers bacon chopped
1 leek sliced thinly
2 tbl pln flour
2 bunches asparagus, sl
4 sheets filo pastry

Heat oven 180C. Season chicken, and cook 5 minutes. Fry off bacon and leek, then stir in kernels and cook 1 minute. Add flour, cook off then gradually add stock. Return chicken to pan, simmer 7 minutes. Stir in asparagus for 3 minutes. Remove from heat before adding crème fraiche. Spray each filo sheet with olive oil, and place on top of chicken mixture.

Continue with three remaining sheets. Bake 15 min.



Madras Lamb Curry

2 tbl olive oil
2 onions, wedged
3 cloves garlic
1/4 cup madras curry paste
1 cup chicken stock
1.5kg neck chops
1 teas ginger
2 green chillies chopped
1/2 cup natural yoghurt
1 teas cinnamon

Heat oven to 130c. Fry off lamb chops, then add onions, garlic, chilli and ginger. Cook 1 minute then stir in paste cooking a further 2 minutes. Return lamb to pan, adding yoghurt, stock and cinnamon. Cover and cook in oven 3 hours. Serve with Naan bread, rice and coriander—Aromatic

Easy Pad Thai

200g rice stick noodles
1/4 cup sweet chilli sauce
2 tbl brown sugar
500g chicken breast, stir-fry cut
1 cup bean sprouts
1/4 cup coriander leaves
1 lime, juiced
1 tbl fish sauce
3 shallots
2 eggs beaten
1/4 cup crushed nuts

Cover noodles with hot water and stand. Meanwhile combine all the sauces and brown sugar in a jug. Fry off the chicken strips. Remove from pan. Then cook the shallots, add noodles and stir until combined. Pour in the sauces and egg, and toss until combined before returning chicken to pan along with bean sprouts. Spoon into bowls before sprinkling with nuts, and coriander. Serve with chilli and lime wedges. Delicious and a great Friday night dinner.



Baked Onion Flower

4 red onions
1 tbl balsamic vinegar
2 teas sliced pistachios
Heat oven to 200c. Prepare tray with baking paper. Peel the onions and trim the root end so they sit flat. Wedge/Slice the onion 4 times—do not cut all the way through. Place on prepared tray. Drizzle each onion with olive oil and vinegar. Cover the tray with foil and bake 25 min. Remove foil and finish off for another 5 minutes before drizzling extra oil, sprinkle with feta, pistachios and sumac. *Impressive*

1 tbl olive oil
50g feta
sumac to sprinkle

Prawn Party Pies

60g butter
1 clove garlic
1 tbl pln flour
1/2 cup dry white wine
2 tbl lemon juice
1 tbl fresh parsley, chpd
3 sheets puff pastry thawed
1 leek chopped
400g green prawns
3/4 cup fish stock
300ml thickened cream
1 tbl fresh dill, chopped
1 teas Dijon mustard
1 egg yolk+ water

Melt butter in pan before adding leek and garlic. Cook 2-3 minutes before adding flour and cooking for 1 min. Add stock & wine and reduce—10 min., then stir in cream and prawns and reduce by half. Cool slightly before adding lemon juice, chopped herbs and mustard. Cool completely. Line patty cake tins with pastry, than add filling. Cut tops and seal. Chill for 15 minutes. Preheat oven 200C, then brush pastry tops with egg wash and bake 12-15 minutes.



4 ingredient Turkish Delight Biscuits

340gr vanilla cake mix
1/4 cup vegetable oil
2 eggs beaten
3x55gr Turkish delight bars

Heat oven to 180C and line 4 trays with paper. Place cake mix in a bowl making a well. Add eggs and oil and stir well to combine. Chop chocolate bars, then add to mixture. Roll 2 teaspoon of mixture into a ball and place 6cm apart on trays. Bake biscuits 10-12 minutes, let stand on trays for 5 minutes. Serve with coffee.



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