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Barcoo Shire Community Newsletter

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The costumes and antics of Babushka were hilarious

Well I don't think anyone really knew what to expect from the arTour show held in Windorah on Saturday 27th October. But I don't think anyone walked away disappointed.

The Babushka team of four (plus Chris the sound engineer) entertained us with songs, stories and a fair bit of cheekiness. They engaged the crowd and made us look at fairy tales in a whole new light!

This was a free event, bought to the community by Barcoo Shire Council, funded through the RADF program and arTour. It was wonderful to have a stage show of this calibre visit our shire.

The audience got to enjoy and meal before the show started and then it was laughs and entertainment for the next couple of hours.

We had heard good reports about Babushka in Happily Ever After, but I don't think anyone expected it to be as good as it was. A great night!

Mayor's Message

Dear Barcoo Shire Residents,

It is with sadness we say a very warm and the fondest farewell to three long-time Barcoo Shire residents.

The sad and tragic loss of bush legend Kevin Oates, known affectionately by everyone as Tarpot aged 84; ever young Nathan Oates, or Oatesy to his friends - who just warmed the world with his courage and wonderful nature and just being him aged 31; and our old mate Dragutin Horvatic or Old Drago to all, and particularly to those who were lucky enough to have spent some time with him aged 84.

Our three communities and shire just lost 1% of our population in a matter of days, and we will rightly take some time to mourn and grieve the loss of our friends, and most importantly support their family and friends through this difficult time and passing of a loved one.

Words cannot really describe how we feel when we lose people that we know and love. And while the circumstances of the loss of our three friends differ, the reality is the same, and they will be dreadfully and sadly missed by us all. Out of this sadness, I know one thing - that Barcoo Shire and the world is a lessor place without Tarpot, Nathan and Drago warming our lives. It is people like Tarpot, Nathan and Drago who make our communities unique and diverse and wonderful places to live and visit, and we should never forget their memory and contribution and mark they have left on their communities and our lives.

The most important thing for us to know is: that all of our lost friends were cared for greatly by their families, friends and communities. This care for each other is the glue that keeps and makes our communities special places. And while these gestures of kindness mostly seem informal on the outside, the kindness and care is very real and very important to those who receive this warmth, and it is incumbent on us all left behind to preserve this

wonderful, caring and humane nature of our small communities.

On a much brighter side, our communities have come to the end of most of our social and sporting events for the year, with the annual Jundah Races held on Saturday 6 October. The various gymkhanas, rodeos, bronco branding, fishing competitions, International Yabby Races and Jundah Races have topped off a very busy year for these committees and their members. It sure is great to see the revival of Jundah Gymkhana and the Jundah Bronco Branding added to the year's program.

In saying the above, I think there is still the Pink Party in the Park (10 November in Windorah), Remembrance Day and 100 Year Anniversary of the World War 1 Armistice (11 November in our 3 communities), the Windorah Car Rally (24 November in Windorah) and the end of school year celebrations, concerts and Christmas Tree evenings in the three communities – so it all isn't over just yet.

I cannot thank these committees and their helpers enough for the effort they have made in hosting these major and upcoming events. As we all know, social and sporting events don't just happen. It takes a dedicated group of people to all join together for a common cause, raise a committee, seek sponsorship and have enough human resources and equipment at their disposal to hold a fun and safe event.

I encourage everyone to get behind your local clubs and committees so we can continue to host these great events. Council is very aware of the need to support these events with financial sponsorship and in-kind requests. We are also trying to bring our facilities in the three communities up to a much better standard. This is particularly important for provision of better toilets and showers for attendees and campers, and the upgrade of catering facilities for the willing helpers ease of management and better food safety standards – which really helps the committees to hold successful events

Mayor's Message cont.

with minimal fuss in the preparation and hosting, and for the patrons to have an enjoyable time.

With the social events comes increased traffic volumes, particularly around the Big Red Bash and Birdsville Races - where we are now seeing thousands of additional vehicles on the roads during a very short period of time. These increased traffic volumes, and the hosting of the many visitors who are mostly inexperienced in driving long distances on narrow bitumen or unsealed sections roads, is seriously increasing the risk of accidents, serious injury and possibly death as a result.

The other factor that increases our risk as road users and in our daily jobs as both locals and visitors, is the distance we are from emergency and medical services. It is a fact of life, that the further we are from emergency response and medical services, the higher the risk of not surviving acute and life threatening illness or serious accident.

With the above in mind, we are very grateful for our local police officers, directors of nursing and emergency service volunteers, for their dedication and care in providing that first response service to our communities and visitors alike. It is that critical time that we can get well trained personnel to the site of a serious accident or a person with serious illness - that can be a huge determinate on their chances of survival.

During the Big Red Bash and Birdsville Races period, we witnessed an increase in very serious accidents compared to other years. One of these accidents resulted in a fatality, which apart from the dreadful sadness to family and friends of the victim, these accidents have a profound impact on the first responders from our emergency services officers and volunteers. We know that it is the nature of the role when we sign-up for a career or volunteer for emergency services, that we will encounter tragedy and awful situations. But in small communities, this also means that a response to an accident will more than likely involve someone we know.

This situation adds another level to managing the after-

math of attending a serious accident or episode of acute illness. We should thank our emergency services officers and volunteers everyday for their service. And if possible, join them by signing up to the Rural Fire Service (RFS) and State Emergency Services (SES), attend the formal training, so we can support our police officers and directors of nursing in trying their very best to keep people as safe as we can each and every day.

I would like to comment on the response to both the fatality and the head-on-collision that occurred during the above busy period, and the incredible effort made by all of those local and visiting emergency services officers and volunteers who responded to the call. In some way, there was an element of good luck or good management that all of the local and visiting emergency services resources, including the RFDS, were either based in Windorah, on route to Windorah, or very close by when the call came in. That aside, it was the response by many in the various emergency services roles that was important, and so instinctive to good training and good local knowledge.

To have the additional resources at hand is one thing, but it is the coordination and swift thinking of so many that is worth noting and mentioning publicly. I have spoke to a lot of very experienced and senior emergency response agency people who have had reviewed these accidents. All are so complementary to all agencies for their raw intuition and reaction times, effort to secure and make safe the site and situation, being helpful, respectful and caring to the victims, and to be focused on saving lives and getting the volumes of traffic moving. Not once did any of those interviewed or during a debrief suggest that there were too many resources deployed to these accidents – just the opposite if fact.

Our communities are very small, but there is still an expectation by the promoters of the events and some in senior roles in Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES), that we will be able to provide all of the resources needed to respond to a serious accident dur-

Mayor's Message cont.

ing one of these major events - and at the same time deal with the huge extra volumes of traffic and people. In response, Council and local police have been meeting with QFES, Department of Transport and Main Road (TMR) and our Local and District Disaster Management Groups to hopefully broker an as best as possible response from them to support our local emergency services resources.

As a council, we will be initiating some solutions so we are better able to support our local and visiting emergency services officers and volunteers. Some of which will be incorporated into the new Windorah SES and RFS building as accommodation for visiting QFES Road Crash Rescue (RCR) Crews. Barcoo, Diamantina and Boulia Shire Councils are meeting with TMR this week in Brisbane to discuss these traffic volume issues. And the Local Disaster Management Group is petitioning QFES to maintain the visiting RCR crew based in Windorah for the duration of these major events, and for the reinstatement of the training officer in the central west.

I want to make it very clear - that we do encourage these major events, and want them to continue into the future. They are great for local business on the route to and from the events, and it is great promotion for outback Queensland. We just need to keep the people traveling to and from the even as safe as possible, and have our emergency services officers and volunteers as best resourced as possible.

The relentless dry period we are having is just not letting up in much of western Queensland and New South Wales as spring continues, and we move toward the summer season. Luckily, and hopefully, we are starting to see some cracks appearing in the weather across much of the central east and south east of Queensland - which is now giving people some hope. The recent rains in these parts have kicked the cattle market significantly, is starting to free up supplementary feed for those who haven't had a break, and is putting downward pressure on the price and demand for lick and hay.

Let's pray the weather breaks soon, and we get a wet lead in to the end of this year of much below average rainfall – maybe a wet Christmas is something for us to hope for.

Please do not forget that there is support out there if you are dealing with the loss of loved ones or struggling with life in general living and working in difficult times.

Warm regards,

Bruce Scott



Kevin Oates affectionately known by everyone as Tarpot .

Photo courtesy of Keiko Goto.

Stonehenge legend Nathan Oates playing the game he loved. Photo courtesy of Ingrid Miller.



A tribute to Stonehenge's own legend.

Photos of Nathan Oates and his cricket team mates. From a very early age Nathan was captivated by the game of cricket. On moving to Stonehenge to work, Nathan became an integral member of the Stonehenge cricket team and its annual "Barcoo Bash". *Photos courtesy of Ingrid Miller*









Jundah State School

Term 4 started with a Poetry unit being the focus for English. This is the third multi-age unit planned in conjunction with the C2C team from Brisbane. There is a lot of rhyming and poetry devices been explored.

The school underwent an internal audit in week 2 with the school doing well. Steve Sigler was appointed as grounds person and a teacher aide is still required.

The Women's Health Nurse spoke with the older female students about women's health and provided the opportunity for them to discuss these issues.

There is currently a book fair at the school and if you are looking for some good ideas for Christmas presents, call in to the Art room and have a look at the selection of books available.

Biscuits were donated to the families of the school as a part of a project by the Year 7 students of Woodcrest State College to support families in drought areas.

The end of year concert will be held on Sunday 2nd December 2018 and we look forward to seeing you there.

End of Year Concert Sunday 2nd December 2018

Yours in education Chris Volker Principal

Jundah Race Club Inc Annual General Meeting

Dear Community Members

The Jundah Race Club Inc will be holding their Annual General Meeting and all are welcome. Please come along and support your Race Club.

When: Friday 2nd November 2018

Time: 5:15pm

Venue: Jundah Hall Supper Room

For further information please contact Tanya on 0457743918

Stonehenge State School

Thursday 25th October saw Stonehenge State School hold a pink ribbon breakfast, organised by Jenny Lindsay. The invitation was extended to all and there was a great turnout with the majority of parents and school staff and several members of the community coming along. Students did some cooking in preparation for the breakfast and made pizza scrolls and pancakes, served with a selection of predominantly pink foods. The aim of the breakfast was to raise knowledge and awareness surrounding breast cancer and what the pink ribbon campaign stands for.

Shane and Heather McMahon recently returned to the Australian Outback on an economy stimulating trip that supported businesses and schools currently impacted by drought. Having knowledge of pastoral property management, Shane and Heather opted out of donating to the 'Buy a Bale' cause and directed their monetary focus in other places. At Stonehenge State School, they donated money earmarked for a school camp to Brisbane in 2019. We are very thankful for their generosity!

Seven Steps to Writing Success is a writing program that empowers teachers to inspire their student to rapidly improve their writing skills, and most importantly, learn to love writing! Seven Steps creates engaging classrooms where students learn to love writing and become lifelong communicators. Our dedicated teacher, Jenny Lindsay, recently attended a professional development session in Brisbane where she was informed of a range of strategies for effectively delivering the program to the students of Stonehenge State School. We truly believe in this program and have timetabled it to occur three times a week.

This years' end of year Christmas tree concert will be held on Saturday 8th December 2018.

Jundah Races 2018

The Jundah Races for 2018 were a great success with a great crowd of around 300 attending. Although there was a late start everyone enjoyed themselves. Catering was done by Marmaladies from Blackall and they did a great job, the crowd proved to be very hungry. The weather was fantastic and was a very pleasant day for all.

The fashions of the field were hotly contested and everyone looked fabulous on the day. There were a few new additions to the place with a lovely new footpath from the front entrance to the shed as well as to the amenities. The trees and garden beds are looking nice with all the attention they are getting from Malcom Wright, of the Barcoo Shire. And a new photo board for pictures to be taken, made by our very own Junior Matheson and apprentices Becky and Molly Forsyth. The barrel racers provided some entertainment in the morning and the competitors were ready to either party on at the races or head to the Longreach Rodeo that night to again compete.

Richard Simpson auctioned off the Calcutta for the Barcoo Shire Cup and there were some very happy winners at the end of that race. Entertainment went on into the night with the crowd dancing away to Nev Dolinski of Outback Sound Blackall. Darren Hall and Nikki Gay ran a fantastic bar and kept all hydrated throughout the evening.

Thank you to all of the Race Day Sponsors for your generous donations. And a very special thank you to the volunteers who worked tirelessly to get set up on the day and to pack up after. We appreciate it very much. The contributions from all were so important and we couldn't have done it without you all.



Silversmithing Workshop

Jundah

Date: December 8th & 9th
Commencing: 8:30am
Venue: Jundah Shire Hall

Cost: \$25 per day

This workshop is an initiative of the Jundah Progress Association and funded through the RADF program. To register please phone Doreen Pitman on 07 46586930 (w) or 07 46586157 (a/h) or you can email Doreen on

paradise4736@gmail.com



Jundah Social Sports Club Christmas Raffle

The Jundah Social Sports Club is raffling a Engel Combo Digital Platinum Series Fridge/Freezer valued at \$1380 and will be drawn on the 21st December. Please support your local sports club. Tickets are just \$5.00 for a chance to win this fantastic combo unit. Just the thing to take with you on your Christmas adventures. Raffle tickets can be purchased at each of the Visitor Information Centres, Jundah Post Office and General Store.





Carols by Candlelight



Saturday 15th December

To be held in the Barcoo Shire War Memorial Park, Jundah

Commencing 7:30pm

Please bring a plate to share and BYO

Everyone welcome.....the more the merrier

Expressions of Interest End - November 2018

STONEHENGE,

WINDORAH JUNDAH &

SOUTHERN RUN

Services being offered will include but not limited to:

Companion Animals

- Tick and Flea Treatments Vaccinations
- Microchipping
 Worming
- Health Check Ordering of Special Pet Food
- Routine Desexing

Large Animals

- Pregnancy Testing horses & cattle . Colt Castration
- **Bull Evaluation**
- General Health Check



Freeze Branding

please contact the clinic on

Equine Dentistry

(07)46583838







Snapshots from Babushka



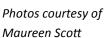
The stage all set and the crowd enjoying dinner before the show starts



Lachie & Courtney got to meet the performers after the show

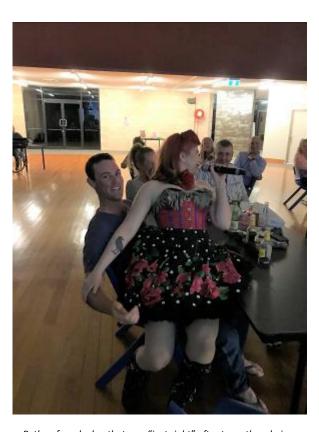


Luke, very professionally provided the music and introductions





Bruce & Maureen Scott enjoyed the show and meeting the crew.



Bethan found a lap that was "just right" after two others being "too hard" and "too soft"

Loss and Grief

When we lose someone important to us, it takes time to adjust to life without that person.

Feelings of loss and grief are what we experience in these times, and this is a normal response that tells us how much a person meant to us. Grief can be experienced differently by different people, but common reactions include:

- Feeling sad or crying
- Shock or numbness
- Difficulty concentrating
- Anger, guilt or blame
- Feeling different to usual, or not enjoying usual activities
- Not looking after ourselves
- Drinking or smoking too much

There is no way to get around grief, it takes time to accept the reality of the loss, process the pain, and find an enduring connection to the person. Like any wound, some grief heals quickly, some takes longer. There are some things that help you heal:

- Let yourself grieve it's important to share our sadness rather than keeping it locked inside
- Look after yourself healthy eating, exercising, sleeping, trying to get back to your
 usual routine, avoiding alcohol to numb feelings that need to be expressed, and letting
 others know how you feel and how they can help you.
- Look out for those closest to you let them know you care and be there to listen, talk
 about the good memories, or you may be able to provide some practical support for
 those around you.

For those providing support for someone experiencing loss and grief, look out for signs indicating a person may need professional support. They might seem overwhelmed, distressed, or thinking about giving up or hurting themselves. There are a number of options for professional support including:

- Your doctor or local nurse
- Mental Health Crisis Team: 1300 MH CALL (24hrs)
- Lifeline: 13 11 14 (24hrs) or Online Chat www.lifeline.org.au (at night)
- Mensline Australia: 1300 78 99 78 (24hrs)
- Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800 (24hrs) or Online Chat <u>www.kidshelpline.com.au</u>

Or if you need information on available services and appointment times, please call the Central West Hospital and Health Service – Mental Health team on 4652 7951 between 8.30 am and 4.30 pm weekdays. Your call will be treated confidentially.

Jamie Small

Tackling Regional Adversity through Integrated Care (TRAIC) Program Central West Hospital and Health Service











COMMUNITY NOTICE RADF FUNDING – 2018-19 ROUND ONE NOW OPEN

The Regional Arts Development Fund is a partnership between the Queensland Government and the Barcoo Shire Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.

RADF promotes the role and value of arts, culture and heritage as key drivers of diverse and inclusive communities and strong regions. RADF invests in local arts and cultural priorities, as determined by local communities, across Queensland.

ROUND ONE - IMPORTANT DATES

Round One Opens - 1st November 2018

Round One Closes - 31st December 2018

Application Assessments - January 2018

Council Approval, Community notification and payment – by **31st January General Meeting 2018**

RADF FUNDING OBJECTIVES

Provide public value for Queensland communities

Build local cultural capacity, cultural innovation and community pride

Deliver Queensland Government's objectives for the community

APPLY FOR FUNDING

To obtain application forms** or for further information, please contact the RADF Liaison Officer, Doreen Pitman on (07) 4658 6941 or email doreenp@barcoo.qld.gov.au

** RADF Guidelines, Application Forms and Acquittal details can also be downloaded from the Council website http://www.barcoo.qld.gov.au/community-services/grants-and-funding/regional-arts-development-fund-radf

Michael Parker
Chief Executive Officer

COMMUNITY NOTICE:Christmas Lights Competition

Christmas Lights Competition 2018

The Barcoo Shire Council invites residents in Jundah, Stonehenge and Windorah, including Shire properties to participate in the Christmas Lights Competition for 2018. Get into the festive mood and light up your town or decorate your sign post.

Categories in each town are:

- · Best Commercial Display
- · Best Residential Display

Category for Shire properties:

· Best Turn Off theme

(Property owners will need to nominate their turn off for the competition. This can be done by emailing or phoning the Jundah Information Centre on jundahinfo@barcoo.qld.gov.au or 4658 6930 prior to judging week)

Judging will take place during the week commencing Monday17th December 2018.

Michael Parker Chief Executive Officer 29th October 2018

Have you liked the Barcoo Facebook page?



Stay up to date with the latest news!



Social Media—Barcoo Shire

Are you on Facebook or Instagram?

Make sure you share your photos & posts from our beautiful shire to the Visit Barcoo pages on both Facebook and Instagram. Use the hashtags of #visitbarcoo, #Windorah #Jundah #Stonehenge





#barcooway and any other tag that you think will attract likes, shares and views to our pages.

Also using the @visitbarcoo on Facebook and Instagram will let us and your followers know you have mentioned us and we will get more hits that way also.

If you have an event, an interesting fact or a great photo that you would like the world to see, send them through to your relevant Visitor Information Centre at

windorahinfo@barcoo.qld.gov.au jundahinfo@barcoo.qld.gov.au

<u>stonehengeinfo@barcoo.qld.gov.au</u> and we will put them up on our facebook page and Instagram and get your event a much wider audience.

Barcoo App



Don't forget we also have the Barcoo App for you to download on your phone. Just search Barcoo Shire in the app store and it's a free touring app for the shire. Tell your friends and family when they visit to download the app before they get here, so they don't miss out on all the wonderful attractions in the shire.

Remember, the more we share, like and post, the more people will see our amazing landscapes, businesses, experiences and lifestyle, which could bring more visitors, job seekers etc to our shire, which in turn boosts our economy and provides opportunities for residents of our shire.

So go ahead, jump online, like our social media pages, share with your friends and family and get us out there!

Up coming Events

Cooper Arts and Crafts Assn presents the

Annual Windorah Car Rally!!



Saturday 24th November 2018

11am start @ Tennis Courts \$10 entry per car, lunch provided This years' theme is





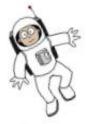
"Pick your Dream Occupation"

Come show off your skills!

Prizes for best dressed







Music: DJ Leonie!!



Please support Cooper Arts and Crafts Association and bring a plate to share for dinner or dessert.



For more information contact Windorah Info Centre Ph: 4656 3063

Proudly supported by Community Drought Funding









Up coming Events

Throw on your going out clothes because...

YOU'RE INVITED TO JUNDAH'S

Melbourne Cup Day

NOVEMBER 6, 2018 | 11:00AM | JUNDAH HALL



Cash Bar Operating BBQ Dinner Novelty Games Race on the Big Screen Champagne Lunch Calcutta

Screening "Hotel Transylvania 3" at Night

An initiative of the Community Drought Grant

Up coming Events



WINDORAH'S PINK PARTY IN THE PARK CANCER FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2018

At Windorah Rabig Park Time: 7pm

DRESS THEME IS PINK

Free Snacks Dinner \$10 Dessert \$5 BYO Drinks

- Cake Stall - Pink Nail Painting - Foot massage - Games

-Funny Photo Booth - Ilfracombe nursery - Jewellery

- Craft Stalls - Doterra Oils - Clothing - Shoes

MEGA MULTI DRAW RAFFLE



ALL PROCEEDS GO TO BARCOO FRIENDS IN ISOLATION

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Margaret's Mosaic



Earlier this year Margaret Stevenson held a Mosaic Workshop, during which she began artwork on one of our Information Centre outdoor tables. Margaret has been working on this piece over the last few months, with both locals and visitors as they have come into the centre. As a result, we have a beautiful piece of functional art on show, which encourages conversation with our visitors and locals daily. Windorah Information Centre would like to thank Margaret for her time and talent in completing this project.

As an accomplished artist, Margaret regularly holds workshops on Mosaic and Watercolour during several months of the year in the surrounding region, and also has a gallery here in Windorah, where everyone is most welcome.



The Dental Truck

serving rural Old and NSW

Dr Jalal Khan and staff of 'The Dental Truck' are excited be providing mobile dental services to your community.

As seen on ABC News:

Visit our website thedentalstation.com.au to see ABC News' coverage of our service

What services will we provide?

The Dental Truck will be offering all the general dental services which include: general checkups/cleans, fillings, dentures, crowns and bridges, extractions, teeth whitening, root canal therapy, orthodontic treatment.

The Federal government's Child Dental Benefit Schedule will also be available to eligible children.

When is our first visit to Windorsh?

Tuesday 11th December

How can you make an appointment?

We prefer all appointment enquiries to be made using our website.

bit.ly/trucknp

Alternatively you may call us on

0400 473 441 or email us at truck@thedentalstation.com.au

Please like our Facebook page to receive regular updates about our future visits:

facebook.com/thedentaltruck



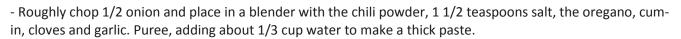
Spring time recipe

Chilli-Rubbed Pork Chops

Ingredients;

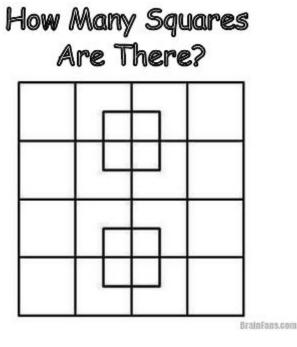
- 2 large onions
- 1/3 cup New Mexico chili powder
- Kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 2 cloves garlic, smashed
- 8 thin-cut boneless pork chops (about 2 pounds total), trimmed
- Vegetable oil, for brushing
- Spanish rice, for serving (optional)

Method;





- Lightly brush a large cast-iron skillet or grill pan with vegetable oil and place over high heat until almost smoking. Place 4 pork chops in the skillet and surround with half of the onions. Cook until the pork starts to blacken on the outside and is cooked through, about 4 minutes per side. Repeat with the remaining pork chops and onions. Serve with rice, if desired.



If Teresa's daughter is my daughter's mother,

What am I to Teresa?

A. Grandmother

B. Mother

C. Daughter

D. Granddaughter

E. I am Teresa