



Barcoo Shire Community Newsletter

Message From The Mayor

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Dear Barcoo Shire Residents,

I must apologise, it has been a few months since I have had a chance to give readers an update on the shire.

The past few months have been hectic with budget preparation, meetings with government and stakeholders, travel, regional commitments and the social season of local events.

Sadly, we mark the passing of past Barcoo Shire resident and councillor, Mr. Peter Haig. As most will know, Peter and his wife Dorothy and daughters Alexandra and Arabella lived at Maxvale Station just north of Jundah. Peter and Dorothy's contribution to Barcoo Shire is gratefully appreciated, through their commitment to the community, our history, and the education of our children.

We pass on our sincerest condolences to Dorothy, Alexandra and partner Daniel and grandson Mack, Arabella and partner Lorenzo, their family and many friends at this sad time.

The 2018-19 financial year has seen the end of a busy year for the Barcoo Shire Council Team. There has been a number of road works projects and building projects completed over this period including bitumen sealing and resheeting of many kilometers of shire and state controlled roads, new buildings constructed, and the refurbishment of a number of council and public assets.

Council is now in the process of preparing the financial statement for the 2018-19 financial year. This process will coincide with our annual audit by the Queensland Audit Office (QAO) appointed external auditors. Our auditors will be on site during September to assess the council's internal governance process, decision making transparency, compliance measures, and statutory requirements.

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The QAO and the Department of Local Government have been very critical of the financial capacity and long-term sustainability of local governments in regional and remote areas, as local government accounting requirements move to the international standard. There are approximately 55 of the 77 local governments in Queensland that are considered 'not sustainable' under this accounting standard, despite many of these councils (including Barcoo Shire) holding substantial cash reserves. The main point of contention is the lack of own sourced revenue compared to our total operating costs. As we (Barcoo Shire Council), and many of our counterparts raise so little revenue from rates and charges (a guaranteed income stream), and derive most of our income from our civil works activities – which is considered not a secure and guaranteed income stream.

In response to the above, Council invited the Queensland Auditor-General, Mr. Brendan Worrell to visit the shire, and see firsthand some of the challenges remote councils have to deal with, and those issues that our urban counterparts do not need to contend with or provide.

This was an excellent meeting, with three senior persons from the QAO, including the Auditor-General, attending with councils' executive and financial accounting advisors to discuss some of the unique difficulties remote councils face. It was an opportunity to explain to the QAO - that we have the responsibility for keeping our roads, transport infrastructure, and town facilities and utilities maintained to a standard with a very low rate base and with no growth in financial assistance grants (FAGs). Particularly as many of the assets we maintain, and are applying a depreciation charge to on our balance sheet - were divested to local government by the state and commonwealth governments over time, and are used by more than just our local residents.

Over the past few months, the Council workforce and contractors have been bustling finishing the many projects that were needing to be completed before 30 June funding deadlines. Many of these new projects were funded through Australian Government's Drought Community Program, and the Queensland Government's Works for Queensland and Grants Subsidy programs - in partnership with Barcoo Shire Council.

As residents have seen, stage one of the new cabin accommodation that complements the Jundah Caravan Park has been completed and are already in use. Council will be decommissioning the current donga accommodation and advertising some of these current units for sale to the public.

The new Jundah Roadhouse and General Store is now complete, and all but ready to open with the managers, Matt and Shannon Cooke and family relocating to Jundah to take on this role. I am confident that Matt and Shannon are more than prepared to start looking after the food and fuel needs of the community and the travelling public. I am sure that we will all be getting to know Matt and Shannon as soon as the doors open for a vanilla latte, some hot food, groceries and a tank of fuel - and we wish them all the very best for their future adventure.

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The new accommodation and roadhouse will add a lot of appeal to Jundah as a destination for tourism, and an appealing place to live and work and raise a family. It will allow more people to be able to stop for their daily needs, and stay in town for work or just visiting to enjoy the landscape, events, family or friends.

The new house in Jundah is also complete and is looking very smart. Paul and Michelle Hockings have moved in, and in all reports, are very pleased with the end product.

The building program over the 2018-19 financial year really shows that we have the local capacity to take on a considerable schedule of works, and project manage some very large projects internally with the assistance of local or regional contractors.

Council appreciates the efforts of all of the council employees and contractors who contributed to getting the many considerable projects as well as our day-to-day works in the 2018-19 financial year completed, and on budget, across the entire Council scope of works.

On 31 August Council brought down its 2019-20 financial year budget. I did mention to councilors that this year's budget is the last program of works for the current council, and the year ahead will be a year for the finalization of current projects, complete any governance requirements, and have the council administration in a good functioning position to hand over to the incoming Council post the March 2020 elections. That said, it will again be a busy year from a road works perspective, and there will be considerable civil works projects across all of the towns, with a focus on asset renewal and maintenance.

The repairing of the damage in the northern areas of the shire from the Monsoon Trough that caused the deluge in the north and North West of the state, and the remnants of Tropical Cyclone Trevor will provide the bulk of the Council's road works over the 2019-20 financial year.

The new financial year will also see the renewal and replacement of many Council assets including works on water treatment plants, current housing stock, road and transport infrastructure, the kerb and channel of town streets to name a few projects.

I have provided a more detailed Budget Overview and break-up of expenditure in this addition of the Barcoo Shire Newsletter.

On 18 August Barcoo Shire Council unfortunately received the resignation of its current Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Michael Parker effective as of the 12 September. Michael is returning home to his wife Nancy at their new home in Beaudesert, and the joy of having their daughter Carly, son-in-law Troy and their grandkids living close by to them.

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Michael has overseen significant change as well as some major projects during his second period as CEO of Barcoo Shire Council. We are very grateful for him giving us the time he has while living so far from family – thank you Michael, we all appreciate your efforts in making the shire a better place to live, visit, invest and enjoy.

At its August Ordinary Meeting, Council appointed Mr. Paul Hockings as CEO of Barcoo Shire Council, starting in the role on the departure of Michael Parker on 12 September. Paul Hockings comes with a wealth of experience in local government and public administration working in New South Wales, the Northern Territory and Queensland local governments and as town administrator.

I am sure many of you will have met Paul Hockings and his wife Michelle, since they moved to Jundah a few months ago, and starting working with Barcoo Shire Council. If you haven't met Paul and Michelle, please take the time to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome in our shire.

The other new addition to the Barcoo Shire Council executive team is Mr. Blake Repine. Blake has commenced in the role of Director of Corporate Services, and comes to Jundah and Barcoo Shire with his wife Shannon and Family. Blake has considerable international and domestic experience across a broad exposure from the United States military to academia in Australia. Blake is also a board member of the Central West Hospital and Health Service – so he has a broad knowledge of the needs of regional and remote communities. Once again, I am sure that everyone will meet Blake and Shannon and Family in a very short time, and extend them a warm welcome also.

Council is aware of the benefits and importance of having a lengthy handover and smooth transition of CEOs - so there is minimal disruption to the day-today responsibilities of Council. This longer handover will also have a regional benefit, as over the past few months, all but Diamantina and Boulia Shire Councils CEOs have resigned, and those positions filled by people new to the region, and in some cases, new to local government.

There is no doubt that the next few years in local government will be challenging. And while we are always working together collectively across the central west region through our formal alliances and relationships to provide better roads, reliable water supplies, effective pest management, enhanced economic opportunity, better-quality health outcomes, a good standard of education and improved social wellbeing.

I firmly believe that if we are to influence the state and national conversation for substantial changes in attitude toward regional and remote areas, we need to improve our reach, and form more formal alliances with our neighbors and near neighbors in the south west and North West regions of Queensland.

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The 21 local governments in the North West, central west and south west have the responsibility for 60% of the state of Queensland. These 21 councils ranging from the Gulf of Carpentaria to the New South Wales, Northern Territory and South Australian borders, generate \$9.35B of Queensland's Gross Product – and from just 1.3 per cent of the Queensland's population.

This contribution, coming from the resources and agricultural sectors, is 2.2 times per capita above the Queensland average, demonstrating the value of the Western Queensland regions to the State and national economies.

We need to have the contribution the above regions make to the state and national economy recognised, through providing more targeted process and funding programs that will prime the economy of these regions through significant road works, which in turn provide consistent employment and confidence. These projects should address the underdeveloped transport routes that, if improved, contribute to the overall growth of Australia.

Until next time, stay safe and the warmest of regards,

Bruce Scott

Community

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

Newsletter Contributions

Please ensure all contributions for the September newsletter are sent to stonehengeinfo@barcoo.qld.gov.au by Monday 30th September.

Thank you!

For Sale

**Jundah block of land at 6 Garrick Street
with 40' container**

Fenced

Established shade trees

Treated & raw water taps

6 Garrick Street

Phone Darryl Cossar 0427 195 410

Andy Patterson, Tree Lopper is coming to Barcoo Shire in end Sept-early Oct. Council, clinic, school, private etc can share the costs of travel. He has stump grinder and mulcher also.

Please email mj.bell@barcoo.qld.gov.au or phone 0400379041 to book your jobs



Community

Do you wish to keep up with events and health care visits to your town?

To keep up to date with which health care/allied health professionals are visiting your town visit www.mycommunitydirectory.com.au or download the



app to your smart phone by searching for 'my community directory' in

your App store. This website and app will provide details of events in your region, visiting health professionals and other relevant information for Barcoo Shire.

Also don't forget download the Emergency + App to your phone. It really could save your life.



Jundah State School News

This month students have been involved in a variety of new experiences. Wanpr-ada school camp was amazing and the students had a wonderful time. The behaviour of all the students was exceptional and manners were always used. From the moment we arrived at Wanpr-ada until we left there was always something to do, someone to play with or somewhere to have a few moments quiet time. The mapping and orienteering started the program and a lot of fun was had exploring the Australian Worker's Heritage Museum, especially the 'dark' holding room, the astronomy, making the crawchie traps, dancing, building shelters and a visit to the Red Shed to paint clap sticks, damper making and camp fire were all great activities. A special thanks to Michelle Saunders, the teacher at Wanpr-ada for the terrific program.



Two of our families have moved away from the school and we wish them the very best. Two families have joined the school and we welcome them to our school. We look forward to working together and building on the students' education.

The Kindy students have been following a theme of Australian animals and each week have been exploring an Australian animal. The students chose which animals they would like to read and learn about, including emus, cockatoos, turtles, bats, kangaroos and crocodiles.

Our Kindy corner has been rearranged and is now at the back of the classroom. The Kindy corner has become the technology corner with all the computers. Outside the Art room the easels have been set up to have a painting area and activity corner all the time.

Jeannel Walsh and the Kindy team came to visit and were very impressed with the school and the Kindy program.

The project club ran a pikelet morning and raised money for their project club. Many of the tourists visited the school and were given a tour of the school by the students. Congratulations to the students for their salesmanship and lovely manners.

Jundah State School News

NAPLAN online is coming to our schools. Students will be accessing the NAPLAN materials online so it is a part of their school day and they will be familiar with the program next year. The order of the tests is set and as a school we can decide when to do the tests within a certain timeframe. Lindy Loudon, the BSM visited the school to work with staff. Paul Vella from BAS also visited the school and was very impressed with the presentation and maintenance of the school.

Peta Mason has been coming to school each week to work with the students in preparation for the athletics carnivals. They have been doing sprints and long jump, with high jump, discus and shot put to come. They are learning the skills of these sports and keep improving each year.

Jundah State School has been visiting Stonehenge every second Friday and Stonehenge State School visit Jundah on the alternative Fridays. Students do PE with Mr Kempthorne, word study with Mrs Lindsay and English with Mrs Volker. In the afternoon students have been doing technology and using their body for coding. Last Friday, students celebrated 'book week' by dressing as a super hero.



Mrs Volker has been selected to work with the curriculum team in Brisbane for a week in Week 9 of this term as a part of the Principal Engagement Strategy. This will be an opportunity to work closely with the curriculum team on the units that have been trialled, to revisit the overview of the content and plan for the future. An aspiring principal will be at the school the week before and week of the project.

Yours in education

Chris Volker

JUNDAH

Rodeo, Gymkhana, Bronco Branding and Team Penning 27, 28 & 29 September 2019

FRIDAY 27

Team Penning - 5:30pm

- Teams - 2 adults & 1 child

SATURDAY 28

Horse Gymkhana - 8:00am

- | Events | Age Groups |
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| • Bending | • 8 & Under Lead |
| • Flags | • 8 & Under |
| • Figure 8 | • 9 - 12 Years |
| • Barrel Race | • 13 - 16 Years |
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Feature Events

Shane Rayment Memorial Double Barrel Race

RODEO - 6:30pm

- Poddy
- Station Buckjump
- Bronc
- Bullock
- Bull

Sunday 29

BRONCO BRANDING - 7:00AM

- Tim Pitman Memorial Novice
- Open singles
- Doubles

Nominations

Team Penning nominations

- Open - Wednesday 04.09.2019
- Close - Saturday 28.09.2019

Gymkhana nominations

- Open - 7:00am Saturday 28.09.2019

Rodeo nominations

- Open - 5:30pm Friday 27.09.2019
- Close - 6:00pm Saturday 28.09.2019

Bronco Branding nominations

- Open - 5:30pm Friday 27.09.2019
- Close - 8:00am Sunday 29.09.2019

Available All Weekend

- Shuttle Bus
- Bar
- Food
- Entertainment

Admission

- \$5.00 - 18 years plus

Inquiries

All inquiries can be made through the Jundah Community Bronco Branding and Team Penning Association Facebook page or at jundahrodeoclub@gmail.com

Disclaimer / Conditions

All riders compete at their own risk, they must wear helmets (properly done up or disqualified) and sign a waiver form. Committees decision is final and not subject to any appeal or protest. The committee reserves the right to change or alter the programme at any time.



JUNDAH RECREATIONAL RESERVE

NO ARMBAND - NO SERVICE

Songs To Die For



On Monday 2nd September 2019, Barcoo Shire residents and tourists to the region were presented with the performance of 'Songs to Die for'.

Presented by Opera Queensland and the Barcoo Shire Council the performance was enjoyed by approximately 50 people.

Rarely if ever, has the opportunity to attend a major performing arts event has occurred in the Barcoo Shire.

Songs To Die For was a cheeky nod to the over-dramatized deaths of opera's leading characters masterfully entwined with pop classics. Presented by three of Opera Queensland's leading artists, *Songs To Die For* was a celebration of the end brought to vivid life in a night where Don Giovanni meets Highway to Hell.

Thanks must go to Opera Queensland and the Barcoo Shire Council for providing the opportunity of experiencing Opera presented in such a dramatic and entertaining way to the residents of the shire.





1959 – 2019 Celebrating 60 years

Barcoo Shire Sports Athletics Carnival 2019

Monday 16th September 2019

Hosted by Windorah State School
Commencing 9am sharp at the Sports Oval

Students, aged Prep to Year 6, residing in the Barcoo Shire are welcome to attend. Please contact Windorah State School for more information. Ph: 4656 3128. Lunch provided.



Expression of Interest **For** **Jundah Community**

On the 23rd October 2019 “The Shit Box” rally is coming to Jundah. It will be a joint fundraiser between RFDS – Jundah P&C and Jundah Bronco Branding & Team Penning Assoc with all committees under the RFDS banner.

While the rally is in Jundah at the Race Course we will be providing the 550 participants with Dinner – Breakfast - Lunch and also running a bar.

We are calling Expressions of Interest from any other community group in Jundah that may be able to help with the catering and after all costs etc are accounted for part of the proceeds could be donated to that committee.

Please submit your written expression of interest to

Sue George “Glenvally” Jundah

Email: george.glenvally@activ8.net.au

By: 9th August

Boc

Gas for SALE

Big bottles of L Gas \$166.00

Swap and go \$40.00

D Plan (incl. GST)

Oxygen	\$ 79.00
Acetylene	\$108.00
Universal & Light	\$108.00
Argon	\$108.00
Nitrogen	\$ 79.00
Carbon Dioxide	\$ 79.00

G Plan (incl. GST)

Oxygen	\$179.00
Acetylene	\$249.00
Universal & Light	\$219.00
Argon	\$219.00
Nitrogen	\$179.00
Carbon Dioxide	\$179.00

If you need GAS please

Call Ray :- 0436016215

Have a nice day 😊

JUNDAH PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRE

COMMUNITY MORNING TEA

**WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER
FROM 10.00 AM**



You're very welcome
to join us as we
celebrate
**Community and
Primary Health Care
Nursing week.**



For more information please
call 4658 6500



Easy Spring Quiche



Ingredients

- 1 1/2 sheets shortcrust pastry, thawed
- 2 teaspoon olive oil
- 2 bacon rashers, chopped
- 4 eggs
- 150 millilitre thickened cream
- 1 green onion, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoon chopped fresh mint leaves, plus extra leaves
- 1 zucchini, thinly sliced lengthways
- 1/2 cup frozen peas, thawed
- 100 gram soft feta, crumbled

mixed salad, to serve

- 1** Lightly grease a 22cm loose-bottomed quiche pan. Join pastry sheets. Ease into pan to line, trimming to fit. Chill for 15 minutes.
- 2** In a medium frying pan, heat oil on high. Fry bacon for 3-4 minutes until golden brown. Transfer to bowl and cool.
- 3** Preheat oven to 200°C. Bake blind pastry case for 10-12 minutes until golden. Remove filling and bake for a further 5 minutes. Remove. Reduce oven to 180°C.
- 4** In a large jug, whisk eggs and cream together. Stir in green onions and mint. Season. Pour into pastry case. Top with bacon, zucchini, peas and feta.
- 5** Bake for 30-35 minutes until set in centre. Serve topped with mint leaves. Accompany with salad.

