



Barcoo Shire Community Newsletter

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A Message From The Mayor

Dear Barcoo Shire Residents,

Last week Windorah, Barcoo Shire the Channel Country and the outback was saddened to hear of the passing of life long Windorah resident, Sandy (James) Kidd.

Sandy was a larger than life character who spent his life helping others and making Windorah, the Channel Country and the bush a better and richer place to live or visit.

Sandy made an incredible community contribution during his life, and it did not matter what it was or who it was - he would do his very best to make sure he could make a difference or offer some help.

Sandy and his wonderful wife Anne were the most hospitable people, there is many a weary traveller who has had a hot meal and a warm bed due to their generosity.

Sandy was probably best known for his contribution to aviation and his career as a bush pilot. There are many of us in Barcoo Shire and across Australia who have benefited from his skills as a bush pilot.

It did not matter whether it was a mercy dash to recover a sick or injured person, and expectant mother, search and rescue of someone missing in the bush, resupply of a town or property isolated by flood waters, or to assist a family to get across the flooded Channel Country rivers – Sandy was front and centre.



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There are many a bush family who have had a much better education due to Sandy's passion for getting better transport services and better access to additional educational opportunities including sports and the arts to the 'desert kids' - as he fondly to refer to them as. Sandy was a long-term representative on the Priority Country Area Program (PCAP) and fought tooth and nail for many of the education facilities we enjoy today.

The Channel Country has lost another friend and icon, and I know the world continues to change – but we will forever miss the people, like Sandy, who have given so much to making a difference.

The weather has certainly turned it on again with the low pressure system and remnants of ex-Tropical Cyclone Trevor tracking south and then east across the eastern Northern Territory and into western Queensland dumping incredible falls of rain across a wide area.

The northern and central parts of the Barcoo Shire, the southern parts of Winton Shire, north western areas of Quilpie Shire as well as southern areas of Longreach and Blackall/Tambo Regional Council areas have received falls between 100 -300mm over a few days.

This rain has already started to provide beneficial flooding locally, and this will continue as the flood waters continue to progress down the tributaries of the Thomson and Barcoo Rivers into Cooper's Creek.

This flood event will provide the best beneficial flooding since 2012, and if there is no further rain, will probably be a comparable flood event as we had in 2008 at around 5.95m or a bit above at Windorah – but largely dependent on the Barcoo River – which was in 2008 a huge 8.68m at Isisford. At the time of writing Isisford was only 6.15m – but still rising. As Sandy Kidd always sad – “No two floods are the same”.

Unfortunately, you don't have to go too far south and east of Windorah to see areas that have only had minimal rain or no rain in comparison to the big falls mentioned above. The southern areas of the shire have had rainfalls as low as 29 mm towards the Quilpie Shire boundary, and up to 80mm west towards the Diamantina Shire boundary.

Even though those with the lowest fall would be a bit disappointed. I sincerely hope that all of Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria get some useful rain before the window starts to close once more and we move into the winter months.

We are already seeing a spike in the cattle and sheep markets, which is a double edged sword. For those wanting to sell stock it is wonderful, as opposed to those wanting to buy stock and start to restock their properties – it certainly makes that task much more difficult.

In relation to the current weather and road conditions.

I know that almost everyone in the shire is well used to dealing with a few days or a week or two without access to your regular mail services, or be able to drive to your nearest town for property, food or medical supplies. But I just want to reinforce to the community and those living on properties or in mining camps. That if you or your friends and neighbours need any support in dealing with the current or future weather, flood or road conditions, or are in need of the resupply of essential food items, fuel (mainly for refrigeration of food only), or medical supplies - please contact Barcoo Shire Council.

In dealing with any requests for assistance, Barcoo Shire will endeavour to provide assistance to you directly, or if it is beyond our capacity, we will elevate your request to the Longreach District Disaster Group for a determination and possible assistance.

The road works on the Thomson Developmental Road 80kms south of Longreach are going to be problematic for resupply in the towns of Jundah and Stonehenge over the next couple of weeks. This is a problem that we generally don't have to contend with, but Barcoo Shire Council is working closely with the Department of Transport and Main Roads, the Longreach District Disaster Coordinator, and are using the local knowledge of property owners in that general area to try and get supplies past or around this obstruction - and get people living in or around these communities, access to their regular mail and essential supplies.

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For those living in the Windorah area, we are having discussions with REX airlines for resupply as stocks deplete in this community. I have been speaking to the general store, service station and hotel, and they have enough supplies for the next week at least – so we will make some assessments during the week to ensure that the communities essential needs are met.

I will continue to send any severe weather and flood warning to the community through via our Barcoo Information Distribution email network, and they will be available at our Visitor Information Centres if conditions change.

I urge community members to please keep in contact with neighbours and friends, and particularly any vulnerable people in the towns or on properties and mining camps, to make sure that they are okay and aware of changing conditions.

Let us enjoy the wonderful wet weather and the beneficial flooding coming down the rivers and creeks. We have a very resilient and strong population - but always remember to stay safe by: **thinking before you act, and if it is flooded forget it.**

Warm regards,

Bruce Scott





COMMUNITY NOTICE:

Auction Website

The Barcoo Shire Council invites residents in Jundah, Stonehenge and Windorah, including Shire properties to visit our new webpage for the auction of surplus items.

Council has established a new webpage on its website for the auction surplus items of inventory and general purchases.

You will be able to bid on auction items after completing a registration process and you can view the items at the following webpage

<https://www.barcoo.qld.gov.au/news-and-events/auction>

Heart of the channel country
www.barcoo.qld.gov.au

Jundah State School News

Barcoo Shire Swimming Carnival Results 2019

P – 2 Minor Junior Girl Champion	Bindi Geiger	
P – 2 Minor Junior Boy Champion	Cooper Barr-Richards	
Years 3 & 4 Junior Girl Champion	Alice Miller	
Years 3 & 4 Junior Boy Champion	Lachlan Bateman	
Years 5 & 6 Senior Girl Champion	Lillie Barr-Richards	
Years 5 & 6 Senior Boy Champion	Blake Champion	
SCHOOL POINTS:	<i>Total Points</i>	<i>Aggregate Points</i>
Windorah	38	7.6
Stonehenge	30	10
LSODE	4	4
Jundah	79	11.3

Congratulations to all the competitors for an amazing day. Congratulations to the medallion winners and to the shield winners, Jundah State School. Thank you to the Barcoo Shire Council for their sponsorship and support.



Jundah State School News



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The Barcoo Shire swimming carnival was held at the Jundah Swimming pool on Friday 22nd March 2019.

The term started with rain and is finishing with rain and the benefits are enormous.

Mrs Volker attended the Principal's Conference in Brisbane at the end of February. The conference provided the message that Queensland schools are doing well and the challenge is to continue to improve. The main strategy is to be precise. The speakers were thought provoking and inspirational with some very interesting information about our future lives. Anna Meares, guest speaker, was a highlight for her ability to stay at the top of her sport for such an extended period of time.

While in Brisbane, Mrs Volker also took the opportunity to attend a reading workshop on the Thursday and Friday. The workshop discussed the importance of leadership and then used the literacy continuum and Australian Curriculum achievement standards to explore the strategies for the teaching of reading in the classroom.

A three day workshop will be offered in Longreach in Term 2 for teachers and teacher aides to continue with professional development.

Swimming lessons have continued and the Barcoo Shire Swimming Carnival was held at the Jundah Pool. Due to rain and flooding the planned swim camp will probably be cancelled.

Jundah State School News

Visits to Stonehenge State School have occurred fortnightly and both schools are enjoying the opportunity to work together and teach collaboratively. The rotations of English, HASS and PE and Health, have given the students the opportunity to work with similar aged students in small groups. Students have the opportunity to work with various teachers and staff members as well.

In English this term, the first assessment piece was a presentation of a procedure. The students made a mask of the character they were portraying and presented their procedure to the class in an enjoyable and entertaining way.

Kindy has had a change of days with the change of staff. Miss K, who had worked with the Kindy since the beginning of the year resigned and Miss Hill is now the Kindy teacher aide. Miss Hill has experience in child care and working with younger students. The Kindy students have been following an ocean theme that started with a visit to school of some pet crabs. Sea animals have been explored, with ships and the event of pirates being a natural progression of the theme.

Miss Roisin attended the Beginning Teachers workshop in Longreach on Friday afternoon and Saturday. The PD covered a range of topics such as inclusivity, tips, tricks and links, wellbeing in rural and remote and 'Understanding our Patch' - a welcome to Central Queensland region. It also provided the opportunity for networking.

Mrs Volker attended the excellent Learning Difficulties and the Gifted or Dyslexic Child PD in Longreach on Wednesday afternoon. The practical workshop provided an overview of the learning differences and many practical strategies to use with students. In the presentation, Teaching the Gifted or Dyslexic Child: Same or Different? Lois shared insights on how Nicholas went from the bottom of the class to the top of the academic world (including receiving a Ph.D. from Oxford University). In the talk, she demonstrated how changing the method of instruction and creating a flexible learning environment increases a child's desire to learn, greatly improves student outcomes.

The Didjeribone show that was to be held in Windorah was not attended by Jundah State School due to the weather conditions and road closures.

The 'Good News Clown' was able to visit the school and spread the 'good news' message. The students enjoyed the tricks and were active participants in the show.

The Jundah State School P&C have an Easter raffle. There are three Easter baskets to the value of \$100 to be won. Tickets are \$1.00 each.

The Jundah State School P&C AGM is on Wednesday 3rd April at 5.15pm in the school library. Everyone is welcome.

This year we will start a tree planting program to rejuvenate the school grounds. Native trees are being donated to the school. Each family is invited to plant a tree with a commemorative paver at that tree. This will be combined with the welcome barbeque and induction for 2019 on Monday 29th April 2019. Everyone is welcome and there will be extra trees to plant.

Happy Easter and happy holidays to everyone. Be safe.

Yours in education

Chris Volker

Windorah State School P&C Assn present the annual

YELLOW BELLY HUNT

FISHING COMPETITION

Labour Day Long Weekend – 4th & 5th May 2019

Cooper's Creek, Windorah



Saturday night **LIVE** entertainment with **Ell Regan**

Booze bus & free camping

"Ellimaccon Pty Ltd" &

"Smiley's Transport"

**Nomination
draw prize**

**Win a CAR
FRIDGE!**

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

Windorah Information Centre: 4656 3063
facebook: [www.windorahspanda](https://www.facebook.com/windorahspanda)



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Media Release



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NBN Co urges Australians to be vigilant of scammers amid rise in calls

NBN Co, the company building and upgrading Australia's telecommunications and broadband network, is urging residents to be wary of scammers impersonating the wholesale network provider.

Today new information has been published on the company's website to help residents understand how to identify and avoid scammers posing as NBN Co.

The advice follows an 84 per cent increase in enquiries about suspected scams made to the wholesaler's contact centre since October 2018. Approximately 28 per cent of those calls originated from residents in NSW; 24 per cent from Victoria and 19 per cent from Queensland.

More than 8.5 million homes and businesses are now able to order an **nbn**[™] service from their preferred phone and internet retailer, with the rollout scaling up in Australia's capital cities.

NBN Co's Chief Security Officer, Darren Kane, said: "With nearly three in four homes and businesses now able to connect to the **nbn**[™] access network, it's vital people understand the steps involved in making the switch, including how and when NBN Co and retailers will communicate with customers.

"It's important to remember the key point of contact for Australians connecting to the **nbn**[™] access network will always be their preferred phone and internet service provider. This is because NBN Co is a wholesale-only company and does not sell services directly to the public.

"In fact connecting to the **nbn**[™] access network is not automatic and people need to contact their preferred phone or internet provider to make the switch.

"We urge residents and businesses to be vigilant of callers claiming to be from NBN Co requesting personal or financial information. We will never make unsolicited calls or door knock to sell broadband services to the public. We will never request remote access to a resident's computer and we will never make unsolicited requests for payment or financial information.

"Protect yourself by verifying who you are talking to. If in doubt, hang up and call your retail service provider customer service centre to check if the call is legitimate."

For more information on scams, please visit: www.nbn.com.au/scamadvice.



NBN Co’s top tips for protecting yourself against scammers:

Visit NBN Co’s website at www.nbn.com.au/scamadvice for information on how to identify and avoid potential scammers or for advice if you suspect you have been scammed.

Remember NBN Co is a wholesaler, which means we do not sell phone or internet services directly to the public. People need to contact their preferred phone and internet provider in order to make the switch.

Do not share your financial information ((i.e. bank, credit card or gift card details) or personal details with an unsolicited caller or door knockers trying to seek payment for an nbn™ service.

Never give an unsolicited caller remote access to your computer or devices via the installation of programs.

NBN Co does not make automated calls (i.e. robocalls) to advise of disconnections to a service. Please do not engage with these calls.

If in doubt, hang up and call your retail service provider on their official customer service centre number to check if the call is legitimate. Do not use contact details supplied by the caller.

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Protect yourself from scams

Have you been contacted by someone claiming to be from **nbn** asking for personal information and you're not sure if it is a scam?

- Learn about the nbn™ access network
- How your broadband gets to you
- The network explained
- Speed options
- The nbn™ kiwi Technology Mix (ATM)
- nbn™ rollout map
- Evolution of the internet
- Device compatibility
- Make the most of your experience
- What happens in a power blackout?
- Protect yourself from scams**

Immediate action

If you have provided bank account, credit card, or gift card (iTunes/Coles) details to a scammer claiming to work for **nbn**, you need to:

- Contact your bank or financial institution immediately.
- Report the matter to your local police. You could also report your issue to the Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network (ACORN).
- If you have provided remote access to your computer or financial information to a scammer, contact IDCARE on 1300 432 273.
- To protect others, report scams to the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (ACCC) via SCAMwatch.

Things to keep an eye out for

- If someone claiming to work for **nbn** has contacted you trying to sell you an internet or phone service and you're in doubt, ask for their details, hang up and call your retail service provider to check if they're legitimate.
- Do not share your bank or personal details with an unsolicited caller or with those who door knock claiming to be from **nbn** trying to sell you an **nbn**™ service or seek payment for related services.
- **nbn**™ approved technicians and workers carry enAble™ identification cards - always request to see this card before providing physical access to your address.
- Never give an unsolicited caller remote access to your computer via the installation of programs such as Team Viewer.
- **nbn** does not call you with automated assistance to advise you will be disconnected - we suggest you hang up the phone.
- **nbn** is a 'wholesaler' - you will need to purchase an **nbn**™ powered plan through a phone or internet provider. We only accept direct payment from the public in certain circumstances e.g. switching technologies at your premises.



Save the date:
WINDORAH
GYMKHANA,
BRONCO BRANDING
& STOCKMAN'S
CHALLENGE

13TH & 14TH JULY 2019

*Horse & motorbike events, canteen both days, bar, camping,
showers, entertainment*

More Details contact 07 4656 4955

QLD Traffic App

Are you needing to get up-to-date road conditions? If you visit <https://qldtraffic.qld.gov.au> you will find all the information on road conditions, hazards etc you may need.

QLDTraffic is the trusted, official source of traffic and travel information from the Queensland Government. It includes the website, the 13 19 40 phone service, social media and the QLDTraffic smartphone app, enabling motorists and commuters to check traffic conditions and plan their journeys before they go .



The new QLDTraffic smartphone app is available for iPhone and Android devices. It provides personalised push notifications for important traffic alerts that affect your favourite routes and places, and it can even reach out to you about nearby traffic alerts using audio notifications while you're on the road.

Although the QLDTraffic app is not universal at this time, you can download to an iPad with these simple instructions:

1. Open Apple App Store and search QLDTraffic
2. Tap the *iPad only* option at the top of the screen and select *iPhone only* instead
3. Download the app as per normal.



Don't forget you can find out about local road conditions on the Barcoo Shire website before you head off on your trip, or check in with the Information Centre in your town.

My Community Directory—Barcoo Shire

Barcoo Shire has joined the online information service, “My Community Directory”.

Community groups, events, SES, QFES and health services are all listed in the directory.

If you have an event you would like listed or have had your committees annual general meeting and details need to be updated, please contact Maureen or Trudy at the Windorah Visitor Information Centre on 07 467563063 or windorahinfo@barcoo.qld.gov.au and the listing will be updated. Also if you find any errors or missing information please contact us to have them corrected. To see listings in the directory following these steps.

Go to www.mycommunitydirectory.com.au

Search for your town, eg Windorah, Stonehenge or Jundah.

Type in the category you are looking for.

It should bring up a list of all items for Barcoo shire in that particular category.

The page also scrolls through events, including health visits, at the bottom of the page.

For more information regarding My Community Directory please contact the Windorah Visitor Information Centre.



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.

Land Water Animal Management

If residents are having a yard/garden clean up after the wonderful rain we have just had can you please take your excess plants/ rubbish to the town dump so we know where they are instead of the likes of Mother of Millions and the different Cactus growing all over the town common.

Landholders who have been feeding hay and stock feeds bought and donated please check your feed sites for unknown weeds and contact the Rural Lands team if you need help to identify them.

Peter Pidgeon
 Rural lands Officer
 0459028596

Jess Fitzgerald
 Rural Lands Support officer
 07 46586900



Have you liked the Barcoo Facebook page?

Stay up to date with the latest news!




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.





SAVE THE DATE

18th - 20th October 2019



*Channel Country
Ladies Day*



*Thargomindah
Western Queensland*



BARCOO SHIRE

ANZAC DAY 2019 WINDORAH

Dawn Service - Windorah Cemetery
Assemble 5.30am
Service 5.45am

Breakfast at Michael Brown & Vanessa
De Landelles' residence following the service.

March: 9.30 am
Assemble at Information Centre
Morning Service at Rock of Remembrance

MORNING TEA TO FOLLOW SERVICE
PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF SMOKO TO SHARE
ICE BLOCKS & POPPERS PROVIDED BY BARCOO SHIRE
COUNCIL



David Littleproud MP
Federal Member for Maranoa

Media Statement

February 25, 2019

Music to our ears: funding secured for Central West performance

To help lift spirits in the Central West, \$10,000 has been secured to help bush kids and the community forget about drought for a while and have fun through the performing arts Maranoa MP David Littleproud said.

"Top Up Central Western Queensland is a five-month series of 12 workshops in Central Western Queensland and a four-day Creative Bootcamp which will culminate in a free community performance in Longreach," Mr Littleproud said.

"With Longreach as a base, Topology will partner with community organisations – such as local schools – to hold workshops in towns including Augathella, Barcardine, Blackall, Winton, Windorah and Tambo.

"Local experienced musicians, dancers, filmmakers and songwriters will also be a part of the collaborative project.

"The workshops will focus on composition, song writing, improvisation, film, performance self-confidence, multimedia and dance choreography."

This \$10,000 in funding – through the Federal government's Tackling Tough Times Together – has been designed to provide support for projects identified as important to the survival and future prosperity of small, drought-affected communities.

"Communities in Maranoa who have received these grants did so through an allocation of \$15 million provided by the Coalition Federal Government to the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal," Mr Littleproud said.

The aim of this funding support is to enhance community health, wellbeing, and make way for locals across Maranoa to get involved as volunteers and support organisations that give back to the community.

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David Littleproud MP
Federal Member for Maranoa

Media Statement

February 25, 2018

Dress for success endorsed with Federal funding

To support Dress the Central West Collaborative – an arts and cultural event in the Central West that will have participants exploring the limitless bounds of their creativity - \$60,000 has been secured.

The funds will be provided to the hosting organisation, Red Ridge, who will manage 48 workshops and four regional showcase events, Maranoa MP David Littleproud said.

"I'm pleased that this funding will give locals an opportunity to put on their creative hat, provide some time out from the drought and really think outside the box," Mr Littleproud said.

"I'm a big believer in building resilience by getting together at events like Dress the Central West, where there's an open space to talk and share a laugh."

There will be 48 workshops held in Winton, Longreach, Blackall and Barcaldine, which will focus on:

- Wearable art projects that connect local talent with skills in working with textiles
- Ringers leather craft workshops for rural men, youth and Indigenous locals
- Indigenous cultural workshops that focus on gratitude, respect and connection with family.

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Tackling Tough Times Together has been designed to provide support for projects identified as important to the survival and future prosperity of small, drought-affected communities around Australia.

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Media Statement

March 15, 2018

Maranoa receives \$150,000 for community projects to deliver environmental benefits

Greening, cleaning and conserving Maranoa communities will be top of the agenda with \$150,000 up for grabs through the Communities Environment Program (CEP) and Maranoa MP David Littleproud has encouraged groups to apply for this funding.

"What I like most about CEP grants is that funds filter down to support projects undertaken by grassroots community organisations like Rotary, Lions Clubs, Indigenous organisations, schools, and conservation groups to help rollout community environment programs," Mr Littleproud said.

"I encourage community groups to apply for funding which could be used to restore wetlands, riverbanks and waterways, protect native animals, reduce waste and litter, and support local parks and community areas.

"We are committed to harnessing local communities and local knowledge to protect our environment because they know what decisions need to be made to help our local community."

The program is modelled on the Government's successful Stronger Communities program.

Through this funding, each electorate – including Maranoa – can receive \$150,000 to fund up to 20 projects, with grants ranging from \$2500 to \$20,000.

"Community groups in Maranoa can contact my office to express interest in receiving funding under the program," Mr Littleproud said.

For more information, please visit www.environment.gov.au/cep or phone Mr Littleproud's Dalby office on 4662 2715.

Expressions of interest are due by March 22 at the latest.

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David Littleproud MP
Federal Member for Maranoa

Media Statement

March 5, 2018

Maranoa MP secures \$50,000 in funding to grow the Central West's creative core

Maranoa MP David Littleproud today announced \$50,000 – under the Coalition Government's Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) – to deliver a series of workshops and a four-day creative boot camp across Central Western communities.

"With Longreach as a base, Topology will partner with community organisations – such as local schools – to hold workshops in towns including Augathella, Barcaldine, Blackall, Winton, Windorah and Tambo to promote expression through the creative arts," Mr Littleproud said.

"The workshops and boot camp will finish with a free community performance in Longreach.

"These projects drive results in communities and in Maranoa that means lifting spirits during drought and potentially diving into alternative income streams like tourism and events.

"Without the Building Better Regions Fund, community investment projects – such as this one in the Central West – often struggle for funding but this Coalition Federal Government has invested more than \$4.85 million for 14 projects in my electorate in this current round of funding."

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David Littleproud MP
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Media Statement

March 20, 2019

Barcoo region's airstrips set for a new kind of lightshow Maranoa MP announces

Three airstrips in the Barcoo region will be soon be upgraded with state-of-the-art lighting thanks to \$35,000 in Federal Government funding, Maranoa MP David Littleproud announced today.

"New lighting will be installed – to help make night landings and takeoffs safer - at the Windorah, Stonehenge and Jundah airstrips under the Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program," Mr Littleproud said.

"The Windorah airstrip's power facility will also be upgraded while Stonehenge and Jundah airstrips have emergency backup lighting installed.

"Having that option to travel by plane at night is vital for every remote community.

"Keeping our airstrips in top-notch condition is crucial for services like Royal Flying Doctor Service, Australia Post, freight and other air transport services to continue to service local needs across the Barcoo region.

"Upgrades like this will ensure that locals can remain well-connected, overcoming the effects of the tyranny of distance.

"This Coalition Federal Government is continuing our investment in vital infrastructure in our bush communities, particularly through key air transport works which are a lifeline for many isolated communities stretched across Maranoa."

In total Mr Littleproud secured \$487,243 through Round Six of the Coalition Federal Government's Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program, where upgrade works will also be carried out at the Aramac and Cunnamulla airstrips.

For more information on the program visit
<https://infrastructure.gov.au/aviation/regional/rauq.aspx>.

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Recipe

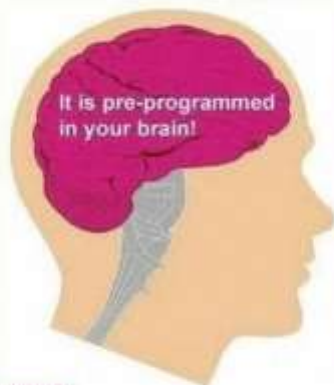
Ingredients

- ◆ 1 1/4 cups plain flour
- ◆ 1 1/4 cups rolled oats
- ◆ 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- ◆ 1 cup shredded coconut
- ◆ 150g butter, chopped
- ◆ 2 tablespoons golden syrup
- ◆ 1/2 teaspoon of bicarbonate soda
- ◆ 2 tablespoons boiling water



- Preheat oven to 180 degrees. Grease and line a 3cm deep, 19cmx29cm slice pan with baking paper.
- Combine flour, oats, sugar and coconut in a large bowl. Make a well in the centre.
- Place butter and syrup in a saucepan over low heat. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 8 to 10 minutes or until smooth. Combine bicarbonate soda and boiling water in a jug. Remove butter mixture from heat. Stir in bicarb soda mixture. Add to flour mixture. Stir to combine.
- Transfer to prepared pan. Using the back of a spoon, press mixture evenly into pan. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes until golden. Cool in pan and cut into squares.

HOW SMART IS YOUR RIGHT FOOT?



TRY THIS:

- 1) While sitting in front of your computer, lift your right foot and make clockwise circles.
- 2) Now, while doing that, draw the number 6 in the air with your right hand. Your foot will change direction. And there's nothing you can do about it.

