



# Barcoo Shire Community Newsletter

## Stonehenge Rodeo

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Glorious warm weather set the scene for a memorable 2019 Stonehenge Rodeo weekend from the 16-18th August. The action started on Friday evening with the Team penning under lights in the main arena. The cattle made for a competitive event with about 30 teams lining up to put their horsemanship skills to the test. Well done to the winners and gridders on the night.

Saturday morning saw the big crowd start to roll in and set up their camps ready for the program to commence. Kids saddled their ponies for the Gymkhana and competitors prepped their steeds for the Stockman's Challenge. There was plenty to do and see around the grounds with riders showcasing their skills and speed in the various events. Challenge nominations were up on previous years and congratulations to all riders who put their talent to the test, particularly Belinda McLeish and her horse, Notus Drinks, who took home the accolades in the Open Challenge.



# Stonehenge Rodeo

As the afternoon rolled around, the rodeo fired up with the bulls, broncs, bullocks and barrels taking the centre stage. Roughriders from across Queensland descended on Stonehenge in a bid to take home a share in the prizemoney. Rodeo nomination numbers were strong and combined with the quality bucking stock, the thrills and spills carried on into the evening. Special mention goes to local identity, Rob Francis, who was crowned the Station Buckjump winner, outclassing all others in the field.

After partying till late and dancing in the dirt with the Whiskey Mountain Boys live band, competitors dusted themselves off on Sunday morning to contest the Motorbike Gymkhana and the Bronco Branding. Rubber and ropes were flying providing spectators with another entertaining day of bush sportsmanship. Always popular with the tourists, the Bronco Branding never fails to entertain with both rookie and experienced teams contesting the competition on the day.

The massive line up of events resulted in another successful weekend for the Stonehenge community with part of the proceeds set to benefit worthy causes in the near future. The Committee would like to thank all sponsors, spectators, competitors, volunteers and everyone who assisted to make the event an enjoyable and fun filled occasion. We look forward to doing it all again in 2020!



# Message From The Mayor

Dear Barcoo Shire Residents,

It is with great sadness we mark the passing of one of our own, Rodney (Danesy) Danes. We pass on our sympathy to Danesy's family and friends at this difficult time, and give thanks to have been part of his life.

Danesy fought a good fight after being diagnosed with cancer at a relatively young age. Danesy was one of Barcoo Shire's finest and longest serving employees, and went about his work and life happily and without any fuss – he was just a good bloke.

Life is not fair, and we see too many of our friends and family being dealt a tough hand which we constantly wonder why. But the good that comes from the community and individual people shine when we get dealt a tough hand, and Danesy's friends stood tall for him during his time of need – thank you to those who gave him so much love and kindness to the end.

This dreadful disease called cancer, which touches the lives of all of us in some form, whether that is family, friends or ourselves. Cancer is not selective in many cases, and we should all make sure we see our doctors if there are symptoms or signs of abnormalities in our bodies. We should also present for check-ups when we reach those certain ages and as the risk factor increases, or we have family history of cancer.

On a brighter note in the shire, I was lucky to have attended the annual Barcoo Shire Sports in Windorah this month. This was a special year as it marks the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the holding of the Barcoo Shire Sports. The first Barcoo Shire Sports was held in 1959, where the first shield was presented to the winning school. Doreen Pitman informed me that the first Barcoo Sports Shield was purchased by council after a resolution at a council meeting: Moved by Cr Arthur and Seconded by Cr Rabig - for the sum of £ 11.10.0.

Thank you to everyone who provided some memorabilia on the day to mark this occasion in the history of Barcoo Shire Sports. And it was great to see that the spirit and hope that was laid for the first Barcoo Shire Sports still exists today.

It was wonderful to see the children compete so fiercely in the various sporting events, but at the same time show so much sportsmanship and friendship to their fellow athletes. The children were so well supported by their families, teachers, school team members, and friends. Their great encouragement and guidance shined - when the children won their events humbly, and lost their events proudly to have given their best.

This attitude speaks so highly of the whole-of-community nurturing and foundation that occurs in our small towns and surrounds. I am so grateful and proud for the time and effort that goes into the raising of our children by the families, teachers and school support staff, friends of the schools, and whole of community. Without this combined effort of setting a good example and a guiding hand, our children cannot reach their potential in their education and their life skills.



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A big thank you to the school principals and their teams and the parents and friends for making sure that the Barcoo Sports happens every year. It is a big task to run the Barcoo Shire Sports day by the host school, and this year the Windorah State School with Principal Jenny Hughes and her staff making the day happen. A warm thank you to Peta Geiger for taking responsibility of organising and running the day with Principal Jenny Hughes away with her role in the Outback Advantage. As always, a grateful thank you to our Windorah P&C President, Tony Geiger and his supporters, and the Council staff members, particularly Brian Dayes - for preparing the oval for the day's events.

It is worth noting that two of our school principals (Jenny Hughes and Christine Volker) have been selected to be working with other experienced principals to provide the basis of the school curriculum into the future. This is a great honour to these two principals to be selected for this important role, and a testament to their commitment to remote education, and best outcomes for the children living in the regional and remote communities.

The importance of socialising children and exposing them to differing experiences like sports, the arts and literature, differing economic, social and environmental opinions can never be underestimated. I want to congratulate our schools, and their principals and support teams, for taking the time to encourage diversity in education, providing our children to the best possible educational experience, and the best chance at living and working in their chosen environment and chosen career.

I have always encouraged our children to respect diversity of culture and opinion and defend the principles of democracy and a free society. I also thought that children's progression from primary school in a remote area to a large secondary school was as much part of the social education, as it was the progression through the education process from primary; to secondary; into a tertiary, trade based or TAFE pathway.

The importance of learning to live in a multicultural, multi-personality, multi-advantage, multi-belief, multi-gender or preference orientation can never be underestimated – because the world is all of this and more. If we are to succeed as a society, our children need to understand that difference is normal, and to have empathy for others around us who might not be the same as they are. It is so critically important that we as a society look out for each other, particularly people who are struggling with their own difference.

As all are aware – the Jundah Roadhouse and General Store is open. I have been over for a flash coffee with Matt and Shannon and Piper. It was great to see so many there, including their extended family, along with great and great great aunty and Barcoo Shire's most senior citizen, Cath Millar.

Every time I have been past the road house, the car park has been full of cars, and we have already enjoyed some beautiful catering courtesy of Matt and Shannon.

# Message From The Mayor

Last Friday, Queensland celebrated Police Remembrance Day. Below is an email I sent to our local Boys in Blue on behalf of the community - thanking them for their service and remembering their fallen colleagues and the families of those brave Police Officers.

*Good afternoon Glen, Rob and Peter,*

*I wanted to let you know we in Barcoo Shire are thinking of you and your fellow Police Officers, and especially those fallen Police Officers, who have given their lives in the carrying out of their duty, on Police Remembrance Day.*

*We do appreciate everything you and the Queensland Police Service do in keeping our communities and citizens safe during times of need, and for protecting us from those who commit crime in our society.*

*It is a great thing to give your lives and careers to keeping people safe, and sometimes we do not show this appreciation in the deserving and respectful way in which we should. Police Officers put their lives on the line each and every day, work is sometimes in horrendous conditions, and are the frontline between the community and danger – thank you most sincerely for your commitment.*

*To all Police Officers, and to the families of those fallen Police Officer fellow colleagues – we say a warm and heartfelt thank you for your service, and our sympathy for your and these families' great loss.*

*The below loss of a Police Officer is close to us today on the anniversary of his death:*

*135 years since Constable Nathaniel Roberts of Windorah Police Station died after becoming lost in the bush without water near Connemarra Station, close to Windorah.*

The Birdsville Races period of busy roads and busy towns seems to have gone off with no serious accidents. The volumes of traffic and people going to the Big Red Bash and Birdsville Races, and generally visiting the shire as tourists continues to increase year on year.

While this increase brings an economic boost to the towns and community groups along the way, the safety of the people travelling the roads during these big events is a big concern of Council and emergency services personnel. We are grateful to our local emergency services members, as well as the visiting Queensland Police Service officers, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services members and Queensland Ambulance Service paramedics who commit their time to keeping people safe.

We are starting to see driver attitude and lack of experience driving on remote roads becoming a serious problem. As vehicles get more comfortable and powerful, speed, impatience and driver fatigue becomes a major problem. As a result, we are seeing people taking unacceptable risks while passing oncoming traffic and slower vehicles going in the same direction. As the road deteriorates the further you go west towards Birdsville from Charleville and Longreach, we see this risk elevating as the road narrows and eventually becomes a gravel surface.

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We are also seeing a differing dimension when it comes to substance abuse of drivers travelling to these events. The fact is, that there were considerably more drivers charged with drug driving than drink driving this year. Which probably should not come as a shock as society is using more and more recreational drugs – but we as other road users have a right to know that the vehicle coming toward us, has a person at the wheel that are fit to drive their vehicle.

The Windorah International Yabby Races were again a big success. The crowd was considered larger than usual, and most certainly the punters were paying considerably more on average for the racing yabbies. The Windorah Development Board and their yabby racing support team did a great job of organising the training of the yabbies, getting the form guide completed, all the pre-organising, and the holding of this event on the night.

This is a joint community, and friends of the community effort, and there are too many to thank individually – but a big thank you to all involved. This event puts a considerable amount of money back into providing goods and services that benefit Windorah, which are available for all residents and visitors to enjoy, or add to the liveability of the town and surrounds.

Warm regards,  
Bruce Scott



Participants in the “2019 Jundah Bronco Branding Doubles—Herb & Nifto Geiger”

Photo credit to Mary Matheson

*More photos and article to come in the October Newsletter*

# Message From The Mayor—Budget Overview



## Budget Overview

The 2019-20 Budget has been prepared with responsible fiscal management in mind and a full awareness of Council's current financial position. The major projects impacting on Council's bottom line this financial year will be flood recovery works and a plant replacement program, some of which has been held over from the 2018/19 financial year due to a lack of funding.

The 2019-20 Budget year will be no different to others, in that Council will be faced with having to exercise tight control over its spending. Whilst significant funding is expected for flood repair works, these monies will be targeted to specific projects. Council will still need to carefully monitor its general cash reserves in order to meet other capital obligations under the roadworks, plant replacement and asset renewal programs.

The annual increase in rates revenue has been limited to 2.5% for all categories. Council is cognisant of the economic times being experienced by ratepayers within the shire, and has sought to keep rate rises to a minimum while attempting to source government funding for projects where possible. In this vein, Council has been successful in attracting a pleasing amount of federal and state funding for a number of much-needed projects within the shire. **Some of these projects** and the associated funding are set out in the project list below. A comprehensive list of all projects is set out within the budget papers.

Council has also reviewed the minimum charges for all rating categories as many of our services are unfunded and general rates subsidise these functions.

With these comments in mind I am pleased to report that for the 2019/20 financial year, initial figures show Council will generate a surplus of revenue over expenditure of \$2.6M.

At the end of June 2019, Council's accumulated funds, amounted to \$10.267M. However, this will be impacted this year with Council's commitment to projects that have either commenced or been funded with grants and matching revenue. In line with its general approach, Council has committed that if the supporting grant funding is not received, the projects will not progress, thus reducing the impact on our funds and providing for responsible management of our position.

Council is also mindful of the risk in carrying large debt, particularly when our own sourced revenue is low, and other revenue streams are subject to large variations in road works contracts and competitive government grants. We currently have one rural electrification loan of approximately \$30.9K which is forecast to be repaid by 15 December 2021. Whilst there is opportunity for Council to borrow for large projects and spread this cost over the life of the asset, Council wishes to ensure these type of projects are funded from cash.

Council believes that we all have to live within our means, and whilst debt is a valid method of financing assets that have a future value and can be sold to realise that value, it is also passing on a debt to future councils and members of the community. Therefore there is significant support from Council to continually review our operations, and look towards doing our business more efficiently, so as to capitalise on some of these savings. With modern technology, communications, improved vehicle maintenance requirements and better opportunity to upskill our employees, there is

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opportunity to save costs within our organisation through good management and good governance. It is incumbent on Council and senior management to ensure our staff has the skills and knowledge to support the vision of Council into the future.

We are looking forward to another progressive year for Council, but we must acknowledge that the opportune years of continued grant funding and Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements works are potentially receding, and we must look to other ways to fund our future.

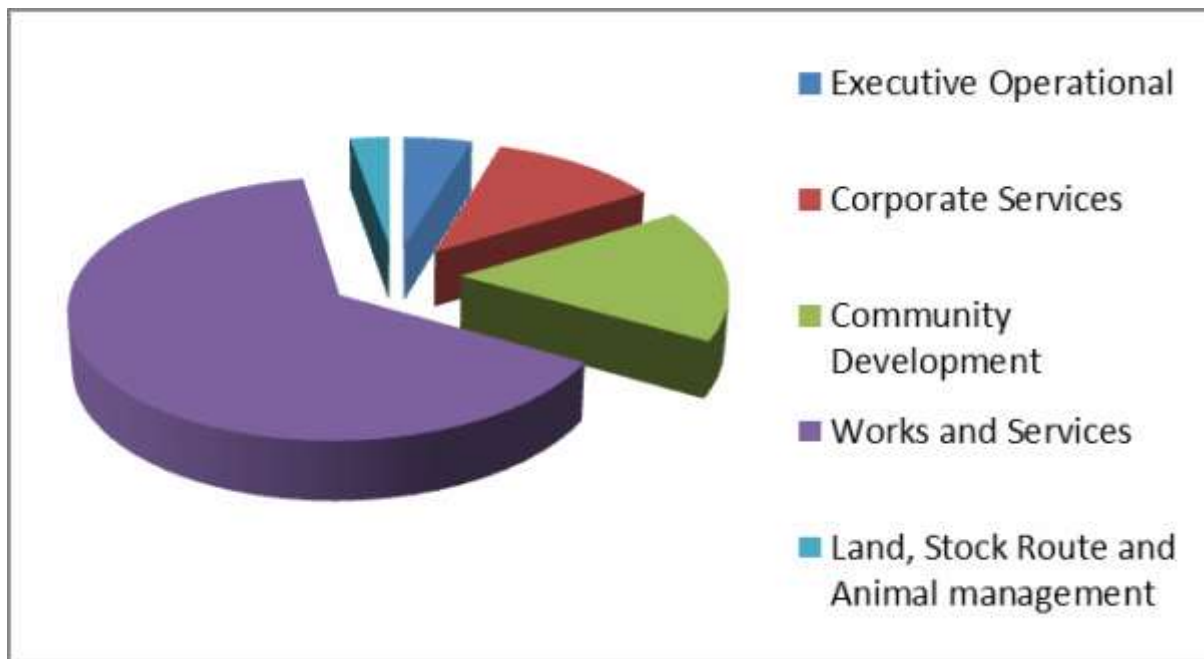
## SOME OF THE MAJOR PROJECTS FOR 2019/20

Description	Project cost	Government Funding
River Rain & Flood Gauges	\$240,000	\$144,000
Windorah Kerbing & Channelling	\$280,000	\$167,000
Wallace Street, Windorah Widening	\$110,000	0
Flood Damage Repair Work	\$8,000,000	\$7,500,000
Road Program	\$2,010,000	\$710,542
Windorah Raw Water Storage Tank	\$315,000	\$315,000
Stonehenge Water Treatment Plant – Budgeted for 20/21 after a review of the ex-	\$150,000	\$100,000
Aerodrome Pilot Activated Lighting Systems	\$30,000	\$25,000
Jundah Hall Amenities	\$250,000	\$200,000
Jundah Information Centre Refurbishment	\$150,000	\$100,000
Connemarra Bridge Replacement	\$460,000	\$276,000
Stonehenge Tennis Court Renewal & Practice Wall	\$45,000	0
Jundah Pool Shade Structure	\$25,000	0



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## Operational Expenditure Budget Graph and Details



Cr Bruce Scott  
**Mayor**



*Jundah Roadhouse*

# Expression of Interest



## ***EXPRESSION OF INTEREST*** ***Sale of House***

Council is calling for Expressions of Interest (EOI's) from persons interested in the possible purchase of a Council owned house in Jundah, address listed below.

***14 Miles Street, Jundah Qld 4736***

EOI's can be lodged with the undersigned, and will be accepted up to 4:00PM on 1 November, 2019 by mail or email to [eo@barcoo.qld.gov.au](mailto:eo@barcoo.qld.gov.au) Council may not necessarily proceed to tender stage from any EOI's submitted.

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Chief Executive Officer

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## ***EXPRESSION OF INTEREST*** ***Purchase or lease of the aviation fuel assets at*** ***Windorah Airport***

Council is calling for Expressions of Interest (EOI's) from persons interested in the possible purchase or lease of the aviation fuel assets at the Windorah airport and/or the turnaround contract with Regional Express.

EOI's can be lodged with the undersigned, and will be accepted up to 4:00PM on 1 November, 2019 by mail or email to [eo@barcoo.qld.gov.au](mailto:eo@barcoo.qld.gov.au) Council may not necessarily proceed to tender stage from any EOI's submitted.

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# Expressions of Interest



## *Expressions of Interest* *Barcoo Shire Council*

Council is seeking expressions of Interest for the provision of ready-mix concrete within the Barcoo Shire, for Council and community use, Council requests the provision details regarding capability and the means of supplying ready-mix concrete to be included in the expression of interest. Council is of the opinion that it is in the public interest to invite expressions of interest because a range of supply options, partnership possibilities or industry development may be a result.

EOI's can be lodged with the undersigned, and will be accepted up to 4:00PM on 1 November, 2019 by mail or email to [eoi@barcoo.qld.gov.au](mailto:eoi@barcoo.qld.gov.au) . Council may not necessarily proceed to tender stage from any EOI's submitted.

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## *Public Auction* *Assorted items and Heavy Plant*

Council is conducting a public auction of unwanted assorted equipment. The auction will be conducted at the Barcoo Shire Council Jundah Administration center (sand yard) at 10:00 am on Saturday 05 October 2019. Mr Richard Simpson from Simstock Rural will be the official auctioneer for the event. The auction will include the following items – assorted machine air, fuel and oil filters, drive and pulley belts, machine bearings, brake linings, machine mirrors, diesel water pumps, aluminum boat with 40hp Honda outboard, 48 foot flatbed trailer complete with diesel generator, fuel and water tank, trencher, Craftsman ride-on lawn mowers, 48 foot flatbed trailer with accommodation block, Wilson/Perkins 44kva diesel generator, Tieman diesel tanker with dolly, assorted single phase induction motors, fencing equipment. Plant and vehicles to include – TH414 CAT Telehandler, Clark toolcat, Hino NPR200 series medium rigid truck, Hino 300 series medium rigid truck, Kenworth T658 prime mover, whipper snippers, For further information, please contact Mr. Darren Lovett, 07 4658 6918.

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# 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; #Barcoo way 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](mailto:windorahinfo@barcoo.qld.gov.au)  
[jundahinfo@barcoo.qld.gov.au](mailto:jundahinfo@barcoo.qld.gov.au)  
[stonehengeinfo@barcoo.qld.gov.au](mailto: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 October newsletter are sent to [stonehengeinfo@barcoo.qld.gov.au](mailto:stonehengeinfo@barcoo.qld.gov.au) by Friday 25th October

Thank you!

**Jundah State School**



**Concert**

**Saturday**

**9th November**

**2019**

**6:30pm**

**JUNDAH SHIRE HALL**

**End of Year Concert**

**BBQ by Rotary**

All Welcome





**JUNDAH RFDS AUXILIARY**

# SMOKO COOKING NEEDED

**For the Car Rally on 23/10/2019.**

**Muffins  
Biscuits  
Fruit Cake  
Slice etc.**

Each piece to be wrapped individually in gladwrap and no icing.



**ABLE TO HELP?**

Contact Donna Batt on

P | 4658 5942

E | [pdbatt@activ8.net.au](mailto:pdbatt@activ8.net.au)

to advise how many pieces you  
can provide.

# Jundah State School News

Jundah State School worked on a feature article in English and students had the opportunity to work with non-fiction texts. The Kindy choose an Australian animal to explore each week and found lots of interesting facts they were able to share with everyone.

The Year 2 and Year 4 students completed the NAPLAN school readiness test and the school is ready to complete NAPLAN online in 2020.

Sir Wally Rae sports day at Isisford was another wonderful day with all the students competing and the dust blew as a part of the day. Congratulations Jundah State School for winning the march past trophy at Sir Wally Rae and congratulations to Piper for achieving age champion. Tumbles, stumbles, tears and good sportsmanship were shown at Isisford for the sports day. Congratulations to all the students for being such great competitors and showing such wonderful sportsmanship.



The Principal Engagement Strategy provided Mrs Volker with the opportunity to travel to Brisbane and work with the C2C Curriculum team on the small schools multi-age curriculum that the Outback Advantage schools have been trialling. Working with the C2C team, reviewing units, refining units and working on units to be delivered for the future was the focus of the week. The face to face sessions allowed the principals and C2C team to discuss in depth the units, including the assessment tasks and tracking of the Australian curriculum. The units that have been trialled will be published for the state to use next year. Collaboration on the units for next term and the refinements that are in progress are providing the students with units that are catering for their needs. The Deputy Director-General State Schools, Peter Kelly, congratulated the group on their efforts and supported an ongoing commitment to future development of the work. The Outback Advantage schools will continue to trial new units next year.



# Jundah State School News

Another Principal Engagement Strategy will be held for all the Outback Advantage Principals in Week 4 Term 4 on Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November in Brisbane. This is another opportunity to further explore the curriculum for our small school.

Mrs Jessica Griffin, an aspiring principal, was given the opportunity to work at Jundah State School to experience a small school for the week and had a wonderful time working with the students.

Miss Roisin attended the Leading Student Behaviour workshop for the introduction of the new behaviour management template and changes to behaviour management.



Barcoo Shire Sports was held in Windorah this year and everyone had a fantastic day.

Congratulations to Windorah State School, P&C and community for such a lovely day. Jundah State School won the march past trophy and Piper was awarded the Kay Woods best and fairest trophy. Congratulations on the excellent sportsmanship the students displayed.

**Jundah State School Concert**  
**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019**  
**6.30 pm**  
**Jundah Shire Hall**  
**BBQ by Rotary**

*Stonehenge Cricket Ground*

# 2019 BARCOO BIG BASH

JUNDAH  WINDORAH  STONEHENGE

*One day only!*

**SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2019**  
**9.30AM START**

Cold drinks & food on sale all day at Stonehenge Hotel  
Camp Oven Dinner Saturday Night  
Free camping & amenities  
All welcome - Family friendly event

## SPECIAL GUESTS

*Preston Campbell & Clinton Toopi*  
plus health & wellbeing services

## PLUS

unwilling of the  
*Nathan Oates*  
Memorial

**Basic Rules**  
20/20 Format.  
Batsmen get free hit on first ball  
& retire on 30 runs.  
All teams are asked to provide volunteer  
umpire & scorers to assist with other  
matches.

More info:  
Ingrid Miller - 0487 666 728



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# SMALL BUSINESS ROADSHOW

## RAPAD REGION

### WHY ATTEND THE ROADSHOW?

Find out about the available assistance and programs that can grow your business to its full potential. An opportunity to make a contact from all the agencies listed below.

### PRESENTING AGENCIES

- AusIndustry - RAPAD - NBN Co
- Department of Employment, Small Business and Training
- Australian Small Business Advisory Service Digital - RDA Brisbane
- Entrepreneurship Facilitators Program
- Boosting the Local Care Workforce program - Community Services Industry Alliance

For more information contact: Deborah Mead  
deborah.mead@industry.gov.au | (07) 4151 0860

<b>Mon 21 October</b> <b>WINTON: 5pm – 7pm, Neighbourhood Centre</b>	<a href="#">CLICK HERE TO RSVP</a>
<b>Tues 22 October</b> <b>BOULIA: 11am – 1pm, Boulia Town Hall</b>	<a href="#">CLICK HERE TO RSVP</a>
<b>BEDOURIE: 4pm – 6pm,</b> <b>Bedourie Community Centre</b>	<a href="#">CLICK HERE TO RSVP</a>
<b>Weds 23 October</b> <b>BIRDSVILLE: 9am – 11am, Birdsville Town Hall</b>	<a href="#">CLICK HERE TO RSVP</a>
<b>WINDORAH: 5pm – 7pm,</b> <b>Windorah Community Centre</b>	<a href="#">CLICK HERE TO RSVP</a>
<b>Thurs 24 October</b> <b>JUNDAH: 8:30am – 10:30am, Jundah Shire Hall</b>	<a href="#">CLICK HERE TO RSVP</a>
<b>STONEHENGE: 12:30pm – 2:30pm,</b> <b>Stonehenge Town Hall</b>	<a href="#">CLICK HERE TO RSVP</a>
<b>Fri 25 October</b> <b>LONGREACH: 6:30am – 8:30am</b> <b>Fairmont Room – Longreach Regional Council</b>	<a href="#">CLICK HERE TO RSVP</a>



**Business**

0800 25 46 46  
13 28 46

# This month's Recipe

## Spiced Peach Chutney

*(Christmas is fast approaching, so it's time to start gathering some delicious recipes)*

*"Sweet barbecued peaches and a load of lovely warm spices – this is a great chutney recipe "*

### Ingredients:

18 ripe peaches  
 2 fresh red chillies  
 3 red onions  
 1 large thumb-sized piece of ginger  
 1 bunch of fresh basil  
 1½ teaspoons cumin seeds  
 3 cloves  
 olive oil  
 250 ml cider vinegar  
 5 fresh bay leaves  
 300 g light brown sugar  
 sea salt  
 freshly ground black pepper



### Method:

1. Preheat a barbecue or griddle pan until screaming hot. Meanwhile, halve and de-stone the peaches, then grill, cut-side up, for 3 to 4 minutes, or until the skin is charred and the fruit is starting to soften – you may need to work in batches. Carefully lift off the grill and place skin-side up on a tray to cool. Once cool enough to handle, pinch off and discard the skins.
2. Prick the chillies with the tip of a knife and grill on all sides until blackened and blistered all over. Place in a mixing bowl, cover with cling film and leave to cool. Next, peel and finely chop the onion and ginger, then pick the basil leaves and finely chop the stalks. Place a large pan on a medium heat and add the cumin and cloves. Toast lightly for a few minutes, or until smelling fantastic, then tip into a pestle and mortar and bash to a powder. Place the pan back on the heat and add a splash of olive oil. Add the onion, ginger and basil stalks to a pan, cover with a lid and cook gently for 10 to 15 minutes, or until soft, sweet and sticky.
3. Meanwhile, carefully skin, deseed and finely chop the chillies (then wash your hands). Roughly chop the peaches and add to the pan along with the chillies, vinegar, bay, sugar, spices and a few tablespoons of water. Season with salt and pepper and bring to the boil. Reduce the heat and simmer gently for around 40 minutes, or until thick and jammy. Tear the basil leaves into the pan and stir together.
4. Remove from the heat and leave to cool, removing the bay leaves before serving.

**JAMIE OLIVER'S TIP:** If you're saving your chutney or giving it as a gift, you'll need to sterilise the jar first. Preheat the oven to 110°C/225°F/gas. Wash the jars in warm, clean, soapy water and pop upside-down on a clean baking tray. Place in the oven for 10 minutes, then use a clean cloth to take them out before filling them with the chutney and sealing them up.