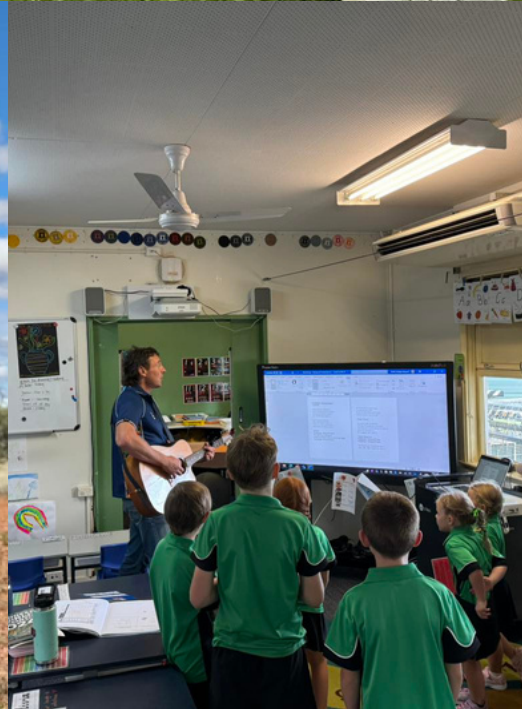
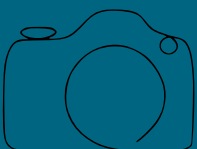


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COMMUNITY NEWS • FEBRUARY 2024



JOSH ARNOLD FILMING IN JUNDAH AND STONEHENGE



Send to us, tag us, share with us your best photo to feature in our monthly newsletter!



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Business two page flyer

Please send all Newsletter content to:
newsletter@barcoo.qld.gov.au

Cut off date for March Newsletter
 COB 25 March 2024



Want to give back to the Jundah community?

Be a volunteer ambulance driver.
 You might just save someone's life.

For more information call the
 Director of Nursing at the
 Jundah Primary Health Centre. > 4658 6500



Contact Council

Jundah Council Office
 Phone: (07) 4658 6900
 Email: shire@barcoo.qld.gov.au

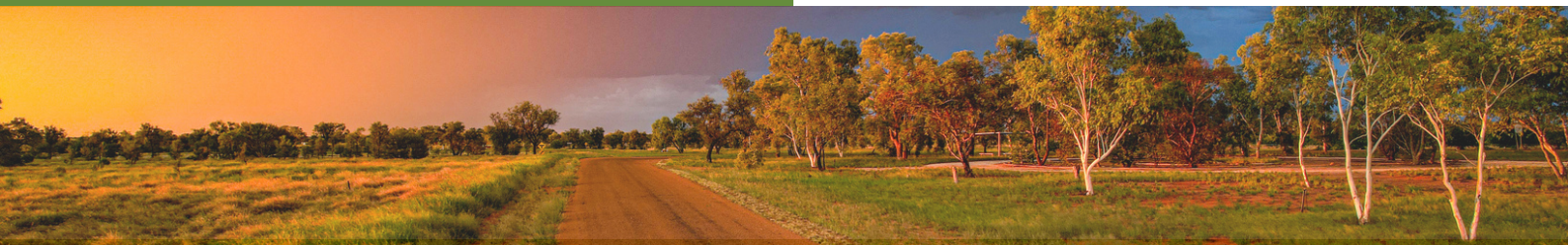
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MAYOR'S Message

WITH SALLY O'NEIL

Hello Everyone

Hope all is well. The wet season has continued through February with some good falls around but also still very patchy. Some places look the best they've been in years and yet unfortunately some are still missing out. It seems the storms keep following the same path. It's not over yet we have been known to have wet weather events in March.

CEO Mike Lollback, Group Manager Community Services Tony Klein and I recently had a visit from the small business commissioner, Dominique Lamb. The visit was a good opportunity to discuss economic and business development initiatives for the shire, which have been included in this edition of the Barcoo Banter.



Sharon Ible (QSBC Officer), Barcoo Shire Mayor Sally O'Neil, Dominique Lamb (Queensland Small Business Commissioner) and Barcoo Shire CEO Mike Lollback

Josh Arnold the Golden Guitar singer has been doing the rounds again and visited Stonehenge and Jundah State Schools to once again create their own anthems. The students were able to describe where they live, play and go to school and Josh very cleverly turns these words into music. Keep an eye out for the final version of the songs, they will be real hits.



Stonehenge residents may have recently noticed a red letter box standing tall out the front of the visitor information centre. This has been a much needed addition to the community for many years as requests have been made to Australia Post to no avail. I would like to thank David Littleproud MP, member for Maranoa for his assistance and advocacy. Stonehenge State School students will be making very good use of the letter box as they have recently started a pen pal connection with the residents of Royal Freemasons in Victoria.



Stonehenge SS students and principal at the new mailing box.



MAYOR'S Message

WITH SALLY O'NEIL

Telstra Update

On 30th June 2024 Telstra will be closing their 3G network. In the lead up to this, they are upgrading our mobile network in areas that only have Telstra 3G coverage to ensure the same or better 4G coverage is available.

Your area is now Telstra 4G ready

Telstra is pleased to let you know that their program of work to deliver this in the Barcoo Local Government Area is now complete, meaning the area is 4G ready. Simply put, if residents could only get 3G on the Telstra network before, they should now be able to enjoy the extra speed and capacity that 4G brings and will continue to have Telstra mobile coverage after the 30th of June.

What you need to do

Telstra know that the vast majority of their customers' mobile devices in the Barcoo LGA are able to access the 4G network. However, locally there are still a small number of 3G-only mobile devices accessing our network that will need to be replaced or upgraded before this time if they wish to remain connected.

It is important to note such devices may not be limited to phones and may also include 3G only Telstra Cel-Fi GO Repeaters, 3G only Telstra Mobile Smart Antennas (TMSA), and Internet-of-Things (IoT) or Machine-to-Machine (M2M) devices such as eftpos, telemetry & medical devices.

There will be no loss of 3G coverage prior to 30th June 2024. Once we have closed the 3G network, Telstra will repurpose the spectrum so that they can use it to expand their 5G network. Telstra are committed to continuing their long tradition of investment in rural and regional Australia by providing more state-of-the-art services and this is an important step to transition to 5G.

If you have any questions about the closure of the 3G network, require support on device compatibility or the steps to take before 30th June 2024, more information and support can be found on the Telstra website, or their most recent Telstra Exchange Blog (see links below).

<https://www.telstra.com.au/support/mobiles-devices/3g-closure>
<https://www.telstra.com.au/exchange/our-3g-closure-in-2024--your-questions-answered>

The following is the externally funded project status update:

- Windorah water treatment plant – 12-month liability period has commenced
- Budgerygar floodway – delays due to weather
- Stonehenge water treatment plant new shed and filter upgrade – contractor due on site to incorporate current alarm system with new filter system, to be completed by June
- Water meter installation – replacement of faulty meters continuing in Jundah, Windorah and Stonehenge

The following is an update of our work crews and their progress on roads around the Shire. Dave Ross's crew are continuing on the Lina Glen Rd doing flood damage, they will then relocate to Connemara Rd. Jason Beilby's crew continue working on the Bimerah Isisford Rd project. The maintenance grader is due to return and will be doing work around the Stonehenge area. If there are sections of roads requiring immediate attention, please notify Council.

Contractor Crew are doing flood damage on Davenport Rd. Flying gang have been working on the bulk signage project between Windorah and Quilpie.

Don't forget, Council meetings are open to the public and all community members are welcome. Council meetings are rotated around the three towns, and we notify via an online flyer of upcoming Council meeting dates and times. The next meeting will be held in Jundah on the 13th of March 2024.

Please don't hesitate to contact me on the details below if you have any queries or concerns.

Regards Sally
 Mayor Barcoo Shire Council
Sally.oneil@barcoo.qld.gov.au
 0424 791 449

COUNCIL NOTICES

FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING WRAP UP

All Barcoo Shire Council minutes can be downloaded for public viewing on our Publishing Portal at the following link <https://myportal.barcoo.qld.gov.au/public/publications>

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

- Council adopted the revised Meeting Procedures for Barcoo Shire Council: Statutory Policy 2024 as presented, you can download this document here <https://www.barcoo.qld.gov.au/about-council/policies>

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

- Council approved the increased community grant of \$5,000 in-kind for the Jundah Community Bronco Branding and Team Penning Association for the 2023/24 financial year.

The Barcoo Shire Council holds its next Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday 13 March 2024 at the **Jundah Board Room, commencing at 8:00am**. Council meetings are open to the public. Councillors and the Chief Executive Officer would like to extend an invitation to members of the community to join them for morning tea, commencing at 10:30am. This is an excellent opportunity to meet with Councillors and senior Council staff to discuss ideas or matters of concern you may have. Council encourages community engagement and interest, and we hope to see members of the community at our Council meetings or joining us for morning tea.

Full time traineeships in Civil Construction – Roads.

The types of skills you will develop will depend on the course selected, they may include carrying out manual excavation, manually spread and compact materials, support plant operations, basic levelling, repair potholes, opportunity to gain licences for various types of plant, first aid and CPR etc.

Trainees will work with our construction crews across the Barcoo Shire including the townships of Jundah, Stonehenge and Windorah.

Prior to commencing your traineeship it is preferred you have your P Plate licence.

To apply, please contact the Group Manager People, Culture and Safety, Alison Lamb email HR@barcoo.qld.gov.au or call 07 4658 6919.



Upcoming Council Auction

Barcoo Shire Council is taking part in a combined auction with Western Councils. The Auction will be conducted online at Nasco commencing on 18 March 2024 at 10am and concluding on 21 March 2024, 12pm.

To view the catalogue prior to the auction click on the following [link](https://nasco.bidsonline.com.au/catalogue-group.aspx?chid=393&BID=)



THE BEAT WITH SGT G. ARROLD

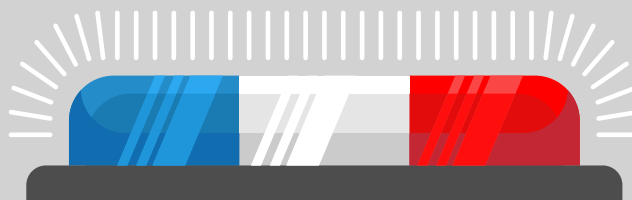
Police are reminding owners of firearms to check your Weapons Licenses!

Weapons Licensing keeps our communities safe, while enabling people with a genuine reason to own and operate a firearm or weapon. Their purpose is to effectively regulate the acquisition, possession, use and disposal of registered firearms and weapons in the interests of community safety.

Please check your licence expiry date. It usually falls on your birthday. If your licence expires you will need to complete a new licence application which is a long process.

If you move, please remember to update both your mail and storage address as required. They are recorded separately and updating your mailing address does not automatically update your storage address.

For further information about your requirements please access <https://www.police.qld.gov.au/units/weapons-licensing> or contact your local police station.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

SAVE THE DATE

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Barcoo HEALTHY OUTBACK COMMUNITY DAY



TAKE STOCK OF YOUR WELL+BEING

**SATURDAY
27 APRIL 2024
10AM - 3PM**

**WINDORAH
COMMUNITY
CENTRE**

**JUNDAH, STONEHENGE AND WINDORAH RESIDENTS
COME ALONG TO LEARN ABOUT THE NEW WELLBEING
PROGRAM: **HEALTHY OUTBACK COMMUNITIES**
COMMENCING IN THE BARCOO SHIRE**



HEALTHY OUTBACK COMMUNITIES

wqphn.com.au/hoc

- ✓ Kids adventure alley
- ✓ Free food and entertainment
- ✓ Arts and craft activities
- ✓ Free health check stations
- ✓ Raffles and prizes
- ✓ Other health services on-site



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Jundah

12TH, 13TH & 14TH APRIL 2024



Friday

8:00am start

Stockman's Challenge

Noms: Juniors \$15 | Juvenile \$30 | Novice \$60 | Opens \$75 + insurance.

Prize Pool: \$1825

Team Penning

Team Penning to commence Friday afternoon.

Noms: \$30 per team + insurance.

Prize Pool: \$1800



Saturday

8:00am start

Horse Gymkhana

Noms: Juniors \$20 | Opens \$40 + insurance. Prize Pool: \$2000

Rodeo

Noms: Junior Barrels \$30 Juvenile Barrels \$40 Ladies Barrels \$50

Mini Bull U9 \$15

Mini Bull 10-11yrs \$20 Mini Bull 12-14 years \$25 JR bull \$45

Stn Buckjump \$40

Womens Ranch Ride \$45

Saddle Bronc \$50

Bullock \$45

Open Bull \$50

+ insurance

Prize Pool: \$8630



Sunday

8:00am start

Motorbike Gymkhana

Noms: Juniors \$20 | Opens \$40 + insurance.

Feature Events: Obstacle Wheel Stand \$20 & Shane Rayment Memorial Double Barrel Race \$20 Prize Pool: \$3725

Over \$17,000 in prize money + prizes

Secretaries box will open at 7:00am each day | All nominations will open 01/04/2024.

Nominations & waivers will be available on our website

www.jundahrodeoclub.com.au for any enquiries text Jaymee | 0409 363 395

Free camping all weekend | Amenities available | Bar & canteen operating | Eftpos available (excluding canteen) | Outback Sound Entertainment | Courtesy bus

Entry - Adults \$20 includes pannikin & wrist band



JundahRodeoClub



www.jundahrodeoclub.com.au



0409 363 395

HEALTH NOTICES

JUNDAH PHC – 2024 Clinics

RFDS Clinics

(Dr & Nurse/Midwife)

- 27th February
- 12th March
- 26th March
- 9th April
- 23rd April
- 7th May
- 21st May
- 4th June
- 18th June



For appointment's phone: Jundah PHC on 07 4658 6500 or Charleville RFDS 07 4654 1233

JUNDAH Diabetes Educator

Telehealth/phone appointments available.
(Please contact the clinic to arrange)
For appointment's phone: Jundah PHC on 07 4658 6500

JUNDAH NWRH Clinic – Allied Health

5th March – Podiatrist, Physiotherapist and Dietician

For appointment's phone: NWRH on 07 4652 7100

WINDORAH NWRH Clinic – Allied Health

6th & 7th March – Podiatrist, Physiotherapist and Dietician

For appointment's phone: NWRH on 07 4652 7100

CHILD HEALTH CLINIC
At Longreach Clinical Rooms

SPEAK TO US ABOUT

- Health checks
- Feeding support
- Hearing and vision
- Immunisations
- Parenting programs
- Puberty information
- Bed wetting and incontinence

6 March
13 March
20 March
27 March

Call 4652 5500 to book

COME AND HAVE A CHAT WITH KATHLEEN + TORI
FROM THE WESTERN QLD PRIMARY HEALTH NETWORK

We're in town to plan and discuss **Healthy Outback Communities** a new health and wellbeing program commencing in the Barcoo Shire in April.

Tuesday 5 March, Windorah PHC	8am to 12noon
Wed 6 March, Stonehenge Resource Centre	1pm to 4pm
Thurs 7 March, Jundah Roadhouse	8am to 12noon

wqphn.com.au/hoc



2024 BARCOO SHIRE EVENTS CALENDAR

IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE ADDED PLEASE EMAIL
NEWSLETTER@BARCOO.QLD.GOV.AU

JANUARY

26 - Australia Day

APRIL

12-14 - Stockman's Challenge | Team Penning | Horse Gymkhana | Barrel Race | Rodeo & Motorbike Gymkhana (Jundah Rodeo Club)

19-21 - CWEG Stockmen's Challenge & Team Penning (Stonehenge)

25 - ANZAC Day

27 - Healthy Outback Community Day (Windorah)

MAY

4-5 - Windorah Yellowbelly Hunt (Windorah SS P&C)

20 - 'The Twits' (Performance for children to be held in Jundah)

JUNE

29 - Jundah Race Club Camel Races

JULY

6-7 - Gymkhana & Bronco Branding (Windorah Rodeo Club)

AUGUST

9-11 - Windorah Campdraft & Rodeo (Windorah Rodeo Club)

16-18 - Stonehenge Bushman's Carnival

SEPTEMBER

4 - Windorah International Yabby Races (WDB)

28 - Bronco Branding & Bullock Ride (Jundah Rodeo Club)

OCTOBER

4-6 - Barcoo Spring Fling (Jundah Race Club)



Making it easier to start, run and grow your business

The Department of Employment, Small Business and Training supports Queensland small businesses to reach their full potential. If you are starting out, need support to recover or want to take your business to the next level, we can help.

Running a business

Business Queensland

Information, support and tools for Queensland business owners and industry sectors. Whether you are starting, running, or growing your business, support can be found here.

Grants

Federal, state and local governments offer grants and support to help the development of new and existing businesses.

Business Events calendar

This calendar lists events that provide advice and assistance to businesses.

Supply to Queensland Government

Find out how your business can supply goods and services to Queensland Government buyers. Register for the Buy Queensland supplier newsletter to receive updates about how your business can be involved in the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Support for small business

Mentoring for Growth

Mentoring for Growth (M4G) offers eligible businesses free access to volunteer business experts who provide insights, options and suggestions relating to challenges and opportunities you are experiencing in your business.

Queensland Small Business Commissioner

Phone: 1300 312 344

Information and advocacy support for small businesses, including informal resolution and mediation of lease disputes.

Small Business Financial Counselling Program

Phone: 1300 732 777

Free, confidential, impartial financial counselling to businesses who are experiencing or at risk of financial hardship in the Southern Queensland area.

Small Business Wellness Coaches

Access free one-on-one support for your unique and personal business challenges, needs and opportunities.

Industry Workforce Advisors

The Industry Workforce Advisor program will provide workforce planning assistance to small and medium employers enabling them to address workforce challenges, diversify their workforces and support workforce growth. Businesses who have engaged with an Industry Workforce Advisor and developed a Workforce Plan that identifies an immediate need for new and innovative HR solutions to support its workforce may be eligible to apply for the grant, up to the value of \$5,000.



Photo: Whites IGA - Queensland Training Awards 2023 - North Coast Regional Large Employer of the Year Winner



Business Queensland

Find more information on our Business Queensland website

Training for small business

Small Business Short Courses

Short free micro-credential courses available to support employers to recruit and retain their employees.

Business Short Course & Micro-Credentials

UniSC offer a suite of free and at cost short courses and micro credentials including Business Planning, Continuity Planning and Workforce Planning to underpin your business success.

Small Business Solutions

Business owners or employees will receive nationally recognised accreditation upon completion of combined workshops and mentoring program. This program gives business owners the tools they need to survive and thrive in a changing, and competitive market.

Free and Subsidised Training

The Queensland Government provides investment through different Vocational Education and Training (VET) programs to assist industry and employers upskill their current and future workforce. Contact your local DESBT Regional Office to discuss your specific needs.

Fee-free TAFE

The Australian and Queensland Government's have partnered to deliver 37,000 Fee Free TAFE and vocational education places for Queenslanders in 2024.

Connect with us

North Coast Business Link newsletter

Do you receive our fortnightly North Coast Business Link news alert?

If not, please email ncoastraining@desbt.qld.gov.au and we will add your details and keep you up to date!



Business Queensland Connect

Subscribe to Business Queensland Connect e-Newsletter for the latest updates.



Business request for call-back

Complete your enquiry online and we'll be in touch.

Support to employ staff

Back to Work

Support payments of up to \$20,000 are available for eligible employers who hire eligible unemployed jobseekers in regional Queensland and selected areas of South East Queensland.

Skilling Queenslanders for Work

Queensland small businesses can employ job ready staff through this initiative that provides support and training to help jobseekers. Connect with your local DESBT regional office to find out about local projects that might suit your industry.

Gateway to Industry Schools and School to Work Transition projects

Link your business to young people in your area who are already interested in your industry and want to connect. This could include work experience, school-based apprenticeships and traineeships, industry tours or even talks at schools about your business and industry and career opportunities that exist. Contact your local DESBT office to link with local programs and projects.

Supervising apprentices and trainees

TAFE Queensland offers 2 free online micro-credentials, sponsored by the Queensland Government, to help supervisors of apprentices and trainees mentor and provide apprentices and trainees with safe workplaces.

Business Chamber Queensland Workforce Evolve

A Queensland Government funded e-learning program designed to help employers think differently about who they hire and how to retain them in the future.



Photo: - Queensland Training Awards 2023 - North Coast Regional Small & Medium Employer of the Year Winners ePlants Nurseries and ECOllaboration

Small Business Hotline 1300 654 687
business.qld.gov.au

Business Queensland



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