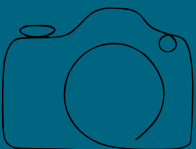


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**Want to give back to the Jundah community?**

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



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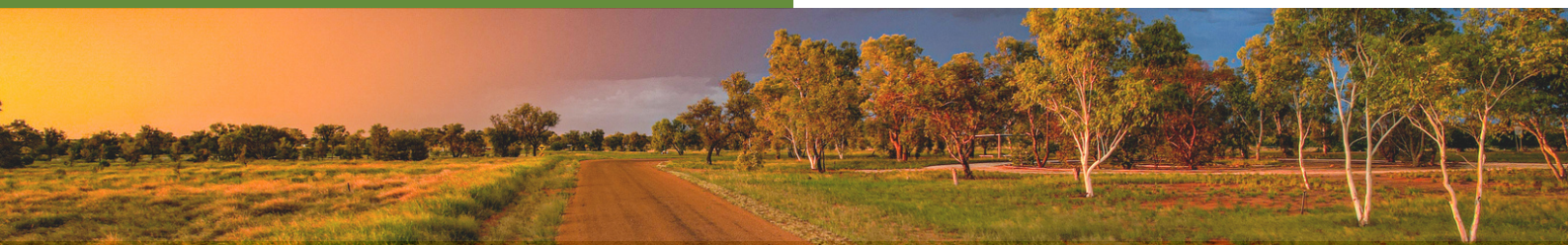
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COB 19 February 2024



# MAYOR'S Message

WITH SALLY O'NEIL

Hello Everyone

Hope all is well. The new year is well and truly underway with the first month behind us and Council back into business as usual. January has brought about summer storms with some good falls through part of the shire as a result of cyclone Kirrily. With the wet season only partly over we still live in hope the entire shire gets enough of a wet to see them through the year.

The rehabilitation to the Windorah Airstrip was a huge success, the job was completed on time and the airport reopened on the 21st December. Rex Airlines and Main Roads have provided feedback on the high standard of the work and its timeliness. Congratulations to all involved in this project.



Volunteer of the Year recipient Darren 'Junior' Matheson and Barcoo Shire CEO Mike Lollback

You may have received your electricity bill just recently and had to remain seated while you read it. I have received feedback from many community members on how much higher the bills are compared to the same time last year. In many cases people are telling us their bills have doubled. As a result I have asked our CEO to follow up with Ergon, this week Mike and I received confirmation that the matter is being investigated. I will keep you informed of the outcomes. If your electricity bill is causing you any concerns I urge you to inform Ergon so that they are aware that this has had a big impact on individuals within our community.

Australia Day was celebrated in both Jundah and Stonehenge on a very steamy afternoon. Stonehenge celebrated at the pub with a pool comp and game of trivia, the pool comp was won by Tony Jackson and the trivia game taken out by the teachers. Jundah had sack and egg and spoon racers which had everyone laughing. Congratulations to Junior Matheson who received the 2024 Australia Day Award.



Stonehenge Aus Day



# MAYOR'S *Message*

WITH SALLY O'NEIL

**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
- 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 have returned from break and are on the Lina Glen Rd doing flood damage. Jason Beilby's crew have returned to continue working on the Bimerah Isisford Rd project. The maintenance grader is currently on the Jundah Quilpie Rd doing maintenance. If there are sections of roads requiring immediate attention, please notify Council. Contractor Crew are doing flood damage on Palparara 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 21st of February 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  
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 0424 791 449



*The first plane to land on the new Windorah Airstrip.  
 REX pilot Nick with Barcoo Shire employee Necie Henney*



# COUNCIL TRAINEESHIPS



**We currently have some 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 their traineeship you must have a current MR licence.**

**To apply, please contact the Group Manager People, Culture and Safety, Alison Lamb email [HR@barcoo.qld.gov.au](mailto:HR@barcoo.qld.gov.au) or call 07 4658 6919.**



# COUNCIL NOTICES

## JANUARY 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 approved the change of date for the March Meeting Ordinary Meeting of Council from Wednesday 20 March to Wednesday 13 March 2024.
- Council adopted the Local Government Remuneration Commission's Schedule (2021-22), for remuneration to: The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Councillors of Barcoo Shire Council, commencing July 2024.

### OPERATIONAL WORKS REPORT

#### • COUNCIL CONSTRUCTED DAM AGREEMENT.

Council approved to: 1. approach property owners identified in select areas where water availability is of particular concern to discuss acceptance of Council Constructed Dam Access Agreement. Properties considered particularly critical include all affected properties west of Windorah as these are largely isolated from river systems (as per 'Select Western Properties Map'); AND 2. use Council Constructed Dam Access Agreement template for future constructed dams or other access agreements.

### CLOSED MATTERS

- Council accepted the tender from Tutt Bryant Pty Ltd and authorise the CEO to enter into a large-sized contractual arrangement with them in accordance with Section 226 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

The Barcoo Shire Council holds its next Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday 21 February 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.

### JANUARY 24, 2024 - SPECIAL MEETING

- **CEO CONTRACT.** Council authorised the Mayor to amend and extend the CEO's contract with a revised remuneration from August 29, 2024, to February 28, 2025, inclusive.
- **JUNDAH ROADHOUSE LEASE.** Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and enter into a three-year lease agreement with a three-year renewal option for the Jundah Roadhouse with Darren Hall and Susan Briggs.

## 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=)  
<https://nasco.bidsonline.com.au/catalogue-group.aspx?chid=393&BID=>





# THE BEAT WITH SGT G. ARROLD

Police are reminding drivers and owners of vehicles to ensure that their vehicles are well maintained and compliant with regulations covering modifications.

Care and Maintenance of vehicles should be a priority when transporting children back for the new school year.



## 1. Vehicle modifications

Owners sometimes modify their vehicles to give them a distinctive appearance, to improve their performance, to add desired features, change the engine (alternate or replacement engines), suspension, or to add a long-range fuel tank. Others modify their vehicles so that they are better suited to a specialised purpose.

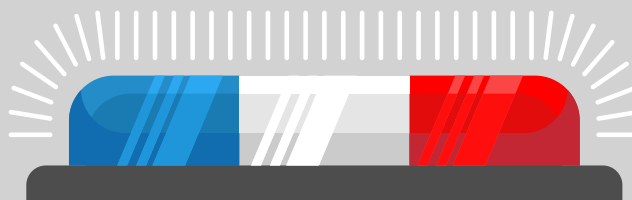
Vehicle owners who wish to modify their vehicles need to follow the vehicle standards guidelines and relevant approved codes of practice that apply to the modification of vehicles.

Modification plans may need to be reviewed and approved before the modification is made. If this is needed, a fee may be payable.\*\*

## 2. School Speed Zones

Along with the new school year starting is the reintroduction of School Speed Zones. Be aware that children will be walking or riding push bikes to school and compliance with the speed zones will ensure safety of the children.

Police will be monitoring traffic behaviours around school zones at the commencement of the school year.





# 2024 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Notice of Election for the March 2024 Local Government Elections has been published. Candidate nominations are now open, and other key dates in the timetable include:

- Close of electoral roll – Monday 5 February 2024
- Candidate nominations close – Tuesday 12pm, 13 February 2024
- Election day – Saturday 16 March 2024

The full election timetable and other important information is available on the [2024 local government elections webpage](#), which includes a link to the Electoral Commission of Queensland's Election Facts webpage. Voting for Barcoo Shire residents will be conducted through postal votes.

General enquiries from electors and candidates should be made to the Electoral Commission Queensland on 1300 881 665.

## Voting locally

All voting for the Barcoo Shire will be conducted via postal votes, apply for a postal vote by **4 March** on the [ECQ website](#).

## Enrolling to vote

Now is also the time to make sure your enrolment details are up to date. If you're not on the electoral roll, you can't have your say. Visit [aec.gov.au](#) to enrol to vote or update your details. If you have teenagers in your life who will turn 18 before or on 16 March (election day) you can also help them get ready to vote. All eligible 16 and 17-year-olds can provisionally enrol now, which means that when they turn 18, they're automatically enrolled to vote. Make voting quicker and easier! All Queenslanders on the electoral roll (except full postal council areas and electors who are special postal voters) will receive a Voter Information Card in the mail before the elections. That's the big maroon card that you may recall receiving before previous state and local elections. Bringing this card with you when you go to vote will help you to get in and out of the polling booth quicker.

## Election Facts

The ECQ is Queensland's team of electoral experts, so if you hear or see something you're not sure about, visiting our Election Facts webpage will help ensure you have the facts about elections. The ECQ website is also your definitive source of information for all things local elections. Visit us to learn about ways to vote, how voting systems and counting works, and the information you need to participate at [ecq.qld.gov.au](#).



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

# Barcoo

# TAKE STOCK



## of your Wellbeing

### Healthy Outback Community Day

**SATURDAY 9  
MARCH 2024**

**WINDORAH  
9.00AM - 4.00PM**

- ✓ Kids activities
- ✓ Free food & music
- ✓ Competitions & prizes
- ✓ Free health checks by RFDS
- ✓ Other health services on-site





# COMMUNITY NOTICES



## Jundah Golf Club Orphan's Christmas was a HIT

Jundah Golf Club hosted a christmas lunch for 44 people on christmas day.

The club organised food ,games and lots of activities for young and old  
Even Santa dropped gifts off for all the little golfers  
everyone had a very merry day bringing our little community together for lots of christmas cheer



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

# February 2024

## VISITING SERVICES

Please speak to your GP about a referral.  
Please confirm your appointment as per the instructions on your appointment letter.

**Ear, Nose & Throat (ENT)***Dr Maurice Stevens**Private service – fees & charges apply*

- 6-9 February - Longreach

**Audiologist***Private service – fees & charges apply*

- 9 February - Longreach

**Orthopaedic Surgeon***Dr Kelly McGroarty*

- 6-8 February - Longreach

**Gastroenterologist***Dr Mark Norrie**Private service – fees & charges apply*

- 15-16 February - Longreach

**Rheumatology***Dr Clare Barrett*

- 19-20 February - Longreach

**Endocrinologist***Dr Anish Menon*

- 22-23 February - Longreach

**Flying Surgeon**

- 6 February - Longreach
- 13 February - Longreach
- 20 February - Longreach

**Indigenous Cardiac Outreach Program (ICOP)**

- 13 February - Winton
- 14 February - Longreach
- 15 February - Barcaldine

**Flying Obstetrician & Gynaecologist**

- 9 February - Longreach
- 13 February - Barcaldine
- 20 February - Longreach

**Respiratory Physician***Dr Alistair Cook*

- 29 February - Telehealth

**Cardiologist***Dr Scott McKenzie**Dr Karthikeyan Gopal*

- Telehealth every Tuesday and Friday



# 2024 BARCOO SHIRE EVENTS CALENDAR

IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE ADDED  
PLEASE EMAIL [NEWSLETTER@BARCOO.QLD.GOV.AU](mailto:NEWSLETTER@BARCOO.QLD.GOV.AU)

## JANUARY

26 - Australia Day

## MARCH

9 - Healthy Outback Community Day (Windorah)

## 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 (Jundah)

25 - ANZAC Day

## 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

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

## OCTOBER

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

