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Bimmerah Isisford Road





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# MAYOR'S Vessage

# WITH SALLY O'NEIL



Hello Everyone

Hope all is well. The month of May saw us receive some falls in parts of the shire, a cold snap and then a spell of weather that would make anyone want to live here. Following some forecast showers for the last day of April winter will arrive on cue with some quite fresh days and nights ahead.

With the resignation of our current CEO Mike Lollback, Council has appointed Michelle Webster as the Interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Barcoo Shire Council from Saturday 1 June 2024, until such time that a permanent CEO is appointed by Council. I wish Mike all the best in his future endeavors and welcome Michelle to the shire.

I am also happy to inform you that the Barcoo Shire Council have become members of the Country University Centres (CUC) RAPAD and Council has nominated myself to represent Barcoo Shire as director of the proposed CUC RAPAD. This program provides people in rural and remote areas access to an area to study online with the resources needed.

#### **RAPAD USA MISSION 2024**

At the beginning of May I was very fortunate to have been invited to attend the RAPAD USA MISSION 2024. The purpose of the mission was to better understand the potential impacts and economic benefits of diversification to alternative energy sources such as wind and solar. The opportunity was identified to travel to similar geographic areas where the transition to renewables is currently underway in rural and remote communities. We visited Texas, California and Nevada.

The transition in these regions has not been instigated by the climate change conversation but rather diversification and economic development. Wind turbines and solar projects have been operating for the last 20 years and we were fortunate enough to bring back the many lessons learned and benefits gained. We also met with energy companies who provide geothermal, nuclear and hydro energy sources.

I will provide a comprehensive report to the June Council meeting and next month's Banter.



RAPAD members with Hon Jane Nelson, Texas Secretary of State

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# The Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water (DRDMW)

DRDMW are doing a review and replacement of the Georgina and Diamantine water plan. They will be in Windorah on Thursday June 27 where you can have your say and hear thoughts on water allocation and management. If you can't attend the session you can head to the website to provide feedback <a href="https://bit.ly/3woVKTW">https://bit.ly/3woVKTW</a>. Please see flyer later in this edition for further details.

### **Opera Qld**

Just this week Opera Qld performed at the Stonehenge Rodeo grounds. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend but am told the show was magnificent even if you weren't an opera fan. A good crowd of about 70 people attended and thank you to the Stonehenge RFDS Auxiliary Committee for providing the bar and catering.

# The following is the externally funded project status update:

- Windorah water treatment plant 12-month liability period has commenced
- Budgerygar floodway contractor engaged and due late lune
- 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 September
- Water meter installation replacement of faulty meters continuing in Jundah, Windorah and Stonehenge, due for completion end of June.



# The following is an update of our work crews and their progress on roads around the Shire.

- Dave Ross's crew are doing maintenance on the Windorah Birdsville Rd in preparation for the Big Red Bash traffic.
- Jason Beilby's crew are continuing work on the Bimerah Isisford Rd project due for completion end of June.
- Contractor Crew is doing flood damage from Warbreccan to Eldwick.
- Flying gang are working on the bulk signage project between Windorah and Birdsville.
- Contractor grid crew 1 are cleaning grids on Ski Rd.
- Contractor grid crew 2 are removing grids on the Longreach Rd at Bimerah.
- The maintenance grader will be doing work on the Windorah Birdsville Road soon.

If there are sections of roads requiring immediate attention, please notify Council.

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 19th of June 2024.

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

Regards
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# COUNCIL NEWS

# MAY COUNCIL MEETING WRAP UP

All Barcoo Shire Council minutes can be downloaded for public viewing on our Publishing Portal at the following link <a href="https://myportal.barcoo.qld.gov.au/public/publications">https://myportal.barcoo.qld.gov.au/public/publications</a>. Below are some extracts from the minutes of the May meeting.

# **Mayoral Minute**

• The Mayor has been contacted by the CEO of Central West Health, Anthony West, who had indicated that a body hold unit was available but it was unable to be housed at the Jundah Health Clinic the Mayor asked the CEO if it was possible to have the unit housed at the Jundah Council Depot. The Mayor indicated that Diamantina Shire had the Shire's body hold at the Birdsville Depot. CEO indicated it was possible and that there was a location available within the Depot for the unit to be stored. The Councillors agreed providing Queensland Health remain responsible for upkeep and maintenance of the unit and requested the CEO to make contact with Anthony West to make the necessary arrangements.

# The Old Clinic Building at Windorah - Letter of request from Windorah Development Board

• Council has decided to write to Queensland Health and formally express Council's strong desire that any decision regarding the future use of the old clinic building at Windorah is made in an open and transparent manner.

# Heavy Vehicle Rest Area - Quilpie Windorah Road

• Council has given in principle support for the DTMR to provide a rest area on the Quilpie-Windorah Road and that DTMR be notified accordingly.

The Barcoo Shire Council holds its next Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday 19 June 2024 at the Jundah Board Room, commencing at 9:00am. 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.

# **COUNCIL RATES**

Thank you to all rates payer that have made their rates payments, **the discount date for your rates has now passed.** If you have outstanding rates and would like a payment plan, please contact Council.

To assist making payments Council offer several options including:

- Cash, card or cheque at Council main office in Jundah or Windorah and Stonehenge Information Centres,
- By post via cheque or money order,
- BPAY Biller code 293209 Reference is included on your rates notice,
- Credit card over the phone, please call 4658 6900,
- Council also offer payment plans weekly, fortnightly and monthly if you wish to pay your rates off.

Please contact Council if you have any questions or wish to discuss this further with us on (07) 4658 6910 or via email <a href="mailto:accounts.receivable@barcoo.qld.gov.au">accounts.receivable@barcoo.qld.gov.au</a>

# **COUNCIL NEWS**

### THE TWITS

39 kids and 17 adults made the trek to Jundah to watch Roald Dahl's 'The Twits' performance on the 20th May. Filled with mischief, hilarious mayhem and lots of belly laughs, this show was enjoyed by young and old. A special masterclass working with the performers after the show was a highlight for the school children.



# **F5F & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

Our Libraries have been hosting successful F5F and After School Days with great attendance. Stonehenge State School students love coming down to the Library on a Friday. This month we completed some Mother's Day craft.



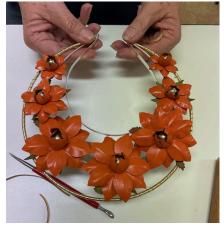
# **OPERA QLD**

The magic of the Opera was brought to Stonehenge in May with a musical performance like no other we've seen before in the Barcoo Shire. In the centre of the main arena of the Stonehenge rodeo grounds, lit up by fairy lights, locals and tourists gathered for a joyful celebration of songs about bravery and heroism. From pop to opera, country to classical, this live musical tribute featured chart-topping anthems and unique mashups that had people dancing in their seats. *Proudly supported by RADF and the Barcoo Shire Council*.

### MILLINERY WORKSHOPS

Jundah hosted two millinery workshops with the award winning milliner Sherilee Honnery. Couture leather flower crowns and feather headpieces were created over two days of workshops. Lots of fun was had by all and some very artistic pieces created. We can't wait for the Jundah Races in October where I'm sure some of the ladies will be showcasing their pieces. *Proudly funded by RADF.* 







# COMMUNITY NOTICES



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Remember, volunteering isn't just about what you give, it's also about what you gain!

If you're keen about serving our community and making a positive impact, consider joining the Jundah Rural Fire Brigade!

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# 2024 BARCOO SHIRE EVENTS CALENDAR

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

#### MAY

4-5 - Windorah Yellowbelly Hunt (Windorah SS P&C)
20 - 'The Twits' (Performance for children to be held in Jundah)
28 - Do We Need Another Hero - Opera QLD Stonehenge

# JUNE

28 - Jundah Fun Run (Jundah Camel Races & Recreational Club)
29 - Jundah Race Club Camel Races (Jundah Camel Races & Recreational Club)

### 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)
13 - Stonehenge Tennis (STAG)
28 - Bronco Branding & Bullock Ride (Jundah Rodeo Club)

### **OCTOBER**

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

#### **NOVEMBER**

2 - Barcoo Big Bash (STAG)









# Have your say about water management in the **Georgina and Diamantina**

We're reviewing and replacing the Georgina and Diamantina water plan and you're invited to have your say during our first round of public consultation.

With your help, we can make sure the new water plan balances the needs of all water users in the area, while maintaining water flows needed to support cultural values and the natural environment.

Want to hear more and share your thoughts on water allocation and management? Come along to one of our information sessions.

# **Contact us**



1800 822 100



northwps@rdmw.qld.gov.au



Scan the QR code to find out more

# Have your say

Attend one of our public information sessions:

# **Boulia Shire Hall**

Monday 24 June, 5-7pm

# **Bedourie Community Centre**

Tuesday 25 June, 5-7pm

# **Birdsville Town Hall**

Wednesday 26 June, 5-7pm

# **Windorah Community Centre**

Thursday 27 June, 5-7pm

**Brisbane:** Brisbane International Virginia, 21 Zillmere Road, Boondall. Tuesday 18 June 2024 at 9 am.

Rockhampton: Capricorn Motel, 703 Yaamba Road, North Rockhampton. Tuesday 25 June 2024 at 9 am.

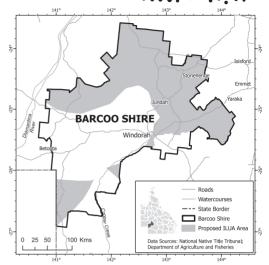
The State of Queensland represented by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) is seeking expressions of interest from any person claiming to hold native title in the 'Proposed ILUA Area' pursuant to section 24CD(2) (c)(i) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth)(NTA).

DAF administers the issue of sales permits in relation to state-owned quarry material in accordance with the *Forestry Act 1959* and is seeking future act consent for the issue of quarry sales permits in the Proposed ILUA Area through an Area Agreement ILUA.

The Proposed ILUA Area is an unclaimed/ undetermined area wholly within the Barcoo Shire Council Local Government Area. Queensland South Native Title Services (QSNTS) is the Representative Aboriginal Body for the Proposed ILUA Area.

This notice invites all persons who claim to hold native title in the Proposed ILUA Area to attend an information meeting with DAF representatives at the times and locations above. DAF will be holding two separate meetings in Rockhampton and Brisbane. The purpose of the meetings is to:

- identify all persons who claim to hold native title over the unclaimed/ undetermined area shown as the 'Proposed ILUA Area' in the map above
- 2. provide an overview of the proposed ILUA



- **3.** identify a representative working group to take part in negotiations
- **4.** identify preferred legal representation for the native title interests
- 5. discuss a timetable for future meetings.

# Attendance and registration

Persons who, for the purposes of section 24CD(2)(c)(i) of the NTA, claim to hold native title in the Proposed ILUA Area and wish to attend an information meeting must register their interest to attend either the Brisbane or Rockhampton meeting by contacting OCHRE Community Consulting on 1800 507 982 by 5 pm Monday 3 June 2024.

You must register your attendance by 5 pm Monday 3 June 2024 for any reimbursement of travel expenses. Please contact OCHRE Community Consulting for information about the reimbursement rates and process.



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# When 3G closes on 30 June 2024, will your devices still work?



The demand for mobile services continues to increase, so we're taking steps to reduce congestion, increase capacity and improve coverage.

For that to happen, we're removing our oldest mobile technology - 3G - and repurposing it to expand our faster 5G network.

# What does closure of the 3G network mean for me?

If you have a device that's only able to connect to 3G, you won't be able to connect to Telstra's network after 30 June 2024.

If your mobile device doesn't have Voice over LTE (VoLTE) technology, even if it uses 4G, it will not be able to make voice calls on our network after 30 June 2024.

If your device doesn't support VoLTE emergency calling, you will not be able to make an emergency call to 000 on the Telstra Mobile Network.

To continue using our network, you'll need to upgrade to a 4G/5G VoLTE-capable and compatible device before 30 June 2024. That will ensure you can access Telstra's network and will have both data access and voice calling.

Customers using 3G mobile, IoT and network extension devices, some EFTPOS machines, medical devices and antennas that operate on the 3G network only will be able to continue using their device or antenna until 30 June 2024. After this date, if the device has not been updated to be 4G or 5G compatible, it will no longer work.



#### What can you do now?

We want you to be prepared well ahead of time. Here's how you can do that:

#### Check if your device shows 4G or 5G

An easy way to check if your device is compatible is to look for '4G' or '5G' on the screen. If it only says '3G' now or when you make a voice call, you probably need to replace it to stay connected.

### **Check your device settings**

Check your device network is set to 'automatic'. If it isn't, follow the steps on the right to update it:

#### Apple devices

- 1. Go to Settings
- 2. Go to Mobile
- 3. Go to Mobile Data options
- 4. Go to Voice and Data
- 5. Select **automatic**. If **automatic** isn't an option, select **4G**.

#### **Android devices**

- 1. Go to **Settings**
- 2. Go to Network and internet
- 3. Go to Mobile Network
- 4. Go to Preferred network type
- 5. Select automatic. If automatic isn't an option, select 4G.

#### More information - Scan the QR Code

Check if your mobile phone or tablet is compatible, find out more about VoLTE, including what it is, what devices are compatible, and how to check or enable VoLTE on your phone OR request technical support:

