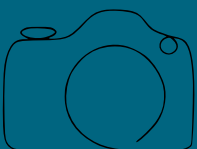


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Local Sahara Pitman, Barrel Racing, photo supplied.



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newsletter@barcoo.qld.gov.au

Cut off date for NOVEMBER Newsletter
 COB 25 November 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



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MAYOR'S *Message*

WITH SALLY O'NEIL

Hello Everyone,



Hope all is well. The month of October has certainly given us an introduction to summer, though not too extreme so far. There have been storms floating around which is a good sign with some falls earlier in the month dropping between 5mm and 20mm in parts of the shire.

The Jundah race committee put on yet another entertaining weekend of horse sports at the beginning of the month. It began with barrel racing on the Friday and Saturday morning followed by the horse races in the afternoon and sprint races to finish the day off. The Jundah cup was taken out by Baldassare trained by Clinton Austin, owned by a syndicate and ridden by Matthew Gray. It was a great weekend, the weather was perfect and enjoyed by a good crowd.

Jundah was treated to a visit from the Mini Marilyn Cabaret Show which attracted a crowd from town and surrounds. It was a fabulous night of entertainment with the glitz and glamour of three performers who had great talent. The costumes were spectacular, and the girls could sing and dance, their tap dancing ability was definitely a highlight.



L-R: Darren Hall, Susan Briggs, Baldassare, Clint Austin, Matty Gray and Sally O'Neil.
Danielle O'Brien Photography



Mini Marilyn Show



MAYOR'S *Message*

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Stonehenge SS and the GetReadyQLD team

This year the Get Ready Qld team from Qld Reconstruction Authority (QRA) visited Stonehenge State School. They worked with the students to put together an interactive board to raise awareness about how to be prepared for the upcoming storm season. It was followed by a BBQ lunch and a presentation from the students. The QRA team thoroughly enjoyed the students enthusiasm and participation.

The CEO Edwina Marks, Deputy Mayor Tony Jackson and I recently attended the Local Government Association of Qld (LGAQ) Conference in Brisbane. The theme this year was "Don't leave local communities behind". There were various presentations, and council showcases of achievements in areas from Bowen launching rockets, Moreton Bay installing numberplate recognition cameras to reduce crime, Torres Strait Island community led and designed modular housing and the Cunnamulla hot springs. Due to the government being in caretaker mode at the time there was not a lot from a political front other than a presentation from the then Premier and Leader of the Opposition. I am proud to say that TMR used the Windorah Airstrip Upgrade photo for their backdrop banner at their LGAQ Conference stand.



Deputy Mayor Cr Tony Jackson, CEO Edwina Marks and Mayor Cr Sally O'Neil at the LGAQ Conference earlier this month.

We can finally report on our first milestone for McPhemallys Crossing. Water security for Windorah is now in place with stage 1 almost complete. The contractor is in the final stages of placing rock on top of the weir to bring it to its original height. The next stage is to complete the fish ladder, though at this point if we were to get a run in the river it would not jeopardise the integrity of the structure. It would be nice to get the project completed once and for all but some rain and a run in the river would also be nice right now. Hopefully this time next month I will be able to report the project as complete.

MAYOR'S *Message*

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The following is the externally funded project status update:

- Various floodways on Yaraka Retreat Rd – currently in progress
- McPhellamys Crossing – Stage 1 complete, fish ladder remaining

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

- Council has changed the work crew roster temporarily to a 5 on 2 off roster due to National Heavy Vehicle compliance. This is a temporary measure whilst the appropriate plans are reviewed for accreditation and should be resolved in the coming months.
- Dave Ross's crew are continuing on the Arrabury Rd doing an 8km resheet.
- Jason Beilby's crew are currently on Yaraka Retreat Road doing a resheet at the boundary end.
- Contractor Crew 1 are currently doing flood damage on the Hammond Downs Rd.
- Contractor Crew 2 are currently doing a flood damage package on the Jundah Winton Rd on the top end near Tonkoro.
- Flying gang 1 are working on the bulk signage works between Jundah and Windorah and flying gang 2 are doing stone pitching and aprons on floodways on the Yaraka Retreat Rd.
- The maintenance grader is currently on the Stonehenge Warbreccan Rd.

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



McPhellamys Crossing



Roadworks

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 20th of November 2024.

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

Regards
 Sally O'Neil
 Mayor, Barcoo Shire
Sally.oneil@barcoo.qld.gov.au
 0447 723 193

SPECIALIST TRANSPORT SUPPORT

Barcoo Shire Health Specialist Transport Support Pilot Project

Are you a Barcoo Shire resident and find it difficult to get to Longreach for specialist medical appointments? Well help may be at hand!

Barcoo Shire Council and the Central West Hospital and Health Service have partnered to pilot a project to help Barcoo Shire residents access these important specialist appointments in Longreach.

Depending on the timing and nature of your specialist appointment, for day trips, we may be able to transport you from Windorah, Jundah and Stonehenge to Longreach and return at no cost.

If you have an appointment in November for any of the specialist health services in Longreach listed below, please contact Tony Klein (Barcoo Shire Council) on 0476 280 259 as early as possible and preferably with at least 2 days' notice to determine if we can assist you with your transport needs.

Please note – when arranging any future specialist appointments, please request your timing preference as being between 10 AM and 1:30 PM if possible.

November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Flying Surgeon Flying Obs&Gyn Ear Nose Throat	13 Ear Nose Throat	14	15 Ear Nose Throat	16
17	18	19 Flying Surgeon	20	21	22 Orthopaedics Rheumatology	23
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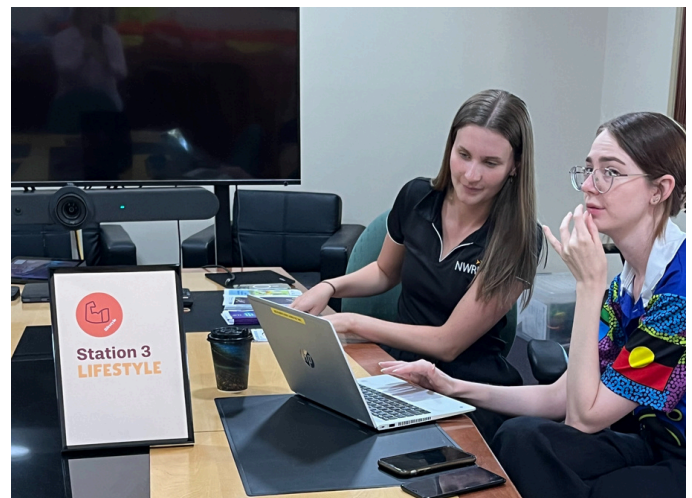
COUNCIL NEWS

Barcoo Shire Council Workplace Wellbeing Program

The Barcoo Shire Council's Workplace Wellbeing program, developed under the Healthy Outback Communities (HOC) initiative, is advancing its mission to enhance the physical, mental, and emotional health of council employees. This program is designed to foster a supportive, health-conscious work environment that promotes overall wellness and productivity, and the program aims to empower employees to proactively manage their health, contributing to both individual wellbeing and a more cohesive, motivated team.

At the recent Health Check Stations event, a key milestone was reached with 16 employees participating. Early attendees included our work crews and various department staff. We are grateful for the contributions of Kimberly, Brooke, and Kay, as well as the multidisciplinary team from RFDS Charleville, Head to Health Longreach, North & West Remote Health, and local CWHHS nurses, all of whom provided a robust and collaborative approach to health. Plans are underway for a follow-up health check event in February 2025, and feedback from this event will inform future logistics to make each session even more effective.

This initiative represents Council's commitment to a healthier and more resilient workforce, and with collaboration with HOC and our local healthcare partners, we continue to prioritise wellbeing, reduce preventable health issues, and support long-term health for our community and employees alike.



COUNCIL NEWS

OCTOBER 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>. Below are some extracts from the minutes of the October meeting.

CHEIF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

- Council received the 1st Quarter 2024-25 Operational Plan review in accordance with Section 174(3) of the Local Government Regulation, 2012. View the Operational Plan Review here <https://www.barcoo.qld.gov.au/about-council/reports-and-publications/operational-plan>
- Council reviewed and adopted the Gifts and Benefits policy BSC - 041 as presented and rescind all previous policies and update Councils website accordingly.
- Council reviewed and adopted the Media Policy No BSC-052 as presented and rescind all previous policies and update Councils website accordingly.

The Barcoo Shire Council holds its next Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday 20 November 2024 at the Jundah Council Chambers 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 accounts.receivable@barcoo.qld.gov.au

OUT OF THE BLUES

In October we had the much-anticipated cabaret show "Out of the Blues" featuring the sultry and sensational The Mini Marilyn who has been touring across outback Queensland. It was an unforgettable night of glamorous entertainment, toe tapping music, and hilarious storytelling.

"Out of the Blues" was a captivating blend of cabaret, pop, and jazz, showcasing iconic tunes with charm and humour wrapped up into a perfectly 'fun sized' pocket rocket! The star of the show, The Mini Marilyn, known for her striking resemblance to the legendary Marilyn Monroe, brought a modern twist to the classic pin-up look while delivering powerhouse vocals and electrifying stage presence. Approximately 50 adults and 11 children attended the event.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

POLICE NEWS - COMMUNITY SAFETY CHANGES FOR HOONING

Recent changes make it easier for police officers to enforce hooning offences. These amendments were made by the [Queensland Community Safety Act 2024](#), which aim to keep our community safer. The below table summarises the amendments

Provision	Description	Fine
<i>Summary Offences Act 2005 s 19C</i>	Participate in a hooning group activity	\$645
	Spectate a hooning group activity	\$645
	Organise, promote or encourage the participation in or spectating of a hooning group activity	\$645
	Photograph or film a motor vehicle being used to commit a hooning offence	\$645
<i>Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995 s 85A</i>	Wilfully causing motor vehicle to lose traction with road	\$645
<i>Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995 s 83</i>	Careless driving of motor vehicles	\$322
Queensland Road Rules s 291	Drive vehicle in a way that makes unnecessary noise or smoke	\$516
	Wilfully start or drive vehicle in a way that makes unnecessary noise or smoke (type 1)	\$516

Two demerit points now apply to [wilfully causing a motor vehicle to lose traction with road](#).

Spectating offence

The [spectating offence](#) has been amended to clarify that it has a broad application capturing people merely spectating or watching hooning activities. Now, spectating is defined as remaining at the place where the activity is being carried on and watching the activity.

ERGON-ENERGEX COMMUNITY FUND



Could your community group do with \$10,000 this year?

The Ergon-Energex Community Fund is now open for applications for not-for-profit groups across Queensland. Ergon Energy Network and Energex are looking for initiatives that will make a lasting difference in local communities, including projects with a focus on opportunities around renewable energy and sustainability, like solar, battery storage and energy literacy.

Chief Customer Officer of Ergon Energy and Energex, Michael Dart, believes this year’s fund will give back to communities at a time it’s needed most. For more information visit

<https://www.ergon.com.au/network/news/2024/apply-now-for-the-ergon-energex-community-fund>

COMMUNITY NOTICES

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE



PRESENTATION NIGHT AND CHRISTMAS TREE

NOVEMBER | **28** | 6pm Nibbles for a 7pm Start

Windorah State School, Victoria St

Dinner and Dessert provided.

SAVE THE DATE

STONEHENGE CHRISTMAS TREE

&
YEAR 6 GRADUATION CEREMONY

SATURDAY
DECEMBER **7** AT 6PM

STONEHENGE COMMUNITY HALL






YOU ARE INVITED TO

END of YEAR CONCERT @ Jundah Hall!

29TH NOVEMBER SAVE THE DATE!



THE GOLF CLUB IS NOW TAKING BOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS PARTYS



For bookings: MESSAGE OUR PAGE



WE HAVE A GREAT VENUE IDEAL FOR YOUR PARTY FAMILY FRIENDLY AND CAN OFFER A 4BALL SHORT COURSE EVENT



COMMUNITY NOTICES

JUNDAH GOLF CLUB INC

REGISTRATION

MEMBERSHIP LEVEL

- FULL MEMBERSHIP WITH HANDICAP \$100
- CLUB MEMBER NO HANDICAP \$60
- SOCIAL MEMBER \$15
- JUNIOR MEMBER \$15

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER DETAILS

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CONTACT NUMBER:

EMAIL:

GOLF LINKS NUMBER:

DATE OF MEMBERSHIP:

RECEIPT NUMBER:



COMMUNITY NOTICES



HOC HEALTH & WELLNESS CALENDAR November 2024



WINDORAH	
11	RAFS Playgroup
12	RFDS Clinic
21	LLW AODS
26	RFDS Clinic
27	NWRH Physio, Podiatry, Dietitian

WINDORAH COMMUNITY

TUESDAY

6:00 pm Heart Foundation
Walking Program | Park

JUNDAH	
2	Barcoo Swim Clinic
5	RFDS Skin Clinic
5	RFDS Clinic
12	RAFS Playgroup
19	RFDS Clinic
22	LLW AODS
28	NWRH Physio, Podiatrist, Dietitian

Book your appointment today for a wellbeing plan



STONEHENGE	
13	RFDS Clinic
27	RFDS Clinic
28	NWRH Physio, Podiatrist, Dietitian

STONEHENGE COMMUNITY

EVERY 2ND FRIDAY

5.00 pm Bingo | School Hall

COMMUNITY NOTICES



HEALTHY RECIPE BISCOFF CARAMEL SLICE



SERVES 24
PREP TIME 80MINS
COOK TIME 40MINS

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup pitted dried dates
- 1/2 cup cashew nuts (unsalted)
- 2 cups water, boiling
- 8 pieces biscoff biscuits
- 1/3 cup almond meal
- 1/3 cup coconut sugar
- 1/2 cup butter (melted)
- 1/2 cup plain wholemeal flour
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 4 tsp biscoff spread
- 2/3 cup dark chocolate chips

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 160 and line a slice tray with baking paper.
2. Soak dates and cashews and set aside.
3. Place the Biscoff biscuits (reserving 2 biscuits for the topping), almond meal, coconut sugar, butter and wholemeal flour into a food processor or blender and blitz until well combined, this will be the base.
4. Press base mixture into the prepared tray and bake for 30 minutes.
5. Once cooked, remove from the oven and allow to cool.
6. In the meantime, make your caramel. Drain and rinse cashews and dates, place into a food processor or blender. Add vanilla and biscoff spread and blitz until smooth.
7. Pour the caramel over the cooled biscuit base. Spread it out using the back of a spoon and set aside.
8. Place the chocolate in a microwave safe bowl and melt using 20 second bursts in the microwave to ensure the chocolate doesn't burn.



Biscoff Biscuit
Made with non-GMO ingredients, these biscuits are vegan and contain no artificial flavours or colours



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Tips: Make sure your knees are always pointing towards the toe. Focus on always having your weight on the entire soles of your feet. Your head and chest should always look forwards.

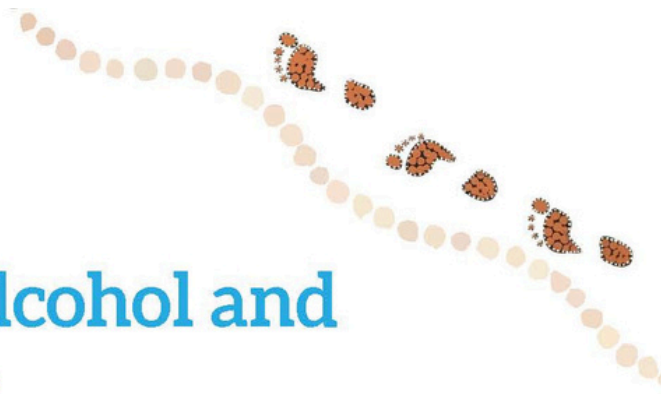


COMMUNITY NOTICES



Lives Lived Well

Free confidential alcohol and other drug support



Now offering monthly in-person sessions in Windorah and Jundah

Nobody plans to have a problem with alcohol or other drugs, but if you think you do, there is support available.

Funded by Western Queensland PHN, our alcohol and other drug program is designed to help people break the cycle of problematic substance use. With a harm-minimisation approach and evidence-based practices, our counsellors assist clients in regaining control of their lives.



Who is the program suitable for?

- Individuals aged 12 and above
- Those dealing with their own substance use concerns
- Individuals impacted by a loved one's substance use

How to get started:

- Self-referral by calling 1300 727 957
- Referral through friends, family, coworkers, or community
- Referral from GPs, employers, employment services, or allied health professionals

	Windorah 10AM - 4PM	Jundah 9AM - 3PM
JUL	25th	26th
AUG	29th	30th
SEP	19th	20th
OCT	24th	25th
NOV	21st	22nd
DEC	12th	13th

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Nicky at 0417 684 911. Let us support you on your journey to recovery!

 **1300 727 957**

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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

NOVEMBER

2 - Barcoo Big Bash (STAG)

2 - Barcoo Swim Safe Day (Jundah)

*28 - Windorah SS Presentation Night &
Christmas Tree*

*29 - Jundah SS Presentation Night &
Christmas Tree*

DECEMBER

*7 - Stonehenge Christmas Tree
& Year 6 Graduation*

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HEART OF THE CHANNEL COUNTRY

COMMUNITY NOTICE

2025 Australia Day Awards - Nominations Now Open

Australia Day provides residents with the opportunity to celebrate all that is Australian and acknowledge active citizenship and achievement.

With our limited population and in an effort to make the 2025 Australia Day Awards more special, Barcoo Shire Council is again only awarding one overall award for the shire from worthy nominations received from the community. The nomination categories for community members for 2025 are:

- Citizen of the year
- Young citizen of the year
- Volunteer of the year
- Senior sports award
- Junior sports award
- Cultural award

Nominations are now open for the 2025 Barcoo Shire Australia Day awards. Applications close 5pm, 22 November 2024 and must be submitted on the Barcoo Shire Council Australia Day Award Nomination Form (attached).

Should you require further clarification or information, please do not hesitate to contact Council on telephone (07) 4658 6900 or via email shire@barcoo.qld.gov.au.

Edwina Marks
Chief Executive Officer

Date: 1/11/2024

File Ref: 76735



Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.



2025 Australia Day Nominations

Nominations Close: 5:00pm Friday 22 November 2024

Categories:

Citizen of the Year
Young Citizen of the Year
Volunteer of the Year
Senior Sports Award
Junior Sports Award
Cultural Award

For further information:

Phone: (07) 4658 6900

Email: shire@barcoo.qld.gov.au

Website: www.barcoo.qld.gov.au

Nominations are now open

Do you know someone who has made an outstanding contribution to your local community?

Nomination forms can be accessed via the following:

- Downloaded from www.barcoo.qld.gov.au
- Available from the Visitor Information Centres in Jundah, Stonehenge and Windorah
- Requested through shire@barcoo.qld.gov.au

Eligibility in Categories:

All nominees must be Australian citizens and reside within the Barcoo Shire Council area at the time of nomination.

Award Categories:

Citizen of the Year

Eligible nominees must be 26 years or older as of 26 January 2025

Recognises an individual for their outstanding contribution to the Barcoo community during the preceding year or given outstanding services to the local community over several years.

Young Citizen of the Year

Eligible nominees must be 25 years or younger as of 26 January 2025

Recognises a young individual who has made a noteworthy contribution during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the local community over several years.

Volunteer of the Year

In recognition of a Barcoo Shire resident of any age who has devoted considerable time to volunteering for the community during the 2024 year and /or who has an outstanding record of volunteering for the community over a number of years.

Senior Sports Award

Eligible nominees must be 26 years or older as of 26 January 2025

In recognition of a Barcoo Shire resident who has achieved significant sporting success during the 2024 year or has an outstanding record of sporting achievement over a number of years.

Junior Sports Award

Eligible nominees must be 25 years or younger as of 26 January 2025

In recognition of a Barcoo Shire resident who has achieved significant sporting success during the 2024 year or has an outstanding record of sporting achievement over a number of years.

Cultural Award

In recognition of people who have made a noteworthy contribution to the cultural life of the community or an outstanding achievement in cultural activity.

How to nominate:

Please complete this form and post, hand deliver or email to the following:

Postal:

“Australia Day Nominations”

Barcoo Shire Council

PO Box 14

Jundah Qld 4736

Hand deliver:

6 Perkins Street

Jundah Qld 4736

Email:

shire@barcoo.qld.gov.au

Supporting documentation may also be provided with your nomination form that you feel will assist the judges in making their decision. Supporting documentation can include items such as personal references, photographs, samples of work, portfolios, articles etc. A maximum of two (2) A4 pages of support material will be accepted.

Please do not supply originals of supporting documentation, as all documentation will be retained by Barcoo Shire council.

Selection Criteria

Please consider the selection listed below when completing your nomination:

1. How has the person made an outstanding contribution to the local community?
2. How is the person an inspirational role model for the community?
3. Why do you believe that this person should receive an Australia Day Award?

Australia Day Award Nomination form

I would like to nominate:

Date of Birth:

Address:

Phone: (h) (m)

Email:

For an Australia Day Award in the following category:

- Citizen of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Senior Sports Award
- Junior Sports Award
- Cultural Award

Please attach a response to the Selection Criteria outlined below that is no longer than two (2) A4 pages. (Supporting documentation is additional but limited to two (2) A4 pages)

1. How has the person/event made an outstanding contribution to the local community?

2. How is the person an inspirational role model for the community?



Australia Day Award Nomination form

3. Why do you believe that this person should receive an Australia Day Award?

Your Details (nominator):

Name:

Address:

Phone: (home) (mobile)

Email:

Signature of Nominator: