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Cut off date for OCTOBER Newsletter
COB 24 October 2024

# 31 August 2024

# From 28 October 2024

We've extended when we'll close our 3G network



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# MAYOR'S

# essage

## WITH SALLY O'NEIL



Hello Everyone,

Hope all is well. The traditional August winter winds we missed last month caught up with us in September without the bitterly cold bite. It has been lovely mild weather though, so we can't complain at this point.

Early September the CEO, Edwina Marks and I attended the Western Qld Alliance of Councils Assembly in Mt Isa. It was well attended with all 24 member councils present. The theme was Future Ready Infrastructure enabling Western Qld to prosper.

The program included presentations from the Premier, Minister Shannon Fentimen and Senator Anthony Chisolm. The group continued to focus on addressing the regional priority issues of housing, roads, health, connectivity and sustainability.

Council recently met with the Ergon Energy team responsible for the new Windorah solar farm. They have awarded the tender to the successful contractor who will be on site late October to begin the solar installation which should completed by December. They will be doing the design and installation of the batteries in the new year due for completion April 2025 followed by commission through to December 2025.





Late September I attended the RAPAD CWQ Energy and Economic Futures Forum in Barcaldine. "As Central West Queensland looks to take the next steps in its energy and economic diversification journey it is timely to bring together an expert and broader stakeholder forum to start conversations and ensure we effectively build and maintain social licence in our region." The forum was well attended by interested local landholders, local businesses, developers and Local and State Government representatives as well as Texas ranchers, Attorneys and a university lecturer who specialises in this field. They were able to share their experiences and learnings from wind turbine development in their west Texan homeland. Learnings were also shared from experiences in Qld where development of wind turbines has taken place in regions with very little consultation. The learnings were valuable for all who attended.

# MAYOR'S Vessage

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At the end of term 3 the CEO and I attended lunch on the lawn at Stonehenge State School. We were entertained with the student's learnings from throughout the term. The students also celebrated R U Ok day by painting a tree stump in the school grounds yellow and plastering it with their hand prints, looks very effective. We thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

#### The following is the externally funded project status update:

- Budgerygar floodway complete
- McPhellamys Crossing contractor crew have returned and are due for completion end of October.

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 currently on the Arrabury Rd doing an 8km resheet.
- Jason Beilby's crew are currently on Retreat Yaraka Road doing a resheet at the boundary end.
- The Contractor Crew are currently doing flood damage on the Windorah River Rd.
- The flying gang 1 are working on the bulk signage works between Jundah and Windorah and the flying gang 2 are cleaning floodways on the Yaraka Retreat Rd.
- The maintenance grader is continuing with work on Whitula Tanbar Rd. 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 16th of October 2024.

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

Regards
Sally O'Neil
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# COUNCIL NEWS

#### SEPTEMBER 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.

#### **REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - STATE REPRESENTATION CRICKET**

Council endorsed financial assistance of \$500.00 to assist with fees, uniform and travel for Archie and Harry Geiger from the School Bursary Fund. In addition, Council resolved to develop a new policy to support high achievement in junior sports representation.

#### USE OF COUNCIL BUS AS PART OF HEALTH AGEING PILOT PROGRAM

1. Council endorsed the use of Council's Community Bus as part of the pilot healthy ageing program to support travel for medical purposes and social inclusion events such as morning teas.

Council staff are currently working with Western Queensland Primary Health Network to determine the nature/frequency/logistics of the service. This initiative will be a pilot project contingent on continued funding. More details will be distributed to the community once these matters are finalised.

The Barcoo Shire Council holds its next Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday 16 October 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.

# **Community Grants**

Do you have a community project that will help to develop local skills, build community wellbeing and resilience, or is a creative arts and culture idea?

## What is RADF?

The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Barcoo Shire Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.

# What are some examples of RADF approved activities in the past?

Arts and craft workshops, town beautification projects, murals, sculptures, comedy show tours, children/youth workshops, theatre performances, the list goes on! Use your imagination to come up with a unique idea!



### Who can I ask for help?

If you would like more information or help filling out your application form, please contact our RADF Liaison Officer Megan Miller on megan.miller@barcoo.qld.gov.au or 0429 172 058.

#### How do I apply?

Simply visit <u>APPLY for Regional Arts Development</u> <u>Funding - Barcoo Shire Council</u> to apply for funding now.

Council is always open to look at new ways to help our community groups through Community Grant Funding. If you have an idea or event, please talk to our Community Development Officer on how Council might be able to help. Even if your community group already receives Community Grant Funding, you are still able to work with Council and ask for more support if needed.

# COUNCIL NEWS

#### **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>

#### **DOG REGISTRATIONS**

Friendly reminder that a maximum of 2 dogs per house applies without a permit. All dogs must be registered after 3 months of age or within: 14 days of acquiring the dog or 28 days of becoming a new resident of the region. An application for a permit to keep additional dogs can be lodged with Council. A permit will only be issued if your application is approved. If your animals are no longer in the Shire, please let us know so we can update your details.

To assist making payments Council offer several ways to pay including:

- Cash at Council main office in Jundah and Windorah and Stonehenge Information Centre,
- By post via cheque or money order,
- BPAY your payment information is Biller code 293209 Reference on your rates notice,
- Credit card over the phone.

Council offers payment plans Weekly, Fortnightly, Monthly if you wish to pay this off. Please contact Council's Accounts Receivable Officer Amy Appelby if you have any questions or wish to discuss this further on (07) 4658 6910 or via email accounts.receivable@barcoo.qld.gov.au.

#### **TELSTRA**

Telstra has announced that the 3G network will close on 28 October 2024. If your telecommunications (mobile, land line or data) are still using the 3G network, it's time to make other arrangements!

You can check to see if your mobile phone will be impacted by the 3G network closure by texting '3' to '3498' and the response will let you know if you need to take action.

If you live on a property (or possibly elsewhere) and use the 3G network for a land line/data, the 3G network closure will impact you. To check how you will be impacted, please call 1800 241 600 and choose option 3. If you are advised that you will be affected by the 3G network closure, you should request a new land line arrangement with Telstra.

For more information on the 3G network closure, click on this link... <a href="https://www.telstra.com.au/support/mobiles-devices/3g-closure">https://www.telstra.com.au/support/mobiles-devices/3g-closure</a>







The Western Queensland
Regional Beef Research Committee
invite you
to join our meeting
to hear the latest industry research.

#### Research updates will include:

- · Trichomoniasis and the impact it can have on your herd
- New technologies for control of buffalo fly
- Unlocking Artificial Intelligence for Australian cattle stations
- · Microbiome based test for methane
- Also hear from NABRC chair, Paul Burke

When: Thursday 24th October 2024

Where: Windorah Community Centre, Windorah QLD 4481

Time: Please join us from 10.30am for smoko and lunch

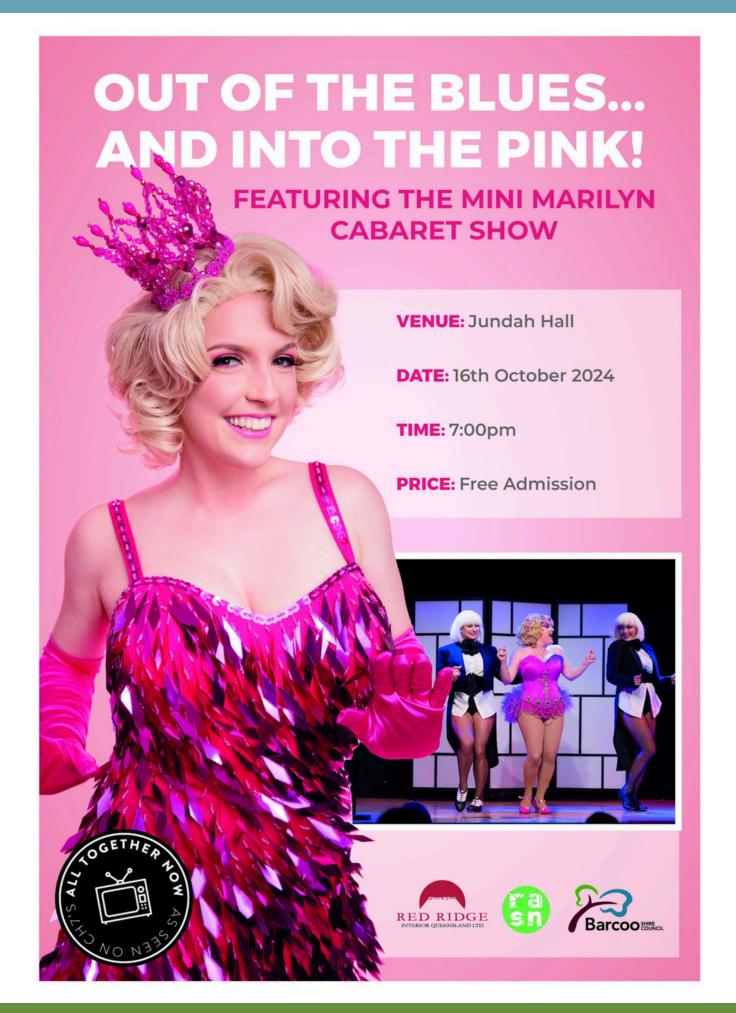
Contact: Patricia Nolan - 0476 910 190 - patricia.nolan@daf.qld.gov.au

Please RSVP by Thursday 17th October to assist with catering: https://www.trybooking.com/CVGJD











# **RECRUITING NOW!**

Queensland Health is offering Allied **Health, Nursing and Corporate Services** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cadetships in 2024, across all Hospital and Health Services.



A cadet is employed as a temporary part time employee in their chosen profession, gaining on the job skill development while completing their full-time tertiary studies for a bachelors qualification in Australia.

Cadets work under the delegation and supervision of a line manager and clinical supervisor in their field to provide effective patient care. It is required the Cadet completes 12 weeks (or 60 days) of paid-work over the calendar year.

Clinical Cadetship positions will be available in Nursing and Midwifery, Physiotherapy, Social Work, Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Nutrition and Dietetics, Exercise Physiology, Psychology, Medical Imaging/Radiation, Podiatry, Medical Laboratory Science, Audiology, Biomedical Science, Pharmacy and Sonography.

Corporate Services Cadetship positions will be available but not limited to Law, Information Technology, Marketing and Communications, Finance, Public Health and Human Resources, Accounting, Business and Policy.

The hours worked by the cadet are scheduled to fit around study commitments during the calendar year. Students can apply for a cadetship at any year of their university course and continue the program through to graduation.

There is also the option, if all eligibility criteria is met, for Cadets to receive a study allowance of \$13,000 through our Government Partner AFL Sports Ready.

Under S125 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991, there is a genuine occupation requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community to be eligible for a Cadetship under this program.

Cadetships will be available across all 16 Queensland Hospital and Health Services (HHSs) facilities including:

Cairns and Hinterland HHS

Central Queensland HHS

Central West HHS

Childrens Health Queensland

**Darling Downs HHS** 

Gold Coast HHS

Mackay HHS

Metro North HHS

Metro South HHS

North West HHS

South West HHS

Sunshine Coast HHS

Torres and Cape HHS

Townsville HHS

West Moreton HHS

Wide Bay HHS

# Apply via Smartjobs

Applications for January 2025 will be live on SmartJobs in October 2024

For queries about being a Cadet, contact: QHCadetshipinfo@health.qld.gov.au













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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0409 353 195

# VISITING SERVICES

A current referral is required, please speak to your GP. Please confirm your



Flying Obstetrician & Gynaecologist

#### Flying Surgeon

including Endoscopy Services Dr Julie Cappello

- 1 October Longreach
- · 8 October Longreach
- 22 October Longreach
- 29 October Longreach

#### Cardiology

Dr Scott McKenzie Dr Karthikeyan Gopal

· Telehealth every Tuesday and Friday

#### **Respiratory Physician**

• 1 October - Longreach

• 8 October - Longreach

· 22 October - Barcaldine

• 29 October - Longreach

Dr Alistair Cook

Dr Adam Bush

- 3 October Telehealth
- · 10 October Telehealth
- 30 October Telehealth

#### Ophthalmology

Dr Sunil Warrier

• 14-17 October- Longreach

#### Gastroenterology

Private service - fees & charges apply Dr Mark Norrie

• 24-25 October - Longreach







#### **HEALTHY RECIPE DEVILLED SAUSAGES WITH** SWEET POTATO MASH



PREP TIME 5MINS COOK TIME 15MINS

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 Teaspoon Mustard Powder
- 1 Tablespoon Worcestershire Sauce 3 Sweet Potatoes Peeled and Chopped
- 1 Teaspoon Soy Sauce (salt reduced) Pepper
- 1 Tablespoon Corn Flour
- 1 Cup Water
- 8 Lean Sausages of choice
- 1 Brown Onion Peeled
- 1 Peeled, Cored and Thinly Sliced Apple
- 2 Cups Trimmed Green Beans
- 2 Cups Cauliflower • 2 Carrots Peeled
- · Fresh Parsley to Serve

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Slice onion into rings

- 2. Whisk together mustard, Worcestershire, soy sauce, corn flour, tomato paste and water in a mixing bowl and set aside.
- 3. Heat 2 tablespoons of water (per serve) in a large fry pan, add sausages and poach evenly on all sides for about 5 minutes, until just cooked. Removed the sausages from the pan and chop into bite sized slices and set aside (don't worry if the sausage is a little under cooked as they will be returned to the heat).
- 4. Add the onion to the frying pan and sauté until soft. Return sausage pieces and add apple slices to the pan. Pour over the mustard sauce mixture. Allow to simmer, while stirring, for 5 minutes or until the sausage is cooked thoroughly and sauce has slightly thickened.
- 5. While simmering the sausages, boil the sweet potato in water until soft, then mash. Season with pepper.
- 6. Slice carrots into rounds and steam with beans and cauliflower in the microwave or in a steaming basket on the stove top until tender
- 7. Serve sweet potato mash with devilled sausages and sauce and steamed vegetables on the side. 8. Sprinkle over the parsley to serve.



EXERCISE TO ADD TO YOUR DAILY ROUTINE

Triceps Dips











Sweet Potatoes High in fiber and antioxidants, which protect your body from free radical damage and promote a healthy gut and brain.





# HOC HEALTH & WELLNESS CALENDAR

# October 2024

WINDORAH		
1	RFDS Clinic	
2	NWRH Physio, Podiatrist, Dietitian	
4	RAFS Playgroup	
7	Palliative Consult & Care Team	
15	RFDS Clinic	
16	RFDS Skin Clinic	
16	NWRH Exercise, Occupational, Continence	
16	Falls Prevention Class with Maddie	
29	RFDS Clinic	

JUNDAH		
1	NWRH Physio, Podiatry, Dietitian	
5	RAFS Playgroup Barcoo Spring Fling	
7	Palliative Consult & Care Team	
8	RFDS Clinic	
15	RFDS Skin Clinic	
15	NWRH Exercise, Occupational, Continence	
15	Falls Prevention Class with Maddie	
22	RFDS Clinic	
25	LLW AODS	
26	NWRH Physio, Podiatrist, Dietitian	
28	Barcoo Council Workplace Wellness	

Date Claimer
Barcoo Swim Camp
November 2nd & 3rd

# JUNDAH COMMUNITY MONDAY

3.15 pm Kids Swimming

## **THURSDAY**

3.15 pm Kids Swimming

4.30 pm Pilates | Racetrack

Phone 0458798448 to join

## SUNDAY

5.00 am Walk Run Ride | Old church

# STONEHENGE COMMUNITY EVERY 2ND FRIDAY

5.00 pm Bingo | School Hall

# WINDORAH COMMUNITY TUESDAY

6:00 pm Windorah Walkers | Park

STONEHENGE		
2	RFDS Clinic	
3	NWRH Podiatry, Dietitian	
16	RFDS Clinic	
30	RFDS Clinic	

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# 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 harmminimisation 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
ост	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

liveslivedwell.org.au Q







# 2024 BARCOO SHIRE EVENTS CALENDAR

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

# **OCTOBER**

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

NOVEMBER

2 - Barcoo Big Bash

(STAG)

# **DECEMBER**

7 - Stonehenge Christmas Tree & Year 6 Graduation





