



Barcoo Shire Community Newsletter

Australia Day 2020

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On Australia Day we celebrate all the things we love about Australia: land, lifestyle, history, the freedoms we enjoy but particularly our people. Australia Day is about acknowledging and celebrating the contribution that every Australian makes to our contemporary and dynamic nation. The Barcoo Shire is certainly home to some incredible and selfless people who we are proud to call valued members of our communities. See page 4 for a list of our worthy winners of Australia Day 2020 awards.



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A few photos from Australia Day celebrations in Windorah



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Australia Day Awards

PUBLIC SERVICE MEDAL (PSM) Mr Michael Dermot PARKER, QLD

For outstanding public service to local government administration in Queensland. Mr Parker has a long and respected history working in public service from various roles in the State Government through to Chief Executive Officer (CEO) roles in various small remote councils across Queensland.

Given the characteristics of the communities he has worked with, and the substantial challenges they face, he has, over many years, progressed a range of initiatives including critical infrastructure upgrades and much needed community development programs. Often these outcomes have been achieved with minimal support. He has consistently delivered over and above what is reasonably expected of a council CEO and through his active participation in many regional bodies and collaborative arrangements, his influence has resulted in positive outcomes that transcend council boundaries.

His commitment to empowering his teams and developing their potential, especially for Indigenous staff members is well known and highly regarded and he has always sought to provide service excellence in every aspect of council business. His knowledge and experience has equipped many rural councils to achieve cost savings on their infrastructure works programs and redirect these savings back into the local community.

His leadership qualities are also most evident in the transformation of Barcoo Shire Council, where he led, developed and challenged the council workforce to re-design more efficient processes across many of council's operations. Mr Parker's commitment and dedication to public administration, and to the development of regional and remote Queensland, is exemplary.

Australia Day Award Recipients:

Volunteer of the Year:

- Maureen Scott

Citizen of the Year:

- Mary-Jane Bell

Junior Sports Award:

- Louise O'Neil

Cultural Award:

- Margaret Stevenson

- Donna Rivers

Community Spirit Certificate:

- Brian Dayes

- Robert Edwards

Recognition of selfless service for the rescue of a motorist during the 2019 flood event:

- Brian Dayes

- Rob Edwards

- George Gorringer

Recognition of service during the Australian Bushfires during 2019-20:

- Brian Dayes

- Glenn Forsyth

- Robert Gordon



Jundah State School News

Barcoo News 2020

January

Welcome to the new school year and Term 1 news. The Outback Advantage schools met in Longreach for three days last week, at the beginning of the week before school starts. We reviewed the processes of the Outback Advantage and the plans for this year and into the future. We also began developing a wellbeing framework and an Outback Advantage Annual Implementation Plan. The moderation process is being planned and an overview of the units for the term was developed.

We continue to work collaboratively with the C2C team in Brisbane and trial the third cycle of the English. The HASS is being developed using the feedback from last year and the Science has been reviewed and changes made to support the students in small schools. We look forward to continuing the work with the C2C team this year.

Term 1 starts with a Public Holiday on Monday and school starts on Tuesday 28th January 2020. Swimming and life-saving coaches will be working with the students for the next three days, Wednesday to Friday, culminating in the Barcoo swimming carnival on Friday 31st January 2020, weather permitting. We are very fortunate to have two coaches wot work with the students for swimming and lifesaving.

In English, students will be reading and studying the text, *The Lorax* by Dr Sues to examine and create fantasy texts. They will explore the narrative text and its features, including the rhyme and made up words that make *The Lorax* such an interesting text. There is a reading and comprehension assessment task and a retelling of the story from a different perspective. This unit is the first in the third cycle of units we are trialling.

In Mathematics, students will be studying number and place value, location and transformation and data representation and interpretation. This unit is a result of the feedback from the trial units last year.

Kindy will continue with students attending on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 11.30am to 3.00pm and on Thursday from 9.00am to 3.00pm. Miss Rivers will be mostly working with the Kindy students.

Welcome back to Miss Rivers to the Kindy and a huge thankyou to Miss Hill for all her work and dedication to the students. Mrs Repine will be working in the library and supporting reading groups. The grounds person position is yet to be filled.

The P&C annual general meeting is planned for Thursday 6th February 2020 in the library at 5.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

First aid is planned for Saturday 7th March at the school and everyone is welcome. Please contact the school if you are interested in doing the training.

The calendar is beginning to fill for the first part of the year and it will be another exciting year of learning and new experiences for our students and school community.

Yours in education
Chris Volker
Principal



Stonehenge State School News

In a miraculous turn of events, Stonehenge State School has gone from potentially having one student, to being the proud school to seven! Principal Corey Kempthorne and the Barcoo Shire Council have come to an arrangement whereby Stonehenge Action Group (STAG) hire the previous Stonehenge community vehicle to provide a school bus service to three families on local properties on a term by term basis. Currently there are five children making use of the bus service, with high hopes for potentially more later on in the year. An application for funding of the bus service through Department of Transport and Main Roads—Translink is being prepared and it is hoped STAG will hear the outcome later in Term 1.

Both staff and students are adjusting to the new school dynamics and atmosphere, having several younger students being a big change from the predominantly older students from the past few years. There is definitely a renewed sense of positivity, excitement and fun in the air at Stonehenge State School with term one kicking off to a fantastic start settling in, getting to know each other and attending the swimming carnival in Jundah.

Huge recognition must go to our principal, Mr K, for working so hard to make this positive change happen for not only our school but for opening this new door to the families who have joined us. Also Barcoo Shire Council CEO, Mr Paul Hockings, for making our new bus service possible and for his unfaltering support of our school.

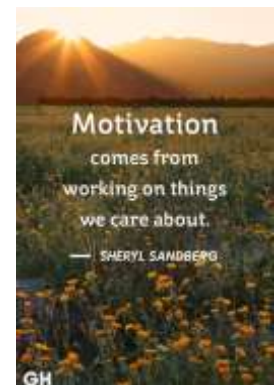
We very much look forward to the rest of the term and for the school year(s!) ahead.



Principal Mr Corey Kempthorne and CEO Mr Paul Hockings at the handover of the new school bus



Stonehenge State School children pose with the vehicle hired by Stonehenge Action Group, to assist with increasing numbers at the school.



Back To School Road Safety

Be a road safety hero: *look out while kids are about*

With children returning to school, it’s critical for drivers to ensure they exercise extreme caution when travelling through school zones.

The following safety tips can easily help:

- Be aware of the placement of schools in your local area so you know when school zones are approaching.
- Remember that children can be unpredictable and misjudge traffic. [Always stay alert](#) and aware of their movements.
- Remain focused on both the road ahead and pedestrians in your peripheries while travelling through a school zone.

Constantly check your speed and make sure you stick to the speed limit. A pedestrian hit by car at 40km/h has [75% chance](#) of surviving. At 60km/h, the survival rate drops to just 15%.



For any issues please contact your local Police Station.

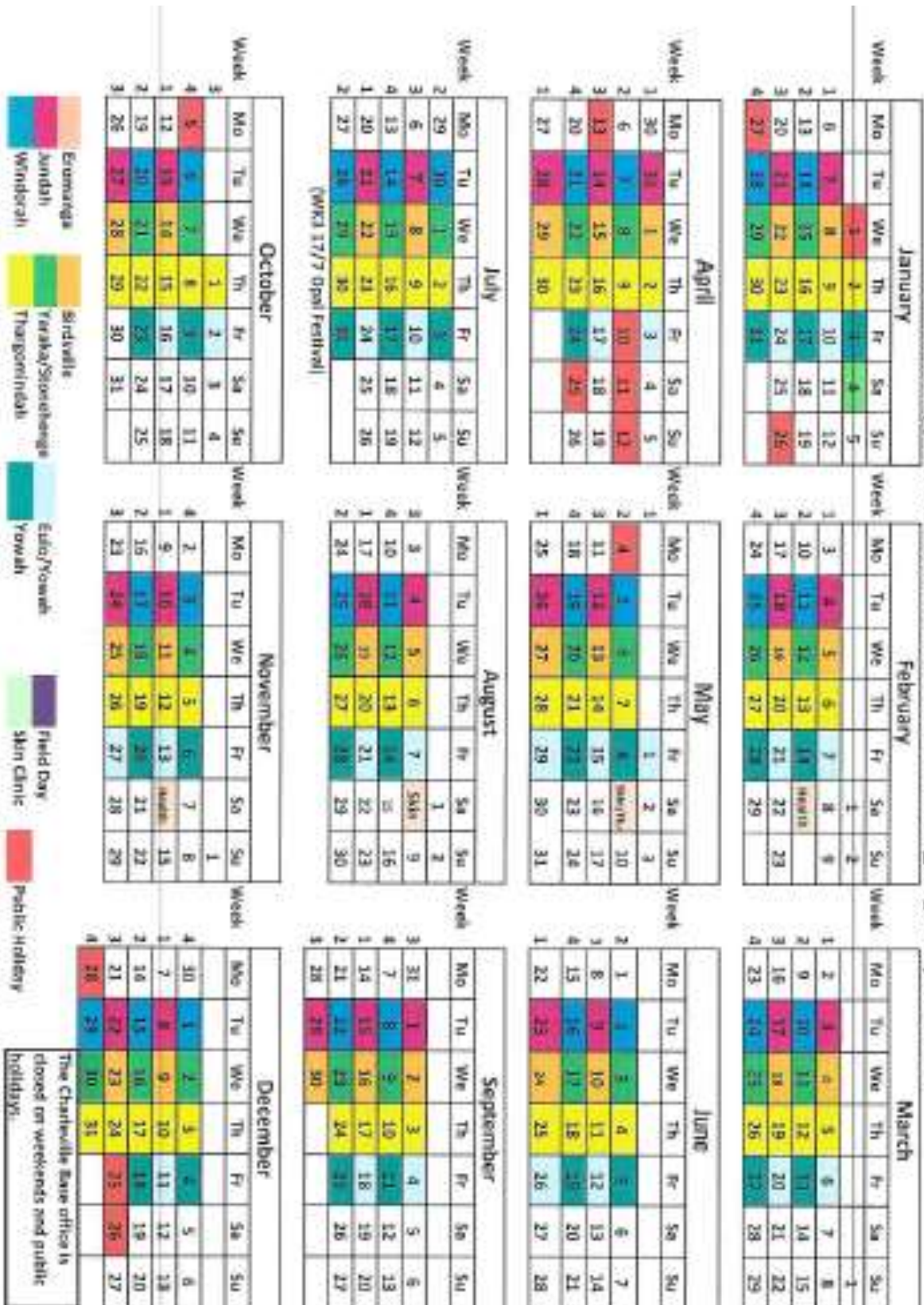
Jundah.....4652 5115

Windorah.....4652 5122

RFDS 2020 Clinic Calendar

To make an appointment call 4654 1233 or email rfds_cvl@rfdsgld.com.au

RFDS 2020 Clinic Calendar



Jundah PHC RFDS 2020 Clinics

CLINICS @ JUNDAH PHC

RFDS CLINICS

February

4th February – Dr Andrew Cronin & Flight Nurse (Child health and Midwifery)

18th February – Dr Scott Bentley & Flight Nurse (Child health and Midwifery)

March

3rd March – Dr Tony Dorr & Flight Nurse (Child health and Midwifery)

17th March – Dr Scott Bentley & Flight Nurse (Child health and Midwifery)

31st March – Dr Andrew Cronin & Flight Nurse (Child health and Midwifery)

April

14th April – Dr Scott Bentley & Flight Nurse (Child health and Midwifery)

28th April – Dr Tony Dorr & Flight Nurse (Child health and Midwifery)

May

12th May – Dr Scott Bentley & Flight Nurse (Child health and Midwifery)

26th May – Dr Andrew Cronin & Flight Nurse (Child health and Midwifery)

NWRH

February

11th & 12th February – Podiatrist, Dietician and Diabetic Educator

April

1st & 2nd April – Physiotherapist & Exercise Physiologist

21st & 22nd – Podiatrist & Dietician (diabetic educator TBC)

JUNE

2nd & 3rd June – Physiotherapist & Exercise Physiologist

16th & 17th June – Podiatrist & Dietician (diabetic educator TBC)

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- » Accredited training forms part of SIT30616 Cert III in Hospitality
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Training is delivered by RAPAD Skilling & includes units:

- » SITXCCS006 Provide service to customers
- » SITXCOM002 Show social and cultural sensitivity

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Register now for current training opportunities

»» Registrations close **2 weeks prior** to training commencement date

Longreach Thurs 5/3/20 & Fri 6/3/20
Winton Tues 10/3/20 & Wed 11/3/20
Jundah Tues 17/3/20 & Wed 18/3/20
Blackall Tues 24/3/20 & Wed 25/3/20
Barcaldine Thurs 26/3/20 & Fri 27/3/20
Birdsville Tues 21/4/20 & Wed 22/4/20
Each session listed above is 9am-5pm approx.

Boulia Wed 1/4/20: 12pm-5pm
 Thurs 2/4/20: 9am-5pm
 Fri 3/4/20: 9am-12pm

Longreach 4 x sessions: Thurs 12/3/20
 Fri 13/3/20, Thurs 19/3/20,
 Fri 20/3/20: 3.30pm-7pm

*In-house training options can be negotiated -
 Contact RAPAD Skilling to find out more.*

RAPAD
 REMOTE AREA PLANNING &
 DEVELOPMENT BOARD



*The Certificate 3 Guarantee Program is funded by the
 Queensland Government.*



Dress | the central west

an installation of creative work.

Opening Friday January 31, 6.30 pm

Grassland Art Gallery, Tambo



INNOVATE - QUEENSLAND - Delivered by Impact Innovation Group



Outback Commercialisation Tour

Blackall

Monday, 2nd March
11 am - 2 pm
Blackall Cultural
Association

Barcaldine

Monday, 2nd March
5 pm - 8 pm
Barcaldine
Town Hall

Longreach

Tuesday, 3rd March
10 am - 1 pm
Bird Cage
Hotel



Click **HERE** to register

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**ADVANCE
QUEENSLAND**

Customer Requests

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What is the process?

- ◆ Customer requests requiring action will be received by administration, recorded in the records system and forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer, or if appropriate to the responsible council officer to address the matter.
- ◆ Follow up for customer requests will be the responsibility of the section manager or the CEO to report back to the responsible administration officer to update the customer request register.
- ◆ Once a month, a list of uncompleted customer requests should be created by the responsible administration officer, reviewed by the CEO and further be taken for council meeting for update.



Community Notices

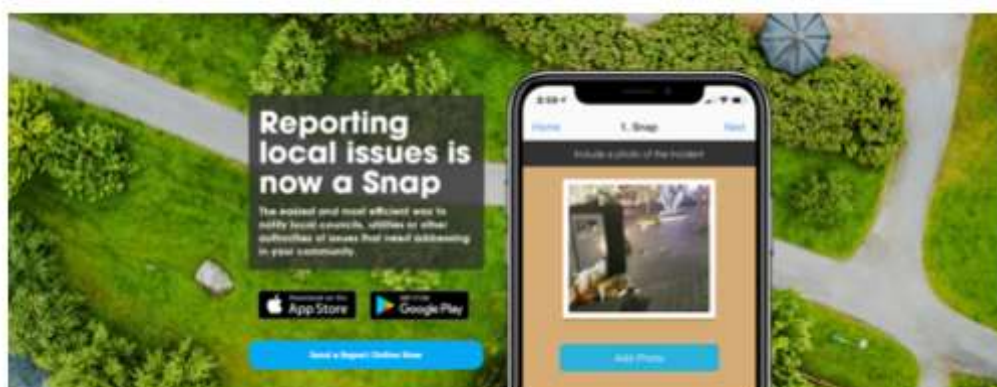
Snap Send Solve

Reporting local issues is now a snap. The easiest and most efficient way to notify local councils, utilities or other authorities of issues that need addressing in your community.

Snap Send Solve is a platform that enables authorities and their customers to identify and solve local issues for the benefit of communities.

- Free to download from the App Store and Google Play, also available online
- Snap Send Solve makes it easy to report incidents on the spot while eliminating any confusion of where it needs to be reported to
- Just capture and send the photo of the issue that needs attention from;
 - cracked pavements
 - dumped rubbish
 - water faults

Snap Send Solve makes it easy and therefore encourages communities to report on incidents and makes it easier and more efficient for local councils and other responsible authorities to act on the reports.



McPhellamy's Crossing

Below statements from Barcoo Shire Council CEO Paul Hockings regarding "McPhellamy's Crossing" for your information.

I have received advice from Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) that above project (\$382K) has been assessed as eligible. There appears to be DA (development application) requirements from Department of Agriculture & Fisheries (DAF) and Department of Natural Resources Mines & Energy (DNRME) which will need to be met prior to commencing construction and we need to wait for Ministerial approval before any further announcements.

Council has also considered at the January 2020 meeting utilising part of the Drought Communities Program Funding (\$365K) towards this project to ensure a better outcome for the Windorah community.

Community Notices



Dog Baiting's

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF WINDORAH

The Barcoo Shire Council wishes to advise residents of Windorah that a couple of dogs in town have died or became ill possibly from some sort of unknown bait material.

Can all residents please make sure their animals aren't allowed to stray from their premises.

If you have any questions or need additional clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the Rural Lands Officer Peter Pidgeon on 0459 028 596 or via email at peterp@barcoo.qld.gov.au.

Paul Hockings
Chief Executive Officer

Be Prepared for the Storm Season!

As we all know there have been a few wild storms floating around over the last month. It is timely that Council remind everyone about taking responsibility for your own safety and resilience in times of potential disruption from weather events or disastrous situations.

Little things like cleaning up your yard(s) from long grass and rubbish can protect people and property from vermin, snakes and fire. Securing objects that could become airborne during a storm could have an enormous positive outcome for overall safety of the community if a severe event happened to take place in town or on a property or camp site.

Having a personal and family safety kit on hand with some basic supplies is recommended, so we have a good element of self-reliance in case people and communities and properties are cut off for an extended period. Items such as emergency drinking water, a battery operated AM radio with spare batteries, an up-to-date first aid kit, making sure you have an alternative way of charging a mobile phone, tablet or computer or smart phone (i.e. car charger or solar), supplies of non-perishable foods that would last for at least a week, a list of emergency contact numbers, put in place a way of cooking and boiling water if there is no electricity for an extended period are just some personal safety provisions that will help if there is a disaster situation or roads are cut due to flood or extended rains.

Properties and camps should take some further mitigation measures so there is a greater level of safety and resilience. This would include measures such as: holding additional fuel supplies for vehicles and generators, service and check both emergency and standalone generators, make sure you know your neighbours and their contact details and notify Barcoo Shire Council of your contact details if you are new to the district (this is really important as there has been a number of properties change hands over the last 12 months and new families to the area), making sure you have additional redundancy for water supplies (spare pump that can be plumbed in quickly if there is no power or the normal pump site is flooded or the drinking water is fed by a pressure pump), making sure there is a site close to the house where a helicopter could land if an evacuation or resupply is necessary, grade airstrips if possible, having a serviceable UHF radio and know the public repeater(s) and number(s) closest to your property house and locations around the property, notify the local Primary Health Clinics' (PHC) Directors-of-Nursing (DoN) if you or there are people residing on your property who have a medical condition or there are 'at risk' persons residing on the property (elderly, disabled or a medical condition) – so the appropriate response can be coordinated for these persons if the property is isolated for any reason.

Community Notices

JUNDAH SPORTS CLUB AGM

**FOLLOWED BY A GENERAL
MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY
12TH FEBRUARY
5:30 PM
AT THE SPORTS COMPLEX**

Freezable Zucchini Slice

Ingredients

- 4 bacon rashers, finely chopped
- 1 brown onion, finely chopped
- 2 zucchinis, coarsely grated
- 1 cup pumpkin, coarsely grated
- 2 cups frozen mixed vegetables, just thawed
- 1 cup (120g) coarsely grated cheddar
- 1 cup (150g) self-raising flour
- 1/2 cup flat-leaf parsley, coarsely chopped
- 4 Eggs, lightly whisked
- 1/4 cup (60ml) milk
- Mixed salad leaves, to serve (optional)



METHOD

- Step 1** Preheat oven to 180C. Grease a 20cm x 30cm lamington pan and line the base and 2 long sides with baking paper.
- Step 2** Heat a medium frying pan over medium heat. Add the bacon and onion and cook, stirring, for 5 mins or until onion softens. Transfer to a bowl.
- Step 3** Add the zucchini, pumpkin, mixed vegetables, cheddar, flour and parsley to the bacon mixture and stir to combine. Add the egg, milk and oil and stir to combine. Season. Spoon into the prepared pan and smooth the surface.
- Step 4** Bake for 40 mins or until firm to the touch. Set aside to cool. Cut into pieces.