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Barcoo Shire Community Newsletter

ArTour performances come to Barcoo

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Barcoo Shire Council was successful in receiving funding through Arts Queensland's "Play Local", to engage Artour to present two performances within the shire. Funny Mummies were earmarked for Stonehenge whilst the Flipside Circus open to all children held their two day workshop in Jundah.

The Stonehenge Shire Hall came alive and was the place to be on Saturday evening 26th September to enjoy a good laugh. "Funny Mummies" took to the stage to lift the spirits of all in attendance.

Local youngster Lachlan Bateman fitted right in with the cast, responding spontaneously to the questions sent his way.

Travellers and locals enjoyed a delicious burger and a few refreshments prior to the Funny Mummies hitting the stage.

Four days later circus action hit Jundah. Strong winds on Wednesday saw the workshops relocated from the Sports Complex to the Shire Hall, where children from as young as 3 took part in the basics of circus training before the older children went on to learn amazing skills from trapeze, hula hoops and the aerial apparatus.

The last day saw the children perform for their parents. By the end there were a lot of very happy children but also very tied children.

Both performances were well received in the community and we thank the Barcoo Shire Council for taking the time to apply for the funding to make the visits







A Message From The Mayor

Hello Everyone

Hope all is well. Wasn't it lovely to see the recent rain with falls of up to and in excess of 100mm in various locations around the Shire. Jason Beilby's crew were isolated for 3 days when they received 98mm at their camp located at Westerton. A council owned pit at Mt Felix was bone dry prior to the weekend and now full to the brim, see photos below. It seems our water issues for road construction are now solved for the time being.





The races held in Jundah on the weekend of 12 September were a great success for the Jundah Race Club. The meet attracted a crowd close to 300 people with 235 through the gate and approximately 50 trainers, jockeys and staff. The facility upgrade with the new jockey room partly funded by the Barcoo Shire Council looked very impressive as did the grounds. Out of the five race meet, two local trainers got a win. The Barcoo Shire Cup was won by Argento Perlo, owned by a loyal group of owners based in Longreach and trained by Mark Oates. See winning photos below.





A Message From The Mayor

Council have run a register of interest in the Longreach Leader, in the newsletter and various other locations for anyone interested in providing innovative suggestions around the operation and development of our three community caravan parks and /or the Jundah Roadhouse. Once submissions have been collated Council will run either an Expression of Interest or Request for Tenders. The ultimate goal for Council is to enter into a business partnership with the right person or organisation that will deliver benefits to all stakeholders.

You may notice the presence of Origin Energy in the Jundah area in the coming months as they move into the Shire to do oil and gas exploration. I recently had a meeting with them to give Council an update on the sequence of activities that will occur. There has already been a Cultural Heritage scout completed. Civil construction will begin early October and last approximately 14 days, this work will be performed by an indigenous company who will engage our local contractors. This will be followed by a specialist company who will do the cellar and conductor pilot hole. Drilling will commence mid-November and last approximately 15 days, with site set-up 2 weeks prior. It is hoped this will generate some income for the local economy.

Sandy Dealy is the nurse navigator for Central West Health. Sandy came to Barcoo Shire to communicate awareness of the nurse navigator service. The Service is to co-ordinate patient care, create partnerships with medical practitioners and patients and to provide better health outcomes. Sandy attended the recent CAN meeting in Jundah with her presentation and provided brochures and information pamphlets for circulation in the community. Sandy can be contacted on the details The following is the externally funded project status update:

Stonehenge tennis court – Start date is scheduled for 28 September 2020, contract has been awarded.

Jundah roadhouse culverts – Design is complete, start date is scheduled for 9 November 2020.

Windorah K&C and culverts - Start date rescheduled for 19 October.

McPhellemay's crossing – Delay due to run in river, survey due on site 28 October depending on water levels.

Connemarra Rd bridge replacement – Start date is scheduled for 21 March 2021.

Nurse Navigator Winton and Western Area

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Sandy Dealy 0418 978 280





Stonehenge hall external painting – Start date is scheduled for 26 October 2020.

 $Windorah\ water\ treatment\ plant-600\ 000L\ water\ storage\ contract\ awarded.\ Design\ of\ plant\ in\ progress.$

Jundah Hall - Start date is scheduled for 19 October 2020.

Windorah RFS/SES shed – Ongoing.

A Message From The Mayor



The following is an update of our work crews and their progress on roads around the Shire. Ronnie Rayment's crew have completed their section of Jundah Winton Rd flood damage, they have now relocated to Morney Birdsville Road to do a resheet around 30-40km from the Morney intersection. Jason Beilby's crew have been doing 2019 flood damage on the Jundah Winton Rd around Westerton, following this they will continue with 2019 flood damage working towards the Mayne then relocating to Davenport Rd. There will be a section of Jundah Winton Rd which will be packaged with other roads in the area put out to tender. The contractor crew are continuing to do medium formation grading on the shoulders 20km out of Windorah heading towards Whitula Ck. The maintenance grader is currently on the Depot Glen Rd. If there are sections of roads requiring immediate attention, please notify the 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.

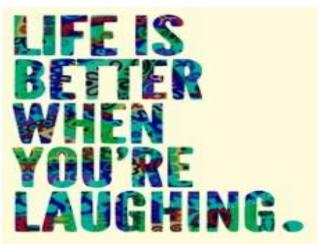
I wish you all well and will give you another update next month. Please don't hesitate to contact me on the details below if you have any queries or concerns.

Regards Sally
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Working Bee and BBQ Saturday 3rd October - 4pm BYO Chair and drinks BBQ & Tea/Coffee provided



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HEART OF THE CHANNEL COUNTRY

Registration of Interest – Caravan Parks and /or Roadhouse

The Barcoo Shire Council owns three community caravan parks (Jundah, Stonehenge and Windorah) and is looking at options for operating and developing the facilities either individually or collectively that will generate a reasonable financial return yet also provide an enjoyable experience to caravanners (at reasonable rates) and become an attractive recreational facility for the local communities.

In addition to the three Caravan Parks, Council also owns a Roadhouse in the town of Jundah which Council would consider combining with the caravan park operations or alternatively this being undertaken as a separate operation.

Further information on these facilities and the townships can be sourced on the following Council websites;

https://www.visitbarcoo.com.au/ https://www.barcoo.qld.gov.au/

Council is seeking the advice and innovative suggestions from the local community and experienced operators on how this could be done. We are interested in developing a business model that will deliver benefits to all stakeholders and will ultimately enter into a business partnership with the right person or organisation.

Should you be interested in helping us through the process, we would appreciate your ideas.

Based on the feedback that we get, we will develop a request for proposals which we will publicly advertise and which may take the form of either a formal publicly advertised Expression of Interest under the Local Government Act 2009 or a Request for Tenders. Please be assured that we will treat your thoughts and ideas positively and in strict confidence. Should you choose to respond to this request, you will be advised of Council's further intentions.

All Registrations of Interest should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer and forwarded to the above email address.

For any further information regarding the Registration of Interest, please contact Council's Director Corporate Services, Mr Kerry Whiting on (07) 4658 6913.



Desert Channels Erosion

Workshop with Darryl Hill

On Thursday 10th September 19 participants gathered at "Carella" to learn from grader guru and erosion control specialist Darryl Hill. Darryl who hails from Katherine was on a workshop tour organised by Desert Channels Queensland starting off at "Hexham" Winton with their flagship field day,

followed by "Carella" Jundah, "Avoca" Barcaldine and finally "Uanda" Prairie.

Participants were taught different erosion control methods to help reduce erosion as well as avoid silt build up, reducing wear and tear on vehicles and machinery, maintaining effective fire breaks, and reducing track maintenance costs. Everyone learnt to use the dumpy level and some had a chance to operate the grader and put in some diversion banks and drains.

The Jundah Local Ambulance Committee catered for the event providing morning and afternoon tea as well as lunch for the workshop.

Hope everyone has a chance to put their knowledge into practice before the rains arrive.



Jundah State School News

September

Hello Everyone

Term 3 ended with the students completing their 'arcade game' that they started with Mr Shehan. There were some very interesting designs and imaginative ideas.

I had the opportunity to visit another small school similar to Jundah State School as a peer reviewer and complete a school review. It was a very different experience asking the questions and being a part of the review team and will be very beneficial next year when Jundah State School has its review. There is a lot to celebrate at the school.

Building and Asset Services visited the school and there will be an upgrade the first week of the Christmas holidays with the area in front of the library being converted to an office. New air conditioners will replace the current ones in the library and lighting in the classroom will be updated.



The school attended the Barco Shire sports at Stonehenge with LSODE winning the trophy.

Congratulations to all the students for the wonderful participation and sportsmanship. The day was also supported by the parents who assisted with many of the events and helped to make the day run smoothly. A very enjoyable BBQ lunch was shared by everyone. Congratulations to Stonehenge State School for organising the sports day.

Students enjoyed a platter lunch donated by the Jundah Roadhouse on the last tuckshop day and the Kindy were busy cooking the afternoon tea, which everyone enjoyed.

Term 4 is fast approaching and the school concert is planned for Sat-

urday 21st November 2020. The last day for the year will be Wednesday Yours in education

Chris Volker Principal

Look at the chart and say the **COLOUR** not the word

YELLOW BLUE ORANGE
BLACK RED GREEN
PURPLE YELLOW RED
ORANGE GREEN BLACK
BLUE RED PURPLE
GREEN BLUE ORANGE

Left - Right Conflict

Your right brain tries to say the colour but your left brain insists on reading the word.







Good afternoon,

We are delighted to be sharing details with you of the upcoming RFDS Outback Mental Health 5-part webinar series that will run during September, October and November.

The free, live sessions will allow participants to connect with our Senior Mental Health Clinicians and Mental Health and Wellbeing Consultants on a range of interesting and informative topics. A selection of downloadable resources will also be available to accompany the series.

To find out more, email outback@rfdsqld.com.au, or register now using the links below.

Webinar calendar:

Each session will begin at 4pm and run for 45 minutes with an opportunity to ask questions at the end.

23 September: "Stress less with RFDS" presented by Dr Tim Driscoll

7 October: "Mental health toolbox" presented by Cath Walker

28 October: "Take some time for relaxation" presented by Sharyn Bunn

4 November: "Sleep better with RFDS" presented by Cath Walker

25 November: "How to help yourselves and others manage reactions following traumatic events" presented by Cath Walker

We would be grateful if you could share this information within your networks.

The webinars are open to the public and anyone who might benefit.

Other help and resources:

For after-hours support please contact the following 24/7 support services:

For urgent support please contact Lifeline on 13 11 14.

In the event of an emergency, please call 000.

Additionally, further help and resources are available on our website.

Click here to download our mental health tip sheets

Mosquito & Sandfly Awareness

Some helpful hints to keep the biters at bay.

- Empty, drain or cover all things that can and may hold water. Mosquitos lay their eggs in standing water. By removing the water sources within your yard you can break the breeding cycle.
- Change water collection pans for plant pots weekly. Don't let the water go stagnant.
- Keep the gutters and drains clean from debris.
- Mow your lawns regularly.
- Plant some mosquito-repelling flowers and herbs, especially near areas that are prone to collect water.
- Use insect repellant when going outside.

Council does have a mobile mister in each town and do conduct regular misting of the three towns to try and break the breeding cycle. There are also larvicides pellets available for you to put in your septic to kill the larva so they can not mature.

Although we cannot eliminate the breeding process of the mosquitos' altogether, if everyone does their part to break the breeding cycle by removing areas where they can breed and lay their eggs we might be able to control them.



Call in and check the Jundah Post Office out for gift and stationery Lollies/chocolates, do your banking and transactions at the local Post Office



Community

Are you on Facebook or Instagram?

Make sure you share your photos & posts from our beautiful shire to the Visit Barcoo pages on both Facebook and Instagram.
Use the hashtags:

#visitbarcoo #Windorah #Jundah #Stonehengeqld #barcooway plus any other tag that you think will attract likes, shares and views to our pages.

Also using the @visitbarcoo on Facebook and Instagram will let us and your followers know you have mentioned us.

If you have an event, an interesting fact or a great photo that you would like the world to see, send them through to our marketing officer Roxy Weston at:

roxy.weston@barcoo.qld.gov.au

and we will put them up on our Facebook page and Instagram to get your event a much wider audience.



Don't forget we also have the Barcoo App for you to download on your phone. Just search Barcoo Shire in the app store and it's a free touring app for the shire. Tell your friends and family when they visit to download the app before they get here, so they don't miss out on all the wonderful attractions in the shire.









Recipes

Sausage Rolls

Ingredients;

- 400g sausage mince
- 300g chicken mince
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 1 medium carrot, grated
- 1 medium zucchini, grated
- 1 cup fresh breadcrumbs
- 3 tbsps chopped parsley
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 tsp ground nutmeg
- Salt & pepper
- 4 sheets frozen puff pastry, semi thawed
- 1 tablespoon sesame seeds



Method;

- Preheat oven to 200° c. Line 2 baking trays with baking paper. Mix both minces, onion, garlic, carrot, zucchini, breadcrumbs and parsley. Beat 1 egg and add to mince mixture. Add nutmeg and seasoning. Divide into 8 equal portions.
- Cut pastry sheets in half. Place a mince portion down the centre of pastry. Beat remaining egg and brush edges.
- Roll up to enclose filling, and cut into 6 pieces. Place on trays, seam side down. Brush with egg and sprinkle with sesame seeds. Bake for 20 mins, reduce heat to 180° c. and cook for 10 mins until golden. Serve with chosen sauce.

2 Ingredient Nutella Cake

Ingredients;

- 4 eggs (large, room temperature)
- 240g Nutella

Method:

- Preheat oven to 180° c. Line a 20cm cake pan with baking paper and set aside.
- Place eggs into a mixing bowl and beat high speed until the mixture triples in volume. This will take 5-7 minutes.



- Spoon Nutella into a bowl and microwave for 15-20 seconds until soft.
- Spoon one third of egg mixture and fold using a metal spoon until entirely combined. Continue with another third of egg mixture and then again until all of egg mixture and Nutella is combined.
- Spoon mixture into cake pan and bake for 25-30 minutes or until a skewer placed in the centre comes out clean.
- Cool cake in pan before removing and serve.