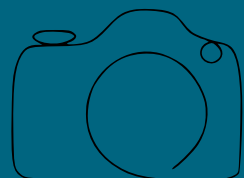


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COMMUNITY NEWS • APRIL 2023



Bindi Geiger and Mr Brett Scarffe at the Windorah Morning Service



Send to us, tag us, share with us your best photo to feature in our monthly newsletter!



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CEO Mike Lollback, Dylan Reti and Snr Sgt Glen Arroid enjoy a toddy at the Jundah Dawn Service

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Cut off date for June Newsletter
 COB 25 May 2023



MAYOR'S *Message*

WITH SALLY O'NEIL

Hello Everyone

Hope all is well. Easter has been and gone for another year and here we are heading towards the end of the financial year rapidly. The weather has certainly changed for the better with mild days and fresh nights. The end of April hit us with surprise showers with falls of around half an inch about the Shire.

ANZAC Day was well attended in the 3 towns where many locals and visitors attended services to pay respect to those who made huge sacrifices for the country we live in today. Jundah held a dawn service followed by breakfast catered for by the Rural Fire Service then later in the morning the school students marched from the school to the service in the park. Stonehenge held a service and the school students marched to the service followed by morning tea at the VIC. Windorah held a dawn service and morning service, where led by a police escort, a majority of the community marched to the Rock of Remembrance, the service was followed by morning tea at the Windorah Hall. Congratulations to Bindi Geiger who won the Windorah ANZAC Award for the year.



MAYOR'S *Message*

WITH SALLY O'NEIL CONTINUED

Councillors have been attending a series of workshops in preparation for the upcoming budget. We have been taking into consideration results from the community survey that was sent out earlier this year and will look to factor this in as we review our service levels. We look forward to delivering some key projects in the coming financial year across the shire.

The Local Disaster Management Group has held their meeting in Jundah this week where updates were provided from BoM, Rural Fire Service, Qld Fire and Emergency Services and Qld Health. The focus for Disaster Management in the region has shifted from wet weather and flooding to the potential risk of bush fires later in the year.

The following is the externally funded project status update:

- Windorah water treatment plant – repairs to Currareva line completed and plant running well.
- McPhelley's crossing – Due to recent wet weather event delays to be expected.
- Mt Felix floodway – Project currently in progress
- Ray Paynter culvert/floodway – scheduled to be completed before May/June
- Floodway Yaraka Retreat Rd near Trafalgar – Project due to commence May
- Stonehenge water treatment plant new shed and filter upgrade – plans are being finalised with procurement commencing.

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

- Darren Mattheson's crew have relocated to Stonehenge and completing flood damage on the Depot Glen Rd and will then move to the Nildes Jump up to carry out rehabilitation.
- Jason Beilby's crew are continuing Windorah Bedourie Rd at Morney, seal date mid May.
- The maintenance grader is currently doing maintenance on the Windorah River Rd. If there are sections of roads requiring immediate attention, please notify Council.
- Contractor Crew are doing flood damage on the Jundah Winton Rd near Warbreccan.
- Flying gang have started the main roads sign upgrade on the Windorah Birdsville Rd.



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 Windorah on the 17th of May 2023.

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

Regards Sally
 Mayor Barcoo Shire Council
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 0424 791 449



COUNCIL NEWS

APRIL 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>

CEO REPORTS

- Chief Executive Officer undertake a review of the Rural Lands Committee and the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee with a view of adding value to the independent operations of both.
- Council endorsed the Barcoo Shire Council Local Housing Action plan, completed by the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils, for inclusion in the Queensland Housing Strategy 2021- 2025 (Local Housing Action Plan).

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORTS

- Council adopted the Community Grants Policy (BSC-007) and associated Appendix 1 (pre-qualified organisations, events, activities and projects) as presented. This document can be viewed on our website on the following link www.barcoo.qld.gov.au/about-council/policies

TOWN SERVICES REPORTS

- Council approved the future use of the Jundah Pound Paddock on the following basis: 1. That the sole purpose of the paddock will be for use by council to impound stock in accordance with local laws or agist stock in emergency situations on application and approval from the CEO. In accordance with Section 254(1)(b) of the Local Government Regulations, 2012, the reason for this decision is: The secondary recommendation fails to provide for the practical use of the impound paddock during times of emergency or other broader community needs.

The Barcoo Shire Council holds its next Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday 17 May 2023 at the Windorah Community Centre, commencing at 8:00am. Council meetings are open to the public. Councillors and the Chief Executive Officer would like to extend an invitation to members of the community to join them for morning tea, commencing at 10:30am. 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.

CLUTCH WORKSHOP - STONEHENGE

The Stonehenge Paint and Create a Clutch Workshop was held on the 22nd April at the Stonehenge Hall. 19 people attended the workshop and they all came up with different and unique creations.

The clutches are now ready to be picked up from the Western Emporium in Longreach. Please contact Kirsten on 0407 657 589 if you would like yours picked up from somewhere else.

This workshop has now been held in each of our three towns and was proudly supported by the Barcoo Shire Council through some community drought funding.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



13TH & 14TH MAY 2023

MOOTHANDELLA COUNTRY WEEKEND

FULL PROGRAM

Friday 12th
'Get to know you' welcome dinner (supplied)

Saturday 13th (Breakfast and lunch supplied)

- Coffee shop will be available (\$10 coffee and cake deals donated by Jen Anderson)

Saturday Workshops:

- John Elliott working his magic with the photography
- David Kerrigan with his leatherwork
- George Gorringer with Greenhide rope making

Saturday Night

- Camp Oven Dinner (\$10 per adults, kids FREE)
- BlueLight movie night on the lawn
- Night golf challenge \$1 per attempt

Sunday 14th
Recovery Breakfast (supplied)

FREE CAMPING AVAILABLE BYO ALCOHOL

Proudly presented by

Contact: Paula Dawson 0477 900 004

Central West
Sustainable Development

Royal Flying Doctor Service
QUEENSLAND SECTION

All funds raised go to the Windorah SS P&C and Windorah Rural Fires

Save the date

AUGUST 18 - 20, 2023

The Stonehenge Bushman's Carnival

JUNDAH RODEO CLUB

SAVE the DATE

22ND, 23RD & 24TH

September 2023

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Barcoo Shire TIME CAPSULE *Opening Night*

SATURDAY
MAY 06

STONEHENGE HALL

Time capsule opening ceremony 4:00pm

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Dinner provided

New Time Capsule planted Sunday 7 May, 9.30am to be opened 2053

For more information:

Phone: 4651 8101



COMMUNITY NOTICES



SKIN CLINICS 2023

BIRDSVILLE

FEBRUARY - Wednesday 15th
MAY - Wednesday 10th

EULO

MARCH - Thursday 9th

JUNDAH

MAY - Tuesday 16th
MAY - Tuesday 30th
MAY - Wednesday 31st

STONEHENGE

APRIL - Wednesday 19th
MAY - Tuesday 9th

THARGOMINDAH

FEBRUARY - Thursday 16th
APRIL - Thursday 20th

WINDORAH

MARCH - Tuesday 7th
MARCH - Wednesday 8th
MAY - Wednesday 17th

YARAKA

FEBRUARY - Tuesday 14th
APRIL - Tuesday 18th

YOWAH

MAY - Thursday 18th
JUNE - Thursday 1st



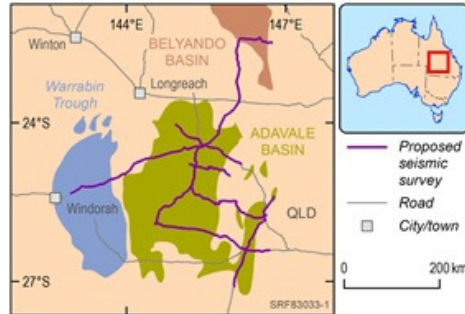
**TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT PLEASE
PHONE THE CHARLEVILLE RFDS BASE ON
07 4654 1233**



Australian Government
Geoscience Australia

Geoscience Australia is conducting a reflection seismic survey in Queensland as part of the Data Driven Discoveries program. The survey will pass through areas near Blackall, Charleville, Jericho, Yaraka and Adavale.

Most of the survey will be carried out along public roads between April to August 2023. This will involve a number of heavy and light vehicles working within the road corridor. No lasting ground disturbance or damage to infrastructure is anticipated. Permissions to access any private tracks have been sought directly with landholders.



For further information
Geoscience Australia

P: 1800 800 173

**RODEO
WINDORAH
CLUB**

Save the Date

**GYMKHANA & BRONCO BRANDING
JULY 8 & 9 2023**

**CAMPDRAFT & RODEO
AUGUST 11, 12 & 13 2023**

**MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!
FAMILY FUN WEEKENDS!**

**FOR MORE INFO OR IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN
SPONSORING AN EVENT PLEASE CONTACT
SECRETARY.WINDORAHRODEOCLUB@GMAIL.COM**

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Present

THE LONG WAY HOME

TUE 23 MAY, 6.30PM – 8PM
 Barcoo Shire Memorial Park, Jundah

The Long Way Home is a free community concert and sing-along event featuring soprano Katie Stenzel and baritone Jason Barry-Smith, joined by favourite local talent.

Bring a picnic rug for an unforgettable evening with Opera Queensland.



WINDORAH YELLOWBELLY HUNT

WOW - WHAT A WEEKEND!

Rain or shine the Windorah Yellowbelly Hunt went on! Thank you to our amazing sponsors, everyone who lent a hand to our committee, everyone who travelled to attend and everyone who stuck the rain out for a great weekend on the Cooper!

This year we had record breaking nominations with a total of 147 competitors. Thank you to all of you - YOU LITERALLY MAKE THE SHOW! A total of 156 fish were weighed in throughout the weekend which is a great result considering it rained and people couldn't move for half of Saturday!

The biggest Yellowbelly of the weekend was caught by Aiden Anderson with a 51.4cm catch in the junior section!

AND THE RESULTS ARE IN

Mens - Yellowbelly

47.5 Sam Taratoa
46.5 Geoffrey Seawright
45.7 Rick Green

Mens - Bream

37.1 Sam Taratoa
34.5 Neville Geiger
32.3 Jamie Pamerter

Mens - Catfish

53.0 Russell Dawson
47.6 Geoffrey Seawright
46.8 Jamie Pamerter

CHAMPION ANGLER

125.0cm - Geoffrey Seawright

KIDS RANDOM DRAW

Sam Dawson - \$50
Bindi -\$50
Peyton - \$50
Prizes...
Garrett Smith
Henry Anderson
Roper Millership

Ladies - Yellowbelly

43.2 Emily Briggs
42.3 Sonya Johnstone
41.2 Sue McKenna

Ladies - Bream

34.9 Sonya Johnstone
31.6 Sue McKenna
NTD

Ladies - Catfish

46.5 Sonya Johnstone
46.2 Sue McKenna
45.0 Jillian Bussell

NOMINATION CASH DRAWS

\$500 - Pam Taylor
\$500 - Matt Taylor (Wouldn't read about it). Thanks Matty who donated the \$500 back to the P&C.

KAYAK RAFFLE

Betty Cooch

Kids - Yellowbelly

51.4 Aiden Anderson
48.4 Sam Dawson
36.4 Henry Anderson

Kids - Catfish

40.5 Jayanie Smith
40.5 Henry Anderson
40.1 Cooper Barr-Richards

No Kids Bream caught

BOAT RAFFLE

KYLIE BAILEY-HILL

MULTI DRAW WINNERS

DEBBIE GEIGER
Tina Frazer
Dude Kidd
Necie Henney x2
Karol Rayner
Bianka
Clint Rayment
Nicko & Ed
Miss Byrnes

Thank you to Mr Scarffe, our wonderful P&C members and all our volunteers who stepped in and helped us pull off a great weekend!

** Don't forget we kicked off the 2023 TRIPLE CROWN, anyone over 13 who entered at Windorah Yellowbelly Hunt has automatically been entered in for your chance to WIN \$1500 CASH! To be eligible you must also fish at Isisford Fishing Comp (JULY 28,29 & 30th) and the final will be held at Longreach Yellowbelly Classic (AUGUST 25, 26 & 27th). **



GARDENING WITH FISHERS NURSERY

DAME EDNA'S GLADIOLUS

Last Sunday Gladiolus were weeping in honour the passing of the Aussie icon that made the Gladiolus a household name around the world. It was so sad to hear of the death of the great Australian comic Barry Humphries. His alter ego Dame Edna Everage became an international star was rarely photographed without clutching a bunch of her favourite flowers the Gladiolus before tossing them to her audience after a stage performance.

The Gladioli would be one of the best know plant in Australia. It is a part of a group of ornamental perennial flowering plants in the Iris family. These plants grow from a corm, which is a thick underground stem that stores food and resembles a flattened bulb. Though most gardeners still refer to the corm as the Gladioli Bulb. Gladiolus are best known for producing some of the world's most prized perennial flowers.



Naturally Gladiolus are very slender plants so planting in clusters will enhance the flowering display. Gladioli are perfect to be grown in clusters or individually spread throughout the beds. They are great companions with perennial plants like as Daises, Lilies and annuals like Salvias.

The tall brightly coloured Gladioli have been favourites in Central Queensland gardens for over 100 years. These tall Gladioli can reach a height of up to 2m high. Always providing a beautiful display and when in a vase inside the display is just as impressive.

In recent years a number of dwarf Gladioli hybrids have become available. These compact hybrids will only grow up to a 1m high and are suitable for smaller gardens or growing in pots.

Gladioli are available in just about every colour and shade and even multicolour varieties. These colours come in anything from the traditional white and red through to coral, musk and hot pinks, tangerine, lemon, plum and deep purple. The flowers are typically arranged on only one side of the stem and open in succession from the bottom up, with the largest flower at the base. Some hybrids the flower petals can be frilly others can be ruffled or semi-ruffled adding a contrast to the plain petals.

GARDENING WITH FISHERS NURSERY



The flower size of the Gladioli flowers can in size depending on the hybrid. The largest individual flower I have ever seen was over 10cm in diameter and the smallest and the miniature flowering hybrids whose flowers are just over 5cm in diameter.

There was also a mix of new hybrid Gladiolus as well as numerous heirloom Gladiolus. Inquiring about the plants I was told that after each flowering season had finished many of the gardeners of Monto would dig up the Gladioli Bulbs for storage.

Western Queensland gardeners are still growing a mix of new hybrid Gladiolus as well as numerous heirloom Gladiolus. After each flowering season had finished many gardeners in Western Queensland dig up the Gladioli Bulbs for storage.

The process would include digging the bulbs up, washing the bulbs, placing the bulbs in old Onion bags then storing in a dry place away from vermin. So the gardeners could start the whole process over again next season.

When planting Gladioli Bulbs space the bulbs about 8-15cm apart and plant the Gladioli Bulbs about 10-15cm deep with the pointed end facing upwards. By planting the Gladioli Bulbs deeply it will reduce the need for staking. Gladioli prefer a sunny well drained position will not tolerate wet feet. Add a layer of mulch over the soil to keep the soil moist always but not saturated.

From the planting of the Gladioli Bulb to flowering it should take between 90-120cm days depending on the weather. Once the Gladioli starts to flower you need to make sure the soil around the Gladiolus is kept moist.

Some of the Gladiolus you could start a garden in Western Queensland include the following.

- Gladioli Apricot Dream - Apricot flowers with pale yellow centres.
- Gladioli Candyman - Deep pink flowers.
- Gladioli CWA 1956 Bright orange flowers.
- Gladioli Dreams End - Light orange flowers with large yellow centres.
- Gladioli Monto Hospital - Bright yellow ruffled flowers with bright orange edge.
- Gladioli Purple Flora - Dark purple flowers.
- Gladioli Sunset Splash - Pale yellow flowers with bright orange throat.
- Gladioli Tambo Pink - Large pink flowers.

Neil Fisher
Fisher's Nursery

Barcoo Shire 2023 Events

MAY

- 2 Wolfgang Magical Musical Circus (Jundah)
- 6 Stonehenge Time Capsule Weekend
- 13-14 Moothandella Weekend
- 23 Opera QLD (Jundah)

JULY

- Windorah Gymkhana & Bronco Branding

AUGUST

- 11- 13 Windorah Campdraft & Rodeo
- 18-20 Stonehenge Bushman's Carnival
- 30 Windorah International Yabby Races

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

- 22-24 Jundah Horse & Motorbike Sports
- 29 Sep- 1st Oct Barcoo Spring Fling

