

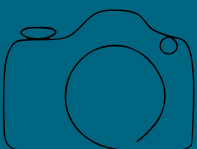
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Be a volunteer ambulance driver.
You might just save someone's life.

For more information call the
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> 4658 6500



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Cut off date for January Newsletter
COB 18 January 2024



MAYOR'S *Message*

WITH SALLY O'NEIL

Hello Everyone

Hope all is well. December to date has seen less storm activity though it's not over yet and we may see something come from cyclone Jasper. The rivers are continuing to run taking the pressure off the need for water restrictions which had already been implemented in Stonehenge. Having the rivers full at this stage is a bonus.

Back in November the Jundah clinic staff initiated the painting of a dead tree at the entrance to Jundah, the blue tree project. The project brought together members of the community to paint the tree blue for mental health awareness followed by a swim at the pool and a BBQ. The project was supported by Central West Health, Royal Flying Doctor Service, Barcoo Shire Council and Qld Health.



Blue Tree Project

Council recently completed the construction of 3 x 2 bedroom houses in Jundah. The homes were prefabricated in a workshop at Yandina by Oly Homes and transported to Jundah in 2 parts and placed on stumps. The whole process from beginning of construction to completion took about 4 months. Council received funding of \$1.5M which delivered the turnkey homes, they are furnished, turfed, fenced, carports, garden sheds and have concrete driveways. They are a very presentable solution for housing in Jundah for singles or couples.

Council held a Christmas party in the park in Jundah back in early December for 0-16 year olds. A good crowd of local kids turned up for water activities, Christmas games and a swim in the pool followed by a sausage sizzle and ice blocks. The event was supported by the State Library of Qld.



Jundah Storm - taken by Andrew Cameron



Christmas in the Park

MAYOR'S *Message*

WITH SALLY O'NEIL

Following some in kind assistance and a cash contribution from council the Jundah golf club members had a working bee in preparation for a novelty golf afternoon followed by a dinner. Great prizes were given out for the following categories. Winner overall with the most points - Dan, Andrew, Ella and Sahara. Creative outfit - Lach-Jess Monsters, Kerry, Jason, Jesse and Lachy. Christmas Spirit winners - Amy, Sean, Connor and Sarah. Raffle winners - Dan, Ella and Sahara. It was a fun afternoon enjoyed by all.



A message from Ergon

"Update on the upcoming Solar Farm and Battery project scheduled to take place in Windorah.

The project stages for Windorah are as below (subject to tender submissions, legislative and project approvals):

- *Stage 1 - Solar Farm & Battery Tenders Released & Awarded: Dec 2023 - June 2024*
- *Stage 2 - Solar Farm Design and Build: June 2024 - Dec 2024*
- *Stage 3 - Battery Design and Build: April 2024 - Apr 2025*
- *Stage 4 - Ergon System Integration & Commissioning - Jan 2025 - June 2025*

Please note that there will be no disruption to the existing electrical supply during these works, and the system's reliability will be maintained with the retention of the current power station. If you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact us."

The Windorah airstrip rehabilitation project is almost complete running a few days over schedule. At this point the seal is done, line marking is complete and lighting almost complete. The project is due for completion by the 20th December with REX returning on the 21st December.



MAYOR'S *Message*

WITH SALLY O'NEIL

The following is the externally funded project status update:

- Windorah water treatment plant – 12-month liability period has commenced
- Budgerygar floodway – delays due to weather
- Stonehenge water treatment plant new shed and filter upgrade – contractor due on site in the new year to incorporate current alarm system with new filter system
- Water meter installation – replacement of faulty meters commenced in Jundah, Windorah and Stonehenge to follow in the new year

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

- Dave Ross's crew have been doing shoulders on Windorah Jundah Rd and to ensure continuity of the Windorah airstrip working there on Jason Beilby's days off.
- The Bimerah Isisford Rd stabilisation project is on hold due to both crews concentrating on the Windorah airstrip project. Jason Beilby's crew are working on the rehabilitation project at the Windorah airstrip.
- The maintenance grader had done work on Tanbar Rd and Windorah Bedourie Rd. If there are sections of roads requiring immediate attention, please notify Council.
- Contractor Crew have been doing flood damage on Wuringle Rd and Thurles Park Rd.
- Flying gang have been working on the bulk signage project between Windorah and Quilpie.

Work crews have now finished for the year and will return mid-January.

McPhellamys Crossing update

On the 6th November Reel Planning lodged a development application for a development permit for operation work for waterway barrier works with the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA). The development application is required to be lodged for the works associated with McPhellamys crossing. On the 5th December SARA provided a confirmation notice which signals that the assessment of the application has commenced. SARA has until 19th December to advise council if they need further information to assess the application. Their general assessment timeframe for the development application is 35 business days, however this time can be extended in the circumstance SARA require further information. At this point SARA have requested a meeting with Council in mid-January to discuss finalisation of the project.

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 17th of January 2024.

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

On behalf of the Barcoo Shire, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Regards Sally
 Mayor Barcoo Shire Council
Sally.oneil@barcoo.qld.gov.au
 0424 791 449



COUNCIL NOTICES



Merry Christmas

& Happy New Year

Council wishes to advise residents that the Jundah Administration Office, Visitor Information Centre's, and Libraries of Jundah, Stonehenge and Windorah will be closed for the Christmas period from close of business Wednesday 20 December 2023 and will resume normal business from Monday 8 January 2024.

During this closure, urgent matters can be dealt with by contacting Council on (07) 4658 6900.
Council wishes all residents a safe and enjoyable festive break.



Jundah Roadhouse Hours

| Date | Proposed Operating Hours |
|---|---|
| Prior to and including 24 December 2023 | Normal opening hours (6 AM - 5:30 PM weekdays and 8 AM - 2 PM weekends) |
| 25 and 26 December 2023 | CLOSED |
| 27 - 31 December 2023 | 8AM - 2PM |
| 1 January 2024 | CLOSED |
| 2 - 7 January 2024 | 8AM - 2PM |
| 8 January 2024 | Back to normal opening hours (6 AM - 5:30 PM weekdays and 8 AM - 2 PM weekends) |

Council wishes all residents a safe and enjoyable festive break.

Jundah Post Office Holiday Opening Hours

- Monday 25/12/2023**
Public Holiday Closed
- Tuesday 26/12/2023**
Public Holiday Closed
- Wednesday 27/12/2023**
Closed
- Thursday 28/12/2023**
Closed
- Friday 29/12/2023**
9am to 1pm & 2pm to 5pm
- Monday 01/01/2024**
Public Holiday Closed
- From Tuesday 02/01/2024**
open as per normal hours



Merry
 Christmas!



COUNCIL NOTICES

DECEMBER 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>

ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

- Council adopted the 2024 schedule of ordinary meetings. You can download the schedule from the following link <https://www.barcoo.qld.gov.au/about-council/meeting-agendas-and-minutes>

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

- Council approved the appointment of Sophia Levy and Paula Dawson to the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee.

TOWN SERVICES REPORT

- Council adopted the Barcoo Shire Biosecurity Plan 2023- 2028. You can download the Plan from the following link <https://www.barcoo.qld.gov.au/environment-planning/pest-management>
- **FUNDING FOR JUNDAH AERODROME BITUMEN RESEAL IN 2025/26.** Council approved a financial commitment of \$175,000 of own source funding in the 2025/26 Capital Works budget to undertake these works;
 2. Allocated the available Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) funding for these works as

follows:

a. \$150,000 in 2025/26

b. \$25,000 in 2026/27, and;

3. Approved an application for funding of \$175,000 through the Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program (RAUP) for the works.

The Barcoo Shire Council holds its next Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday 17 January 2023 at the **Jundah Board Room, 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.

CONTACTING COUNCIL

Do you have a question, concern, or something you think Council should be made aware of?

Your first points of contact are calling us on 4658 6900 or by emailing us at shire@barcoo.qld.gov.au. We also have an enquiry form available on our website that you can fill out if you prefer, please visit <https://www.barcoo.qld.gov.au/about-council/contact-us> to fill this out.



POLICE MESSAGES

Vehicle Safety Message from Jundah Police

With Christmas upon us soon, it is time to check out the car before you go travelling.

Check all FLUIDS in the car and make sure they are fresh and topped up.

Check all LIGHTS and ensure that they are working correctly, also make sure the lights of the van or trailer are working as well.

BRAKES: If they feel spongy or there's a shuddering when you press on them, you should visit a mechanic to get into proper working order.

Replace those WIPER BLADES, having been in the heat and dry for so long the blades can deteriorate and fail when you need them the most.

Replace them and play it safe.

Travelling at Christmas with a large volume of traffic on the road can be a stressful and harrowing time. Check your vehicles roadworthiness before you travel and take some of that stress out of your holidays.



Drive safely and enjoy Christmas with your family and friends.

G R ARROLD

SGT 7175

Jundah Station

Message from Windorah Police

The end of year school holidays (including the new year and back to school period) is traditionally a busy time upon the state's road network with families taking advantage of the holiday period to travel by road to and from holiday destinations. Road users during the school holiday period are at a higher risk for injury crashes due to the volume of traffic on the roads combined with extended trip times and longer distances travelled.

Given the above, there is a state wide traffic operation that is designed to focus on the Fatal 5, being Mobile Phones/Distracted, Seatbelts, Speeding, Fatigue, and Drink/Drug Driving.

The operation will employ a number of strategies throughout the state ranging from media coverage to speed detection, high visibility, RBT and drug testing, etc.

Rob Edwards

Windorah Police Station





CELEBRATE THIS CHRISTMAS
SEASON WITH BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL

Christmas Lights Competition

TIME FOR OUR WINNERS!!

**BEST RESIDENTIAL HOUSE IN THE SHIRE
KATH ZELENKO - JUNDAH**

**BEST BUSINESS HOUSE IN THE SHIRE
WESTERN STAR HOTEL - WINDORAH**

**BEST STATION TURN OFF IN THE SHIRE
BRAIDWOOD STATION - JUNDAH**

**PLEASE CONTACT COUNCIL ON 4658 6900
TO COLLECT YOUR PRIZE FROM THE
JUNDAH COUNCIL OFFICE.**

***CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE TO SEE
PHOTOS OF OUR WINNING ENTRIES***

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Queensland is a state of extremes.

It's important to Watch for the Warnings.

- **Yellow means Advice.** An incident has started. There is no immediate danger. Stay up to date in case the situation changes.
- **Orange means Watch and Act.** There is a heightened level of threat. Conditions are changing and you need to start taking action now to protect you and your family.
- **Red means Emergency Warning.** This is the highest level of warning. You may be in danger and need to take action immediately. Any delay puts your life at risk.
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Watch for the Warnings



COMMUNITY NOTICES

** NEWSLETTER ITEMS **

Do you want to advertise your event flyer, activity or news article in the Barcoo Banter?

Please email inclusions for the Barcoo Banter to the following email to ensure that no items are missed:

newsletter@barcoo.qld.gov.au

If your article or flyer is not sent to the above email address we cannot guarantee it will be included.

Thank you!

This prize is open to Adult and Emerging Youth (15 – 26 years).

There is just 5 WEEKS to go to enter the 2024 John Villiers Outback Art Prize. Call for Entries will close on Friday 12th January at 5:00pm.

We recently released our guest judges for this year's prize:

- Sarah Johnson, Senior Curator Qantas Founders Museum Longreach QLD; and
- Kathryn Graham, Manager, Broken Hill City Art Gallery and Museum, Broken Hill NSW.

For terms and conditions and entry submissions please visit:

<https://matildacentre.interactivink.com.au/>

For any questions, please contact the Outback Regional Gallery - karens@matildacentre.com.au

Looking forward to seeing your entry!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Barcoo

TAKE STOCK



of your Wellbeing

Healthy Outback Community Day

SATURDAY 9 MARCH 2024

WINDORAH 9.00AM - 4.00PM

- ✓ Kids activities
- ✓ Free food & music
- ✓ Competitions & prizes
- ✓ Free health checks by RFDS
- ✓ Other health services on-site



COMMUNITY NOTICES

*Jundah Golf Club
is hosting*



ORPHAN'S Christmas



Bar Will be open

Lunch served at 1:30pm

There will be a secret Santa

3 Club event 4 holes
later in the evening

Lots of Golf Day Games in the club house

**If possible please
bring a plate to
share for all to enjoy**



Water Games For the kids

25TH OF DECEMBER XMAS DAY

12:30PM DOORS WILL OPEN

AT THE JUNDAH GOLF CLUB HOUSE

must book

can book by messaging our page or

Ring Steve on 0467695479

COMMUNITY NOTICES



THANK YOU TO
ALL OUR
SPONSORS AND
VOLUNTEERS



JUNDAH GOLF DAY

The golf club hosted a great afternoon on the 3rd of December with a 6 hole novelty golf game, all that participated had an amazing fun filled afternoon.

The day lead into the evening with a free community Bbq for all to enjoy whether you played or watched. There were a huge amount of prizes and raffles no one went home empty handed.

Andrew Hinz was the lucky winner of the Hoilday.

This was the clubs first event back in a long while and what a hit it was.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Christmas & New Year

RFDS CLINIC SCHEDULE

With the festive season just round the corner the RFDS team has made a few changes to the clinic schedule to work around the public holidays.

Below is the revised schedule.

Telehealth is always available, call 1300 69 7337 to speak with a Doctor.



WEEK 3

TUE 19th - Jundah PHC Clinic (KJ)
 WED 20th - Birdsville PHC Clinic (KJ)
 THU 21st - Thargomindah PHC Clinic (KJ)
 FRI 22nd - Eulo/Yowah PHC Clinic (KJ)

WEEK 4

TUE 26th - No Clinic - PH (Boxing Day)
 WED 27th - Yaraka/Stonehenge PHC Clinic (CE)
 (Yaraka Clinic Start 9am - Appointments to be made by 10am Friday 22nd Dec)
 THU 28th - Thargomindah PHC Clinic (CE)
 FRI 29th - Yowah PHC Clinic (CE)
 (Yowah Clinic finish 12pm)



WEEK 1

TUE 2nd - Jundah PHC Clinic (TD)
 WED 3rd - Birdsville PHC Clinic (TD)
 THU 4th - Thargomindah PHC Clinic (TD)
 FRI 5th - Eulo/Yowah PHC Clinic (TD)

WEEK 2

TUE 9th - Windorah PHC Clinic (AA)
 WED 10th - Yaraka/Stonehenge PHC Clinic (AA)
 THU 11th - Thargomindah PHC Clinic (AA)
 FRI 12th - Yowah PHC Clinic (AA)
 SAT 13th - Thargomindah PHC Clinic (AA)

RFDS OFFICE Christmas Hours

OFFICE CLOSURE - Mon 25th & Tue 26th December & Mon 1st Jan

We are open as per normal business hours all other days.



The Charleville RFDS Base thanks everyone for their continued support over the year - we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year. Stay safe everyone.



2024 BARCOO SHIRE EVENTS CALENDAR

We are currently finalising the 2024 Events Calendar for the Barcoo Shire. If you would like your event advertised in the lead up via 'VISIT BARCOO', OQTA, our events calendar, the Barcoo Banter and socials please email all material to newsletter@barcoo.qld.gov.au

The events we are currently aware of can be found below.



JANUARY

26 - Australia Day

MARCH

9 - Healthy Outback Community Day (Windorah)

APRIL

12-14 - Stockman's Challenge | Team Penning | Horse Gymkhana | Barrel Race | Rodeo & Motorbike Gymkhana (Jundah Rodeo Club)

25 - ANZAC Day

MAY

4-5 - Windorah Yellowbelly Hunt (Windorah SS P&C)

20 - 'The Twits' (Performance for children to be held in Jundah)

JUNE

29 - Jundah Race Club Camel Races

JULY

6-7 - Gymkhana & Bronco Branding (Windorah Rodeo Club)

AUGUST

9-11 - Windorah Campdraft & Rodeo (Windorah Rodeo Club)

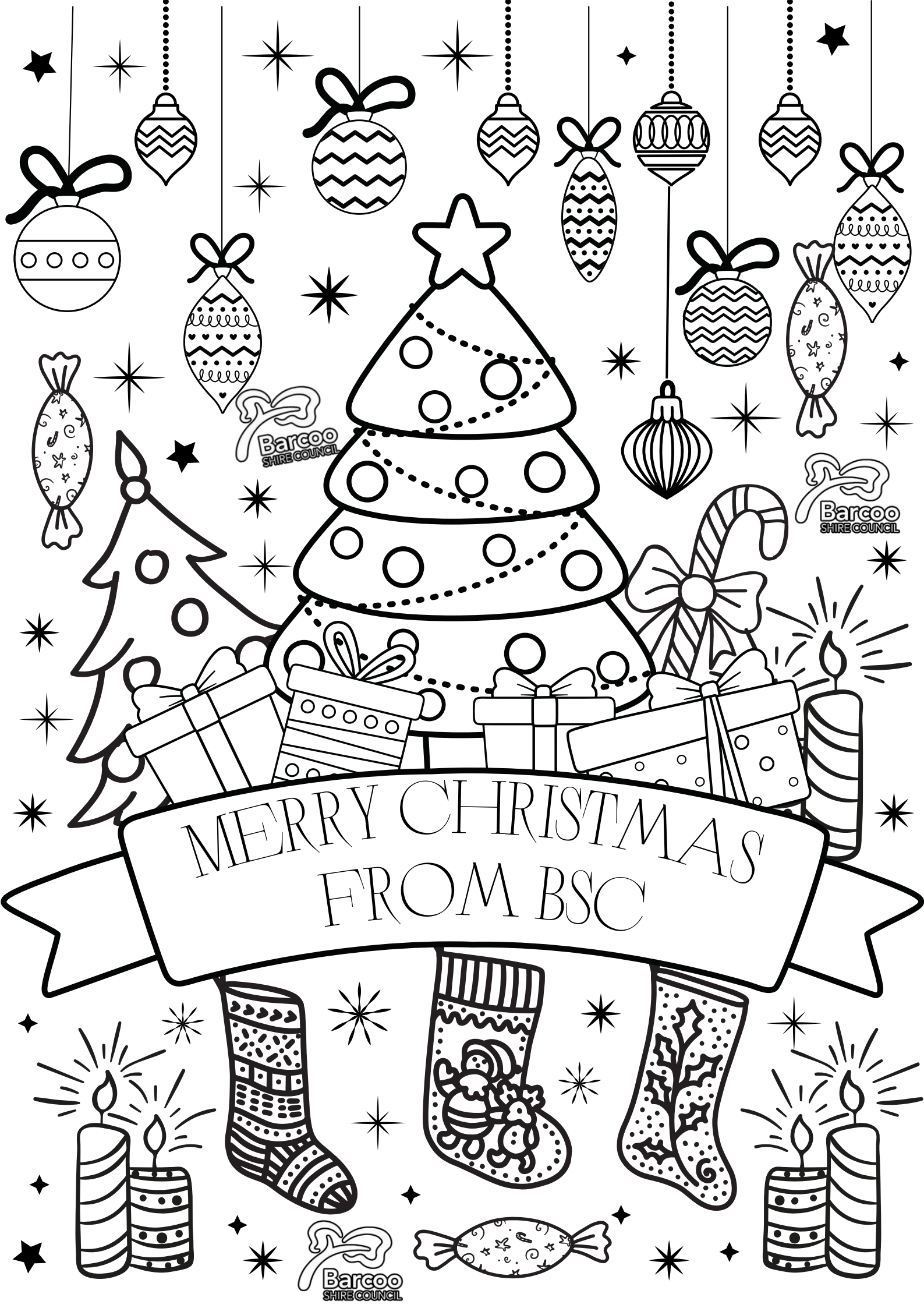
16-18 - Stonehenge Bushman's Carnival

SEPTEMBER

28 - Bronco Branding & Bullock Ride (Jundah Rodeo Club)

OCTOBER

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



MERRY CHRISTMAS
FROM BSC

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