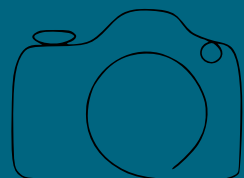


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COMMUNITY NEWS • MARCH 2023



Jundah, Stonehenge & Windorah students enjoying the last week of Term 1 at Jundah SS



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BARCOO *Banter*



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Cracking shot by Council employee Brian Dayes

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Cut off date for April Newsletter
 COB 24 March 2023



MAYOR'S *Message*

WITH SALLY O'NEIL

Hello Everyone

Hope all is well. School holidays are upon us already with Easter weekend only a week away, the year is slipping by. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Easter and safe travels if you're going away. I think we can finally see the end of the wet season and the temperatures beginning to drop, should be perfect weather for a little while once the sandflies leave us alone.

Thank you to those residents who participated in the community survey. A total of 90 residents provided responses to the survey representing approximately 38% of the adult population of the Shire. This provides Council with a strong level of confidence in the validity of the results.

The survey was primarily conducted to determine Council's performance from two years ago when we conducted the same survey. I am pleased to report that we have shown some good improvement in some of our operational areas and as an organisation.

In saying that, we still have further to go in improving our performance in a number of areas. We will certainly be using the results of the survey to inform our upcoming budget and our priorities over the next couple of years. To allow us to determine our ongoing level of performance, we intend to run a similar process in about two years.

It will take us a little while to process and address the comments provided in the survey. In the meantime, if there is anything at all that you believe needs addressing or sorted out, please contact Council on 4658 6900 or shire@barcoo.qld.gov.au. Alternatively, please don't hesitate to contact me or any of our other Councillors. To view the results of the survey click on this link. <https://www.barcoo.qld.gov.au/about-council/have-you-say-consult>

At the February Council meeting Peter Pidgeon was presented with a gift and certificate of appreciation for his service to the Barcoo Shire Council where he served as Rural Lands Officer for 21 years.



MAYOR'S *Message*

WITH SALLY O'NEIL CONTINUED

The following is the externally funded project status update:

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- Windorah water treatment plant – in operation.
- McPhelley's crossing – Due to recent wet weather event delays to be expected.
- Mt Felix floodway – Project due to commence April
- 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 completed shoulders on the Jundah Windorah Rd and have relocated to Jundah Winton Rd to do flood damage. Jason Beilby's crew are continuing Windorah Bedourie Rd at Morney, seal due 17th April.

The maintenance grader is currently doing emergency work for flood damage on Yaraka Retreat Rd. If there are sections of roads requiring immediate attention, please notify Council.

Contractor Crew have completed flood damage on the Budgerygar Rd and now on the Wuringle Rd. doing flood damage.

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 19th of April 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
 Sally.oneil@barcoo.qld.gov.au
 0424 791 449



COUNCIL NEWS

MARCH 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

- Council's 2023 Community Survey has closed and the data collated. To view the results please visit the Have Your Say section on our website <https://www.barcoo.qld.gov.au/about-council/have-you-say-consult>

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORTS

- Council approved the following: in-kind community grant of \$1,000 for the Yellowbelly Hunt fishing competition run by the Windorah State School P & C Association and; payment of \$1,500 to the Windorah State School P & C Association for the sponsorship of the 2023 Yellowbelly Hunt fishing competition.

JUNDAH TRANSPORTABLE HOUSES - REQUEST FOR QUOTES - VP344742

Subject to the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning's approval to amend the scope of the project as part of the Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program funding agreement, Council approves the awarding of an appropriate contract to Bay Investments Qld Pty Ltd T/A Oly Homes to the value of \$1,555,689.67 excluding GST to construct, deliver and establish to a full turnkey level, 3 x 2 bedroom transportable houses at 25 Garrick Street Jundah.

The Barcoo Shire Council holds its next Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday 19 April 2023 at the Jundah Council Chambers, 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.

GRANTS AND FUNDING

For all inquiries including how to source funding please contact our Community Development Officer Megan Miller on 0429 172 058 or email megan.miller@barcoo.qld.gov.au.

Seniors Month 2023 Grants – Funding to host an event during Queensland Seniors Month 2023 that fosters social connections, challenges perception on ageing, creates opportunities to learn new skills and improves physical and mental wellbeing.

Community groups can apply for the grant to organise a seniors month activity. Some examples of activities are below.

- Cooking classes
- Art classes and workshops
- Dances and dance classes
- Outdoor theatre
- Cinema days
- Story sharing
- Trivia and games
- Excursions and bus trips
- Walks and fun runs
- Sports
- Technology classes
- Opportunities to make new friends

<https://qldseniorsmonth.org.au/>

Closes 30th April 2023.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



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Save the date
BARCOO SPRING FLING 2023
29th Sep - 1st Oct

Save the date
AUGUST 18 - 20, 2023
The Stonehenge Bushman's Carnival

SAVE the DATE
22ND, 23RD & 24TH
September
2023

COMMUNITY NOTICES



WINDORAH P&C ANNUAL YELLOWBELLY HUNT

APRIL 29 & 30 2023
Cooper's Creek, Windorah





THANK YOU TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL SPONSORS



TRIPLE CROWN CHALLENGE

Windorah 29/30 April
Isisford 28/29/30 July
Longreach 25/26/27 August

- Registrations from 8am Saturday
- Nomination Draw Prize
- Presentations Sunday afternoon
- DJ Johnny Mac Saturday night
- Bar & canteen all weekend
- Raffles
- FREE camping
- COFFEE by Carly @ BARCOO COFFEE
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CASH & PRIZES



- Mens
- Ladies
- Kids (5-12yrs)
- CHAMPION ANGLER





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CONTACT US

Windorah Yellowbelly Hunt
rbamp3@aq.edu.au

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You create the canvas & we create the clutch

Paint a canvas with a design of your choice and we will turn it into a unique clutch for you.



Stonehenge Hall
22 April 2023, 1pm - 3pm

PLEASE CONTACT MEGAN MILLER TO BOOK YOUR SPOT ON
MEGAN.MILLER@BARCOO.QLD.GOV.AU





FREE
to attend
for Barcoo
Shire
residents

AgForce SWQ

Chat and Chow with the CEO & Tete-a'-Tete with Telstra

OPEN TO AGFORCE MEMBERS & NON-MEMBERS

Join AgForce CEO, and Telstra to get the latest updates on all things AgForce, mobile coverage/ connectivity and the shutting down of the 3G network.

Most importantly, we would like to offer you the chance to have your voice heard. This meeting run is the chance for you to put forward your views/issues and feedback to each of the representatives on the tour.

Guest speakers:

- AgForce CEO, Michael Guerin
- Telstra, Sarah Brand and Jon New

Saturday 1 April 2023, 12.00pm - 8.00pm

Location: Noorama Racecourse, 6742 Jobs Gate Rd, Cunnamulla
Catering: AgForce sponsored cheese and bikkies late afternoon.

Tuesday 4 April 2023, 11.00am - 1.00pm

Location: The Yarakka Hotel, 12 Jarley St, Yarakka,
Catering: Light lunch supplied.

Sunday 2 April 2023, 7.00am - 9.00am

Location: Eulo Queen Hotel, Leo St, Eulo
Catering: Light breakfast supplied.

Tuesday 4 April 2023, 4.00pm - 6.00pm

Location: The Barcoo Hotel, 95 Shamrock St, Blackall,
Catering: Drinks and nibbles

Sunday 2 April 2023, 11.30am - 2.00pm

Location: Thargomindah Kullilli Room, 37 Dowling St, Thargomindah
Catering: Light Lunch supplied

Wednesday 5 April 2023, 7:00am-9:00am

Location: Fanny Mae's, 15 Arthur St, Tambo
Catering: Light breakfast supplied

Sunday 2 April 2023, 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Location: The Toompine Pub, 1 Stanley St Toompine Via Quilpie
Catering: Drinks and canapes.

Wednesday 5 April 2023, 11:00am-1:00pm

Location: Ellengowan Hotel, 84 Main St, Augathella,
Catering: Light lunch supplied

Monday 3 April 2023, 9.00am - 11.00am

Location: Quilpie Motor Inn, 80 Broilga St, Quilpie,
Catering: Morning tea supplied.

Wednesday 5 April 2023, 3:00pm-5:00pm

Location: Morven Hotel Sadleir's Waterhole 80 Albert St, Morven
Catering: Drinks and nibbles

Monday 3 April 2023, 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Location: Western Star Hotel 15 Albert St, Windorah
Catering: Drinks and Canapes

RSVP: Friday 31 March 2023


*Register at Eventbrite.
Tickets for each location will be available.
agforce-sqw-branch-meeting-run.eventbrite.com.au

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Enquiries: AgForce SWQ Regional Manager, Kerrie Cribb:
0418 485 501 | cribbk@agforceqld.org.au

*Any COVID-19 restrictions current at the time will apply to this event



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**

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.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

DIABETES EDUCATION

WEDNESDAY 5, 12 & 19 APRIL

Longreach Clinical Rooms (including telehealth sessions)

Referral required - please speak to your GP about your need for a referral.
Please call 4652 5500 to make an appointment.



April 2023

VISITING SPECIALISTS*

Flying Obstetrician & Gynaecologist

Dr Jans Odendahl
Dr Adam Bush

- 4 April – Barcardine
- 11 April – Longreach
- 18 April – Longreach

Gastroenterologist

Dr Mark Norrie
Private service - fees & charges apply

- 13-14 April – Longreach

Respiratory Physician

Dr Alistair Cook

- 14 April – Telehealth PM
- 28 April – Telehealth PM

Flying Surgeon

Including Endoscopy Services
Dr Yiu Ming Ho

- 4 April – Longreach
- 11 April – Longreach
- 18 April – Longreach

Endocrinologist

Dr Peiter Jansen

- 13 April – Boulia



*Please speak to your GP about a referral.



ANZAC DAY SERVICE



STONEHENGE

TUESDAY 25TH APRIL 2023

COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

ANZAC Day

ON 25 APRIL 1915,
MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND
ARMY CORPS LANDED AT GALLIPOLI.
ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THIS DAY EACH YEAR
WE COME TOGETHER
TO HONOUR THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF ALL OUR VETERANS.



More details to come regarding the times and places of the Jundah and Windorah ANZAC Day services.

GARDENING WITH FISHERS NURSERY

BLOOMING STURTS DESERT PEA

Gardening in Western Queensland can have numerous challengers but then there are times that I am envious of the array of unique plant species that can be grown in Barcaldine, Blackall, Longreach or Winton. One plant that I would love to have in my garden would be the Sturts Desert Pea.

The Sturt's Desert Pea or *Swainsona formosa* was formerly called *Clianthus formosus* and is soon to be known as *Willdampia formosa*, confused? This plant is the official floral emblem of South Australia's and was named for Charles Sturt who headed a number of expeditions into Australia's arid interior in the mid 1800's.

The Sturt's Desert Pea is a prostrate, rambling plant with soft grey green foliage. In the right position the Sturt's Desert Pea can cover over 2 square metres. It is the flower that the Sturt's Desert Pea is known for, the striking blood red flowers with prominent black bumps in the middle of the flower. There are number of hybrids on the market in dryland areas of Australia with flower colours from white through to red and many shades of pink in between. Most of these hybrid Sturt's Desert Peas have been grafted to the rootstock of the New Zealand native plant called New Zealand glory pea or *Clianthus puniceus*, which is not susceptible to root diseases.

In its natural environment the Sturt's Desert Pea grows from the edge of the open woodland to the open plains. Sturt's Desert Pea can withstand extremes of temperature, and it will even tolerate light frosts.

If you want to try growing the Sturt's Desert Pea in a pot or hanging basket, you will need to modify the potting mix to make sure the mix is very well drained. The place your Sturt's desert pea would be best positioned on the northern or western side of the house and protected from rain.

Sturt's Desert Pea has an exceptionally long taproot that can locate water deep in the soil. When planted in the garden the Sturt's Desert Pea should always be located in a mounded garden.

Like most native plants it is best to regularly tip prune the plant to encourage compact growth. It is always best to cut back old stems after flowering, as this will encourage new growth from the centre of the plant.



Left - Sweet Peas. Middle - Sturts Deserts Pea
Right - Lathyrus odoratus pink

It is important to only use native plant food or low phosphorus fertilisers on your Sturt's Desert Pea. It is also important not to wet the foliage as that could cause fungal diseases.

IT'S TIME FOR SWEET PEAS

Have you thought about planting a fragrant winter flowering wall of colour? The Sweet Pea or *Lathyrus odoratus* could be the perfect plant. Traditionally Sweet Peas should be planted around St. Patrick's Day but you can sow seed until Anzac Day and still be successful. Locally Sweet Peas have been grown in many Central Queensland gardens for more than 100 years.

Sweet Peas made excellent cut flowers as well as producing showy winter floral displays. This plant could be used in a number of locations from covering a trellis or screens to being great for pots or hanging baskets. These days there are a wide variety flower colours to the gardener. These colours range from white, blue, lavender, purple and pink through to red.

One of the best large growing Sweet Pea hybrids for growing in the Western Queensland is the Sweet Pea Colorama. This colourful hybrid on the *Lathyrus odoratus* is perfect for planting along fences. The sweet fragrant flowers range in colour from purple, blue, pink, burgundy, red and white flowers. It is ideal for cuttings as the fragrant blooms are carried on long the entire stems.

If you are purchasing packets of Sweet Pea seed always check that the seed is Australian. Sweet Peas are fairly hardy but few handy hints for success should include Sweet Pea seed will rot in wet soil. Ideally it would be helpful if dolomite was added to the Sweet Pea garden last month. When preparing the seed soak the Sweet Pea seed in water over night to soften the seed coat. Always water the soil where the seed is to be planted then water the garden after planting the seed. But then don't water again until the seed has sprouted.

Neil Fisher
Fisher's Nursery

SCHOOL NEWS

Year 5/6 students from the Outback Advantage Alliance (Jundah, Stonehenge, Windorah) have just returned from a big few days in Brisbane. We attended the 2023 Dream & Lead Conference at the Brisbane Convention Centre with over 500 students from primary schools all over Queensland. The conference focused on building confidence in our leaders and taking them out of their comfort zone.

Our group also used this time to tour the campus of Brisbane State High School with over 3800 students. We joined a grade 10 science class and met the year 7 coordinator. With many of kids attending boarding school over the next 2 years it gave them a great insight into high school life. After lunch we attended a tour at parliament house and even acted out a scene in the lower house. This tied in with our democracy unit in Hass and it was a perfect opportunity to see everyone put their knowledge into action. Students also had a chance to navigate Brisbane's public transport network including busses, trains and city cats.

Thank you for this wrap up Col Crowther, Jundah State School.



Windorah State School - Term One Wrap Up

As we enjoy the Swimming, Music, Sports and Robotics activities on offer at Jundah Swim Camp this week, it's a great opportunity to reflect on a busy and productive term 1 at Windorah. Our students have worked hard and made some amazing progress in their work at school, especially with writing.

We have hosted a variety of visitors with different purposes from Charleville, Birdsville, Longreach, Emerald, Gladstone, Rockhampton and Brisbane (I'm sure there's a song that could be written from that!)

We have also completed the rejuvenation of the old chook shed area, with garden beds constructed and a new open space created. This will be a lovely place to relax, read, draw and chill out. Thanks to Rob for his hard work on this project.

Next term will see the upgrade of our irrigation system at the rear of the school to create a site for a cricket pitch and some football posts. We will keep you up to date as that project progresses.

We hope everyone has a relaxing and happy Easter break and look forward to welcoming the school community back at the start of Term 2. Don't forget our P&C raffle currently running to win a boat, scan the QR code with your phone to get your tickets! Drawn at the Windorah Yellowbelly Hunt, April 29 and 30.

Brett Scarffe
Acting Principal
Windorah State School

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SCHOOL NEWS



STONEHENGE SS END OF TERM 1 WRAP UP



It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of Term 1 already. It has been a huge term for our Superstars.

We started off having four Kindy students join us this year and having our classroom open up to one big learning space. It has been fantastic to see our students settling in to the new learning environment.

In Science we have gone to space and looked at the landscapes, the International Space Station, how space technology has been used in everyday life and how day and night occur. We have had StarLab visit for an incursion where the Jundah, Windorah and Stonehenge students got an 'out of this world' experience through stargazing.

In English we looked at figurative language and persuasive techniques. We read Fantastic Mr Fox, along with Fox, The pocket dogs and have supported or rejected the statement that "city life is better than farm life" or "holidaying is better in the city than it is on the farm"

In Maths, we looked at all things place value, location and transformation of shapes as well as collecting data and analysing it. The students learnt to play battleships whilst using their new grid reference knowledge.

In HASS, we looked at colonisation and celebrations across the world. The students looked at family life and how things may have changed over the years.

We channeled our inner artist for Art curriculum where the students looked at a range of different artists. They have created their own creating version of some of Van Gogh's, Frida Kahlua and even Picasso's work and we think they look fantastic.

In Health, the students looked at healthy eating habits and the Australian Guide to Healthy eating guidelines. They analysed food packaging and the nutritional labels on these and designed their own menus for lunchboxes.

In PE, we went swimming each week with Jundah and Windorah and what a splashing time we had. Technology saw our older students continue to do IMPACT and the younger students look at food and fibers and the concept of paddock to plate.

We finished off the term at Jundah each day to complete our first camp for the year. Our students were fortunate enough to partake in AFL AusKick sessions and swimming lessons. As well as learning to play the xylophone, ukelele and keyboard for songs such as "Lean on Me" and "Riptide". They also learnt to use the Lego Spike kits where they were able to code a range of things for their Lego creations to do. It was an incredible week with Jundah and Windorah students and we cannot wait to continue to use our skills throughout the year.

Thankyou to each of our Superstars, our Stonehenge Staff and Families for a wonderful term. Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable Easter Break and we will see our students again on Monday 17th April.



Barcoo Shire 2023 Events

APRIL

- 22 Paint a Clutch Workshop (Stonehenge)
- 25 ANZAC Day - All Towns
- 29-30 Windorah Yellowbelly Hunt

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

