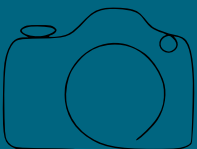


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COMMUNITY NEWS • NOVEMBER 2023



READ ABOUT THE JUNDAH FIRE TRUCK UPGRADE IN OUR MAYOR'S MESSAGE



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



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newsletter@barcoo.qld.gov.au

Cut off date for December Newsletter
 COB 18 December 2023



Want to give back to the
 Jundah community?

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

For more information call the
 Director of Nursing at the
 Jundah Primary Health Centre.

> 4658 6500



Contact Council

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MAYOR'S *Message*

WITH SALLY O'NEIL

Hello Everyone

Hope all is well. November has brought some good falls throughout the shire, though it is very patchy. We have seen a run in the rivers from local and upper catchment falls and more to come. It is quite contrary to the predicted El Nino though, so let's hope the current moisture attracts some more rain through December and into the new year.

Earlier this month Fiona Quirk, Chief Fire Warden for Rural Fire Service Qld presented Ted and Jill Fitzgerald medals for 34 and 31 years' service respectively as volunteers of the Rural Fire Brigade at various locations in the shire. Thankfully they haven't had to fight large numbers of fires but have always kept their training up to date and made themselves available in the event of a fire. Thank you Ted and Jill for your devotion to volunteering. Along with the presentation the Jundah rural fire truck was on display with a new safety addition, it's a water spray system called a halo that turns on in the event of a burn over protecting the operators inside the cab.



A message from Telstra

Back in 2019 we announced that we'd be closing our 3G network, which you also know as the Telstra Next G network. Doing so allows us to repurpose the 3G spectrum to offer better coverage and reliability on our 4G and 5G mobile network. We have recently published a new [Telstra exchange blog](#) relating to the 3G closure. Click on the link to have your questions answered.

Windorah Airport

The Windorah airstrip rehabilitation project is progressing well considering about 60mm of rain in the last couple of weeks. The stabilisation will be complete early December followed by final trim and shoulder works. Prime and seal has been booked in for the 10th December followed by line marking and lighting. Whilst the airport is closed the terminal building is being upgraded for compliance purposes. The project is due for completion by the 15 December with REX returning on the 18th December.



(L-R) Ted Fitzgerald, Mike Lollback, Jill Fitzgerald, Fiona Quirk (Chief Fire Warden for Rural Fire Service Qld), Sally O'Neil.

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 – half way through but delays due to rain
- 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 crew will return from break and do flood damage on Lina Glen Rd up until the Christmas break. 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 is currently on Palparara Rd and then will move onto Whitula Tanbar Rd. ***If there are sections of roads requiring immediate attention, please notify Council.***
- Contractor Crew are doing flood damage on Jundah Winton Rd near Mayne crossing.
- Concrete contractor crew are doing a driveway at Jundah cabins
- Flying gang are currently on the bulk signage project between Windorah and Quilpie.

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 15th of December 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



Windorah Airport



COUNCIL NEWS

NOVEMBER 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>

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

- Council approved the Mithaka Aboriginal Corporation to undertake a prescribed activity, being the fencing and signage of an area of cultural, historical significance, on Council operated land, being the Windorah Town Common.

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

- Council approved a one-off grant of \$400 for the purchase of food to assist the Jundah Golf Club in the re-establishment of the Club.

TOWN SERVICES REPORT

- Council adopted the revised Drought Management Plan (Appendix C) as presented. You can view this plan on our website at the following link <https://www.barcoo.qld.gov.au/environment-planning/barcoo-water>

The Barcoo Shire Council holds its next Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday 15 December 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.

COUNCIL JOB VACANCIES

Council have a number of job vacancies that can be viewed by clicking on the links below:

- [Roadhouse Attendant - Casual - Jundah](#)
- [Final Trim Grader](#)
- [Expression of Interest - Casual Employment](#)



APPLY NOW

For more information regarding working for Council please visit our website <https://www.barcoo.qld.gov.au/about-council/employment/job-vacancies> or call or email Alison Lamb, People, Culture and Safety on 07 4658 6919 or HR@barcoo.qld.gov.au

2024 EVENTS CALENDAR

Council are currently completing a 2024 calendar of events which will be updated in the shire newsletter monthly, displayed on visitbarcoo.com.au and shared through Barcoo Information. If you have an event coming up next year please email roxy.weston@barcoo.qld.gov.au with the event name and date, please include any flyers or images you would also like included.



**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

Thank you

COUNCIL NEWS

Windorah Aerodrome Runway Upgrade 11 October – 15 December 2023

The Barcoo Shire Council wish to advise residents that the Windorah Airport will be closed from 11 October – 15 December 2023, to undertake critical works in the upgrade of the runway. Council apologise for any inconvenience during this time. A bus service will operate between Windorah and Quilpie to coincide with flight times.

The bus will run 4 times a week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) as per our general plane days. The below snip is straight from the "Emergency Services Contract" between Translink (DTMR) and Council.

Weekly schedule	Depart Windorah Western Star Hotel	Arrive Quilpie Airport	Depart Quilpie Airport	Arrive Windorah Western Star Hotel
Monday	0735	1105	1205	1535
Tuesday	0905	1235	1335	1705
Thursday	0735	1105	1205	1535
Friday	0905	1235	1335	1705

The RFDS (Queensland Section) will continue to service the Windorah region while the Windorah airstrip is closed for maintenance for the three months from October.

The RFDS will use the Ourdel Station airstrip to ensure both primary health care clinics and aeromedical services remain accessible for the community. Weekly clinics will remain unaffected and on schedule during this time, and aeromedical operations will continue to run 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Air mail and freight will continue as normal, this will now be collected off the plane in Quilpie.

In the event of wet weather, the RFDS has an alternative runway option to ensure limited disruption to services.

COUNCIL NEWS

DOG REGISTRATION

Dog registration is now overdue, if you have not made payment yet, please contact Council to make these. A maximum of 2 dogs per house applies without a permit. All dogs must be registered after 3 months of age or within: 14 days of acquiring the dog or 28 days of becoming a new resident of a region. An application for a permit to keep additional dogs can be lodged to Council. A permit will only be issued if your application is approved. If your animal is in no longer in the Shire, please let us know so we can update your details.

New pricing for dog registration:

- Dog Registration – Entire Dog \$59.00
- Dog Registration – Desexed Dog \$32.00
- Dog Registration – Entire Dog Pensioner \$33.63
- Dog Registration – Desexed Dog Pensioner \$18.24
- Regulated Dog / 3rd Dog– Restricted/Permit \$250.00



To assist making payments Council offers several ways you can pay including:

- Cash at Council main office in Jundah or at the Jundah, Windorah and Stonehenge Information Centres,
- By post via cheque or money order,
- BPAY your payment information is Biller code 293209 Reference on your rates notice
- Credit card over the phone - please call 4658 6900.

Please contact Council's Accounts Receivable Rates Officer Amy Appelby if you have any questions or wish to discuss this further on (07) 4658 6910 or via email accounts.receivable@barcoo.qld.gov.au

RATES

Thank you to all rates payer that have made their rates payments, if you have outstanding rates and would like a payment plan, please contact council. Please make sure your rates details are up to date with Council.

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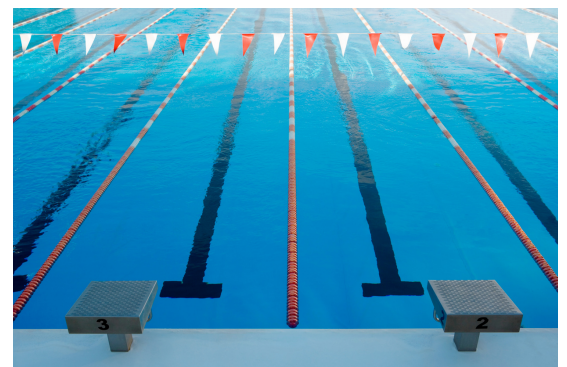
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POOL KEYS

Council is currently conducting an audit on their pool keys. If you have a pool key, we would like to hear from you with what number your pool key is and if you still use it. If you know someone has left town and has a pool key they would like to return please ask them to contact us, and we can organise this for them.

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COUNCIL NEWS



CELEBRATE THIS CHRISTMAS
SEASON WITH BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL

Christmas Lights Competition

GET INTO THE FESTIVE SEASON AND LIGHT UP YOUR
TOWN, HOUSE OR STATION TURN OFF.

CATEGORIES INCLUDE:
BEST RESIDENTIAL HOUSE IN THE SHIRE
BEST BUSINESS HOUSE IN THE SHIRE
BEST STATION TURN OFF IN THE SHIRE

STATION TURN OFF ENTRIES MUST EMAIL THE
JUNDAH ADMINISTRATION OFFICE ON
SHIRE@BARCOO.QLD.GOV.AU WITH PHOTOS OF
YOUR DISPLAY (PRIOR TO JUDGING WEEK)

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE DO NOT
HESITATE TO CONTACT MEGAN MILLER, COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT OFFICER ON 0429 172 058.

JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE WEEK
COMMENCING 11 DECEMBER 2023

\$400 to all 3 winners!

COUNCIL NEWS



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)

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COUNCIL NEWS



BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL *Community Christmas* PARTY

BBQ DINNER & DRINKS PROVIDED

**RAFFLES AND A LUCKY DOOR PRIZE
TO BE WON**

**COME ALONG AND CELEBRATE 2023
WITH US**

**When: Friday 15 December, 6pm - 10pm
Where: Jundah Sports Complex**

*Everyone
Welcome!*



INFORMATION CENTRES

REMINDER

Coming into the Summer months the Information Centre Hours from November until February are now as follows:

WINDORAH:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday
8am - 2pm.

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday
CLOSED

STONEHENGE:

Monday - Friday (except RFDS
Wednesday) 8:30am - 2pm
RFDS Wednesdays 11:30am - 5pm
Weekends - CLOSED

JUNDAH:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday &
Friday 8:30am - 2:00pm
Tuesday 11:30am - 5pm
Weekends - CLOSED

BINGO

Fortnightly Friday morning BINGO at Stonehenge is getting BIGGER with more and more locals and property owners attending. The 5 Games were enjoyed by all with Merryl winning the MEGA GAME kindly donated by the boys at the STONEHENGE HOTEL.

BINGO

FRIDAY 1st December

CHRISTMAS PRIZES

FRIDAY 15th December

ADULTS & CHILDREN PRIZES

10:00am

STONEHENGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

\$5.00 FOR 5 GAMES

PRIZES FOR EVERY GAME

.....
THE MEGA GAME

PRIZE IS DONATED BY

STONEHENGE PUB



Stonehenge students enjoying the library

INFORMATION CENTRE STATS FOR NOVEMBER
JUNDAH 73 - STONEHENGE 183 - WINDORAH 63

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.
- Find out more visit qfes.qld.gov.au/aws



Bushfires. Heatwaves. Floods. Storms. Cyclones.

Watch for the Warnings



Watch for the Warnings



Barcoo Shire 2023 Events

NOVEMBER

3, 4 & 5 Windorah Bluelight Touch Football

4 Barcoo Big Bash - Stonehenge

7 Barcoo Shire Melbourne Cup Holiday

30 Windorah SS Presentation Night &
Christmas Tree

DECEMBER

1 Jundah SS Presentation Night
& Christmas Tree

2 Stonehenge SS Presentation Night
& Christmas Tree

15 Barcoo Shire Community
Christmas Party

