



Barcoo Shire Community Newsletter

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Hello Everyone

Hope all is well. I know last month I mentioned how lovely it was to see recent rains, well how lucky we are I can say that again. The falls this time were certainly not as high but it was more general steady rain so many more people would have benefited. Fingers crossed I can talk rain again in next month's newsletter.

Recently Doreen Pitman resigned from her role as Community, Cultural and Tourism Supervisor with Council. I would like to thank Doreen on behalf of Council and the community for her 40 years of service to the Barcoo Shire. I am sure we will see Doreen around as she takes some time off for a well earned rest and we wish her all the best for her next chapter.

The weekend of 24 October was the Nathan Oates Memorial Big Bash cricket day held in Stonehenge. It was a great day out with many players and spectators, the weather was perfect for it, overcast and cool. It started out with a bit of a boggy field which saved the legs of the fielders as the ball plonked in the mud, as the day went on it dried out and the ball gave the fielders a workout. The Barcoo Bulls took home the Big Bash Title for 2020 with a score of 196 to 193, so close. Congratulations to Scott Milne who was awarded the Nathan Oates Memorial Sportsmanship Award for his efforts and team spirit throughout the whole day.

The Barcoo Big Bash crew



Scott Milne with the Nathan Oates Memorial Sportsmanship Award

Mayor's Message Continued...

The CEO and I attended the Local Government Association of Qld (LGAQ) annual conference during the week of 19 to 21 October. We were given the opportunity as a council to put forward a motion which the LGAQ would lobby the Government for. Council put forward the following motion; "That the LGAQ lobby the State and Federal Governments for increased flexibility in project expenditure timeframes to allow for adequate time to deliver projects and to support the on-going employment of council workforces and council financial sustainability." The motion was put to the vote and was supported overwhelmingly.

Council will be holding an online auction of surplus plant and equipment; a community notice will be sent out advising of when, and a link to the auction website in the coming weeks.

Council has recently transitioned to purchasing through Local Buy which is a branch of the LGAQ to support Local Governments with procurement. Below is information provided by Local Buy to assist contractors and suppliers in becoming providers through Local Buy.



Local Buy is a leading procurement, probity, and contract services provider. Our specialised team has in-depth knowledge of the critical procurement pathways, and the evolving needs of public and private enterprises, their procurement practices and probity requirements.

Established in 2001 by the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ), our goal is to deliver value in reducing the risk, time and costs associated with procurement.

Since our foundation, we have built a proud reputation for collaborating closely and effectively with a range of clients in Queensland, the Northern Territory and Tasmania.

With a diverse client-base across all industries, we make it easy for local businesses to connect with small to large-scale projects. We manage the vetting process for you, ensuring that all legislative requirements are met and that you are primed for maximum industry success.

It's more important than ever to support local businesses and we are committed to making that easier for you. Our streamlined process means you can support local businesses in your community quickly and efficiently.

Lateesha Reid | Customer Relationship Manager | Central Queensland

Lateesha Reid is Local Buy's Customer Relationship Manager for Central Queensland. Lateesha is an energetic and efficient business manager who understands the importance of building strong business relationships. Hardworking and client focused, Lateesha has embedded herself in local government sector with both stakeholders and suppliers across Central Queensland.



For more information about **Local Buy** visit: localbuy.net.au

For more information on how **Local Buy** can help you, contact your **Customer Relations Manager, Lateesha Reid** on **0429 815 779** or email: lr Reid@localbuy.net.au

Mayor's Message Continued...

The following is the externally funded project status update:

- Stonehenge tennis court – Yet to commence
- Jundah roadhouse culverts – Base slab complete, culverts placed and currently backfilling
- Windorah K&C and culverts – Works in progress
- Connemarra Rd bridge replacement – Start date is scheduled for 21 March 2021
- Stonehenge hall external painting – yet to commence
- Windorah water treatment plant – Design of plant in progress
- Jundah Hall – Works in progress
- Windorah RFS/SES shed – 90% complete
- Jundah Information Centre and Post Office upgrade – 90% complete
- McPhellamy's crossing – Works in progress



Image of works at McPhellamy's crossing, Cooper's Creek

The following is an update of our work crews and their progress on roads around the Shire. Ronnie Rayment's crew are half way through the Morney Birdsville Road resheet around 30-40km from the Morney intersection. Jason Beilby's crew have completed 2019 flood damage on Jundah Winton Rd around Westerton. They have now relocated to Palparara Davenport Road to perform 2019 flood damage. 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 doing medium formation grading on the Windorah Bedourie Rd. The maintenance grader has completed Depot Glen Rd, Ski Rd, Bimerah Isisford Rd, Bimerah Yaraka Rd and is now on Beatrice Thurles Park Rd. If there are sections of roads requiring immediate attention, please notify the Council.

Mayor's Message Continued...



Barcoo side tipper at work

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 November Council meeting will be held in Windorah.

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

Mayor Barcoo Shire Council

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Funny Mummies Comedy Gala

To the Barcoo community

We want to thank you ever so much for having us perform for you. It was such an incredible joy for us all and it's going to take us months to come down from this giddy high!

We'd love to come back to perform for you again hopefully in the not too distant future, so please do keep in touch. Hopefully Covid-pending we can pack in even more of an audience next time to really raise the roof!

The way we were embraced onstage and off was so heart-warming and wonderful. We also managed to raise more than \$1200 for Friends With Dignity (who support families rebuilding after domestic violence) so what a privilege to spread some laughs and some good at the same time.

If anybody who attended the show would like to keep in touch with us directly, they can sign up for our mailing list is at <http://funnymummies.com> and our Facebook group is <http://www.facebook.com/groups/funnymummies>

With huge thanks, best wishes and hopes to see you again soon,

Jenny Wynter and the Funny Mummies crew.

www.jennywynter.com

www.facebook.com/jennywynter

www.twitter.com/jennywynter



Community

Smiley's Transport have recently sent out a new price list for freight cartage from Longreach to Stonehenge, Jundah and Windorah. Prices can be found below. Please note that all orders must be made by Wednesday lunch time each week to ensure your goods are loaded on the truck in Longreach. If you have any enquiries please contact Smiley on 0439 882 043.



SMILEY'S TRANSPORT LONGREACH TO WINDORAH FREIGHT CHARGES AS OF 01/07/20 PRICE IS + GST

BAG- POTTING/FERTILISER	\$10.00
BAG - FEED	\$10.00
BALES HAY SMALL	\$8.00
BALE HAY ROUND	\$40.00
BALE HAY EX LARGE	\$50.00
BED- FLAT PACK	\$40.00
BINS-BUNDLE 10	\$90.00
BOOK CASE MEDIUM	\$20.00
BOOK CASE LARGE	\$30.00
BRAKE DRUM	\$15.00
BREAD CRATE	\$8.00
BUGGY	\$90.00
BUNDLE SMALL	\$15.00
BUNDLE MEDIUM	\$25.00
BUNDLE LARGE	\$50.00
BUNDLE EXTRA LARGE	\$100.00
BUNDLE TIMBER & BUILDING MATERIAL	\$220.00
BICYCLE	\$20.00
CARTON MEDIUM	\$8.00
CARTON LARGE	\$10.00
CARTON EXTRA LARGE	\$15.00

CARTON XXL	\$50.00
CHAIN BUCKET	\$10.00
CHAIR SINGLE	\$10.00
CUPBOARD SMALL	\$20.00
CUPBOARD MEDIUM	\$30.00
CUPBOARD LARGE	\$50.00
CUTTING EDGES	\$50.00
DRUM 20L	\$20.00
DRUM 200L	\$40.00
FOAM ESKIES	\$8.00
GAS BOTTLE SMALL	\$10.00
GAS BOTTLE MEDIUM	\$15.00
GAS BOTTLE LARGE	\$20.00
JIFFY BAG	\$8.00
JOCKEY WHEEL	\$35.00
LOUNGE 1 SEAT	\$20.00
LOUNGE 2 SEAT	\$30.00
LOUNGE 3 SEAT	\$45.00
MATTRESS SINGLE	\$25.00
MATTRESS D/Q/K	\$40.00
MILK CRATE	\$8.00
MOTOR BIKE	\$50.00
MOTORBIKE 4 WHEELER	\$75.00
PALLET	\$110.00
PIPE & STEEL LENGTHS	\$15.00
POD	\$100.00
ROLL	\$40.00
SINGLE CLADDING & DOORS	\$30.00

SKID SMALL	\$30.00
SKID LARGE	\$60.00
STEEL SHEET	\$50.00
STEEL STOCK TROUGH	\$150.00
STEEL STOCK TROUGH PER TRAILER	\$2000.00
TABLE MEDIUM FLAT PACK	\$20.00
TABLE LARGE FLAT PACK	\$30.00
TONNAGE - STONEHENGE	\$100.00
TONNAGE - JUNDAH	\$110.00
TONNAGE - WINDORAH	\$120.00
TRAILER AXEL	\$100.00
TRUCK RIMS	\$20.00
TYRES - SMALL	\$10.00
TYRES - EARTHMOVING	\$50.00
TYRES - LIGHT TRUCK	\$15.00
TYRES - TRUCK	\$35.00
WHITE GOODS	\$50.00

Regional Wellbeing Survey 2020

The 2020 Regional Wellbeing Survey is now open – and you're invited to take part by doing the survey at www.regionalwellbeing.org.au. This year it's more important than ever to make sure we understand how the wellbeing of people across Australia is changing. Your participation in the survey will help identify how people and communities in different parts of Australia are coping with challenging times - and where support may be needed.

Please consider helping support communities across Australia by taking part in the survey (and you can go into a draw to win one of 29 prizes!). The survey has been running since 2013, asking people across Australia about their quality of life in their community and how events like drought, bushfire and flood – and in 2020, COVID-19 – are affecting them. Taking part in the survey lets you have your say on issues ranging from how your community is changing, your health, and your wellbeing. All people aged 18 and over are invited to take in the survey at www.regionalwellbeing.org.au.

The University of Canberra's Regional Wellbeing Survey team works with a range of government and non-government organisations to develop the survey. The aim is to support research that helps to improve the wellbeing and quality of life of people living in rural and regional Australia. The results of the survey provide insights to support the development of strategies to build wellbeing and resilience in these regions.

Taking part in the survey lets you have your say on issues ranging from how your community is changing, your health, and your wellbeing. The survey has several different parts, including questions about:

- The quality of life and livability of your community.
- Your health and wellbeing, and your household.
- Events such as drought, bushfire and COVID-19 and their effects on wellbeing.
- Farm health safety and wellbeing (with some parts only asked if you are involved in farming).

The survey produces data that are made publicly available in an aggregated, anonymous form at www.regionalwellbeing.org.au. The data is used by many organisations across Australia to help understand how to improve quality of life for people living across rural and regional Australia.

Research findings from the survey are available on the Regional Wellbeing Survey website. The findings are used to help communities celebrate when things are going well, and to identify where support is needed to help people and communities cope with challenges. The goal is to celebrate the amazing community-building work going on across Australia, while also directing attention and support to where it's needed. We can only do this with your help. You can help support your community and others across Australia — just by taking part in the survey.

The survey is voluntary, confidential and anonymous. There are a range of prize draws open to participants 18 years or older with a total prize value of \$9,200. There are prize draw winners being announced every week and a grand prize at the end. You can choose to do short, regular or long version of the survey. If you complete the longer versions will have additional entries into the prize draws. There is no limit on how many people in each household can complete the survey if they wish.

The survey is open until 30 October 2020. Take the survey or find out more at www.regionalwellbeing.org.au. If you'd like a paper survey posted to you, call 1800 981 499 or email regionalwellbeing@canberra.edu.au and we'll send a survey to you. Full prize draw terms and conditions at <http://www.regionalwellbeing.org.au/#prize-t&c>.

Outback Mental Health News



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.

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

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.

<https://www.flyingdoctor.org.au/qld/what-we-do/mental-health/outback-mental-health/>

Outback Futures

WE ALL NEED TO TAKE CARE OF OUR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Looking after our mental health and wellbeing gives us a much better chance of doing the things that are important to us, like:

- making good choices
- prioritising our family
- having good relationships
- functioning well at work
- being part of our community
- looking forward to the future

AT TIMES WE CAN ALL STRUGGLE WITH STUFF. CHAT WITH US TO GET SOME TOOLS AND TIPS TO HELP GET THROUGH THE TOUGH TIMES.



Free of charge services



No referral required

Come see our mental health and wellbeing team at the next Resilience Clinic:

- **Consistent support from the same person** - When you see one of our team, they can also support you in between visits through our video/phone connect services.
- **Support for children, individuals, couples, families, businesses & communities**
- **Privacy and confidentiality**



The Outback Futures team will be in:

Windorah

Jundah

Stonehenge

Wed 4 - Fri 6 November

Phone 0417 703 729 to find out more or make an appointment.



www.outbackfutures.org.au

Australia Day Awards



Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

Australia Day provides residents with the opportunity to celebrate all that is Australian and acknowledge active citizenship and achievement.

Nominations are now open for the 2021 Barcoo Shire Australia Day awards. Applications close 5 PM, 4 December 2020 and must be submitted on the Barcoo Shire Council Australia Day Award Nomination Form.

Award categories include Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Senior Sports Award, Junior Sports Award and Cultural Award.

Application forms have been distributed through 'Barcoo Information', so please check your emails. If you require a copy of the application form, please email shire@barcoo.qld.gov.au or pick up a copy from your local information centre in Stonehenge, Jundah or Windorah.

Drought Assistance



SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR HOUSEHOLDS IN DROUGHT AFFECTED COMMUNITIES

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT FUNDING OF UP TO \$3,000 IS AVAILABLE TO DROUGHT AFFECTED HOUSEHOLDS WHO LIVE OR WORK IN ELIGIBLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS

If you're a farmer, Farm worker, supplier or contractor facing hardship due to drought you could be entitled to immediate financial support of up to \$3,000, through the Government funded Drought Community Support Initiative – Round 2.

To be eligible you need to be over 18, an Australian citizen or permanent resident, and live/work in a specified Local Government Area (LGA). For a full list of eligible LGAs visit vinnies.org.au/drougthelp

If you haven't claimed your payment yet or unsure if you're eligible contact the Vinnies Drought Support team.

ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS CAN APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE BY:



Apply online
vinnies.org.au/drougthelp



Call our Drought Team
1300 846 643

This an Australian Government initiative. Vinnies is assisting to distribute the funds. Round 2 funding of the DCISJ has been open since 19 November 2019 and will continue until December 2020. You can only receive payment once during this round.



Australian Government



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Rural Financial Counselling Service—North QLD

Attention: Small Business Owners in the Barcoo Shire

As Small Business Financial Counsellors for the Outback, we literally travel thousands of kilometres visiting businesses across this great region. We provide assistance to small business owners who may be suffering under financial hardship, or are needing support to adjust and manage the changes within their industry as result of the drought and ongoing adverse economic conditions. We are backed by the Australian and Queensland Governments, so our support is always **free** and **confidential!** We can offer unbiased insights as you consider options moving forward with your business.

Feel free to make contact if you would like a chat or would like to talk about existing grants and funding as they become available. You can find us at <https://www.rfcsnq.com.au/about/small-businesses-and-individuals-financial-counsellor/> or feel free to give us a call: Paul 0407 289 375 or Paula 0422 875 551.

Areas we cover include Barcaldine, Longreach, Barcoo, Boulia, Diamantina, Winton, Richmond, Flinders, McKinlay and other Western areas where required.

Paul and Paula

Small Business Financial Counsellors

Rural Financial Counselling Service North Queensland



Paul & Paula Misipeka Small Business Financial Counsellors

Job Vacancies

Council have a number of vacant positions available currently.

To download full position descriptions please head to <https://barcoo.qld.gov.au/about-council/employment/job-vacancies>

Community and Tourism Coordinator

Council is currently seeking applicants for the full time position of Community and Tourism Coordinator.

A position description is available on Council's website www.barcoo.qld.gov.au with applications closing at 5pm on Monday, 2 November 2020.

To apply, email covering letter and resume to HR@barcoo.qld.gov.au. For further information, please contact HR Officer on (07) 4658 6904. Barcoo Shire Council is an equal opportunity employer.

Post Office Assistant- Jundah (Casual)

Council is currently seeking applicants for the casual position of Post Office Assistant.

A position description is available on Council's website www.barcoo.qld.gov.au with applications closing at 5pm on Monday, 2 November 2020.

To apply, email covering letter and resume to HR@barcoo.qld.gov.au. For further information, please contact HR Officer on (07) 4658 6904. Barcoo Shire Council is an equal opportunity employer.

Grader Operator

Council is currently seeking applicants for the full time position of Grader Operator.

A position description is available on Council's website www.barcoo.qld.gov.au with applications closing at 5pm on Friday 6 November 2020.

To apply, email covering letter and resume to HR@barcoo.qld.gov.au. For further information, please contact HR Officer on (07) 4658 6904 or alternatively Director of Works and Services on (07) 4658 6901.

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Newsletter Update



In the coming months you will see a new look Barcoo Shire Community Newsletter coming your way! Our monthly Community Newsletter is a free service provided by the Barcoo Shire Council. The newsletter is put together to keep you up to date with local news, events, activities and more. If you have any suggestions for the new look newsletter please forward them to the below email.

Email: newsletter@barcoo.qld.gov.au



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Please note the NEW email for all newsletter content below:

newsletter@barcoo.qld.gov.au