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COB 24 March 2023



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MAYOR'S\\\\\ essage

WITH SALLY O'NEIL

Hello Everyone



Hope all is well. Here we are another month gone and halfway through the school term, Easter holidays will be on before we know it. The rain has certainly performed as predicted with some nice falls throughout the shire and all rivers running a banker.

You may have recently heard the news Barcoo Shire has been one of a few in Qld no longer declared to be in drought. Whilst Council recognise the country is looking magnificent we are also aware properties to the west and outside the channel country footprint still remain in drought. Some further investigation into the process the Dept of Agriculture and Fisheries use to make this determination has been sourced. It is a recommendation made to the Minister by the Local Drought Committee based on scientific data around ground cover. Local Government has no say in this decision. Council has been provided with the following information by the Dept of Agriculture for landholders who believe they are still in drought and those who are fortunate enough to have had a good season.

The Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries Minister and Rural Communities Minister, Mark Furner, recently announced he had accepted the recommendation of the Local Drought Committees (LDCs) to revoke several regions' drought status from 1 March 2023. Please find a <u>link to the media statement</u> about the recent drought status revocations for Rockhampton, Central Highlands, Woorabinda, Barcoo and eastern Barcaldine. Further information relating to the Queensland's drought status and assistance available for rural industries and primary producers is listed below.

Drought revocations and declarations

The Queensland Government provides seasonal climate and pasture information for rural Queensland via the <u>LongPaddock website</u>. This includes information on <u>recent drought declarations and revocations</u>, declaration maps, LDC processes and further information on drought.

It should be noted that primary producers in drought-revoked areas can access freight subsidies for <u>restocking</u> and <u>returning from agistment</u> under the Drought Relief Assistance Scheme (DRAS). These subsidies are available for two years after a current drought declaration is revoked.

Ongoing Queensland Government drought support

Drought assistance in Queensland has been broadened and is now open to eligible primary producers across all agricultural sectors, to better manage future droughts without needing a current drought declaration. The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries provides support to primary producers to prepare for future droughts through the <u>Drought Assistance Program</u>. The program offers primary producers assistance to:

- write a <u>Farm Business Resilience Plan</u> to support the productivity and profitability of their business, identify and assess risks, identify opportunities to improve their business, and develop strategies and actions on how to manage risks and progress opportunities;
- access training and workshops through the <u>Farm Business Resilience Program</u>, which helps primary producers and graziers build a sustainable business by planning today for tomorrow's drought and climate risks; and
- access Queensland Government financial assistance through <u>QRIDA</u>. This includes <u>Drought Preparedness Grants</u>, <u>Drought Ready and Recovery Finance Loans</u>, <u>Emergency Drought Assistance Loans</u> and <u>Drought Carry-on Finance Loans</u>.

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WITH SALLY O'NEIL CONTINUED

Recognising the scale of Queensland, and rainfall and seasonal variability between regions, if a producer believes they are still experiencing difficult conditions in a council area that is no longer drought declared, they can apply for an Individually Droughted Property (IDP) declaration. If endorsed this will continue to give them the same access to drought assistance as a current area declaration.

Rural Fire Brigade Association of Qld (RFBAQ) recently visited Judah Rural Fire Brigade to address the needs of the Shire with the emergent bush fire risk. They had on display a 5000L skid water tank which can be loaded onto a landholders body truck giving more capacity to fight a fire. RFBAQ have recommended to Rural Fire Service Qld (RFSQ) that Barcoo Shire be provided with an additional 2000L water trailer and 2 x the new 5000L skids. Whilst they were visiting Ted was given presented with the National Medal recognising 15yrs of continued volunteering in the Qld Rural Fire Brigade by Deputy Commissioner Joanne Greenfield seen in the photo below with Ted.



The following is the externally funded project status update:

- Windorah water treatment plant in operation.
- McPhellemy's crossing Due to recent wet weather event delays to be expected.
- Mt Felix floodway Project on hold due to weather
- Ray Paynter culvert/floodway scheduled to be completed before June
- 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. Both crews have experienced delays due to rain. Darren Mattheson's crew have been doing shoulders on the Jundah Windorah Rd will return from break this week and go back to Carella road to perform flood damage. Jason Beilby's crew are continuing Windorah Bedourie Rd at Morney.

The maintenance grader is currently doing emergency work for flood damage of various roads including Lina Glen Rd throughout the Shire. If there are sections of roads requiring immediate attention, please notify Council. 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 22nd of March 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

FEBRUARY 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 received and endorsed the People Strategy.
- Council received and endorsed the updated 2023 Employee Code of Conduct.

 Both documents can be downloaded from our website www.barcoo.qld.gov.au on the "Employment" tab.

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORTS

• Council approved the following operating hours for the Shire's three Visitor Information Centres/Libraries as follows, effective from 1 March 2023:

Site	Day	March - October	November - February		
Windorah	Monday - Friday	8:30 AM - 5 PM			
	Saturday - Sunday	8:30 AM - 2:00 PM			
	Monday, Wednesday, Friday		8:30 AM - 2 PM		
	Tuesday, Thursday		Closed		
	Saturday, Sunday		Closed		
		January -	– December		
Jundah	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	8:30 Al	M – 2 PM		
	Tuesday	11:30 AM - 5 PM			
	Saturday, Sunday	Closed			
Stonehenge	Monday – Friday (with exception of	8:30 AM - 2 PM			
_	fortnightly RFDS Wednesdays)				
	RFDS Wednesday	11:30 AM - 5 PM			
	Saturday, Sunday	Closed			
All facilities c	losed on public holidays and for Barcoo Shire C	ouncil's office Christmas/N	New Year shutdown		
period.					
At the CEO's discretion, alter operating hours as necessary around major events the likes of the Birdsville Races					
Big Red Bash	and other relevant occurrences.				

For more information see page 7.

The Barcoo Shire Council holds its next Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday 22 March 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.

COUNCIL RATES

Barcoo Shire rates were issued on the 14th of February 2023, if you have not received your rates, please contact Council immediately on 4658 6910. Rates due date is 16 March 2023, after this date, a discount will not be able to be offered.

To assist making payments Council offers several options including:

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

Council offers payment plans Weekly, Fortnightly, Monthly if you wish to pay this off.

Council is also in the process of updating our system and would like to make sure we have all rate payers correct details, please see the attached form to update your details with council, and email or post back to council.

Please contact Council if you have any questions or wish to discuss this further with us on (07) 4658 6910 or via email accounts.receivable@barcoo.qld.gov.au



COUNCIL NEWS

VISTIOR INFORMATION CENTRES AND LIBRARIES

At its latest general meeting, Council resolved to amend the operating hours of the Jundah, Stonehenge and Windorah Visitor Information Centres and Libraries, **effective 1 March 2023.** As you may be aware, the review of the operating hours of the facilities is part of Council's Queensland Treasury Corporation Business Improvement Program.

All feedback was considered by Council in making the final decision. Feedback received resulted in some changes to the originally proposed operating hours. Council would like to take this opportunity to thank all community members and staff for their input into this process.

A copy of the associated report and a summary of the feedback received is attached for your information.

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COMMUNITY GRANTS

Don't forget there are grants available if your club or community is looking for some extra funding.

RADF funding is one option, it promotes the role and value of arts, culture and heritage as key drivers of diverse and inclusive communities and strong regions. RADF invests in local arts and cultural priorities, as determined by local communities, across Queensland.

You do not need to be part of a community group to bring an Arts & Culture idea to Megan. 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.

COMBINED COUNCIL AUCTION

Council is taking part in another combined auction with Western Councils of unwanted assorted equipment.

The Auction will be conducted online at https://www.nascoauctioneers.com.au commencing on 20 March 2023 at 10:00am and concluding on Thursday 22 March 2023 at 12:00pm.

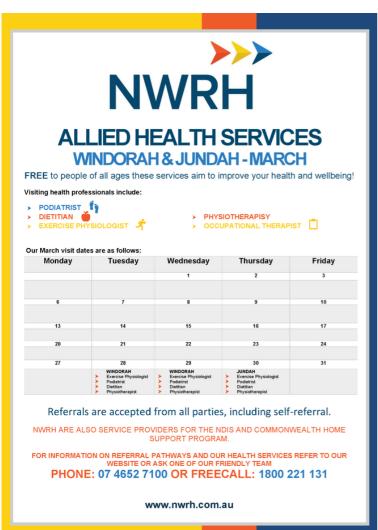
To view the catalogue prior to the auction click on the following link

https://nasco.bidsonline.com.au/catalogue-

group.aspx?chid=315&RID=



COMMUNITY NOTICES









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- Biosecurity Queensland Rachael O'Brien 0457 008 988
 Animal disease information
 Traceability NLIS and RBE information
- North Australia Climate Program Vicki Mayne 0429 894 194 What's driving seasonal rainfall and temperatures in your area? Tools and resources to pro-actively plan for the seasons ahead
- Department of Agriculture and Fisheries Millie Nicholls 0428 102 841
 Changes to drought policy
 Animal production or grazing land management questions
- Queensland Rural Industry Development Authority Bradley Whittington – 0417 775 345
 Sustainability loan (existing primary production businesses) First Start loan (to establish your primary production business)
- Royal Flying Doctor Service Elizabeth Lynch 0497 843 312
 Access to wellbeing services in their local communities
 It has rained, why wellbeing is still important
- USQ Innovation Hub Ally Murray 0448 275 416
 Grant opportunities and current research projects from the Uni.
 Updates on the Rangelands Satellite Data Mapping project and upcoming events

Each of the service providers will be providing a short update at 9:30am and 1:30pm. Followed by an opportunity for you to share what activities for the grazing community you would like to see happening in your region during 2023.

Tuesday 21 March 2023 Shire Hall

Stonehenge

Time 9:00cm 4:30nm

Light refreshments available

More Information Jane Tincknell Department of Agriculture and

GrazingFutures Livestock Business Resilience improves drought preparedness and viability of Queensland livestock producers and is jointly funded by the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund and the Queensland Government.

Michael

Young

O P T O M E T R I S T S



Windorah - Wed 8th March 8.30am to 5.00pm - Windorah Primary Health

- Full Eye Testing including testing for Glaucoma etc
- All types of Glasses
- · Reading Glasses
- Bifocals
- Progressives
- Prescription Sunglasses
- Pension Glasses through Hospital
- Veterans Affairs
- Children's Vision
- EFTPOS now available
- On-the-spot Private Health Claiming available

Phone 46566100 for appointments



SKIN CLINICS 2023

BIRDSVILLE

FEBRUARY - Wednesday 15th MAY - Wednesday 10th



MARCH - Thursday 9th



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



?THARGOMINDAH

FEBRUARY - Thursday 16th APRIL - Thursday 20th



WINDORAH



FEBRUARY - Tuesday 14th APRIL - Tuesday 18th



MAY- Thursday 18th JUNE - Thursday 1st



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









GARDENING WITH FISHERS NURSERY

AUTUMN ROSES QUESTIONS

I am great believer in June plantings for new rose gardens but other Rose enthusiast's plant much earlier. The motto that many of the rose enthusiasts abide by is "the better the preparation, the better the result".

With two of the most asked questions at the start of autumn is "When should I prepare my rose garden" and "what is the best time for planting May or June"?

Firstly, it is always important that the soil where the Roses are to go is loose, friable and organically enriched. At this stage, uncomposted green materials can be used because, by the planting, it will have been broken down. Materials to use could include animal manure, grass clippings, vegetable waste, eggshells and other organic items that will decompose.

However, if you haven't prepared the garden by mid-April, you will only be able to use materials that have already been decomposed. If the proposed garden is already an existing garden, remove the remaining mulch, loosen the top layer of soil, then replace or add more mulch to the surface. It is very important to remember to always allow a ten centimetre or four inch radius of area around the plant stems clear of mulch, as this is needed to promote air circulation which is essential for good growth.

Another question that is often asked at this time of the year is, "is it ok to prune my roses now"? Established roses will require a light trimming now, with the emphasis being on light, because now is not the time to interfere with the main branches. Instead, reduce the young wood, which has produced the most recent flowers, by one third, and also to remove any unhealthy growth, including distorted leaves. Always make sure you prune your roses with sharp secateurs.

I believe the single most important requirement for successful rose growing is selection. Many local gardeners would vouch for research of the best species grown in other gardens in their districts as the best way to initially start your own garden. A champion country rose gardener was quoted as saying "If you buy only those roses known to be grown in a climate similar to ours, and plant them in a well prepared, well-drained soil in a sunny situation, then only extreme neglect will kill them".





However, growing only those tried and tested roses each year may not give the variety desired by many gardeners. Each year a myriad of new roses are released on the Australian market, with some being good and some being exceptional, and this year is no different.

ROSE FACTS

Have you ever wondered what the difference between a Miniature Rose and a Standard Rose is, or why you should buy a Hybrid Tea Rose instead of a Floribunda Rose? These questions are pondered by many novice gardeners when planning their Rose garden. So here is a simple description that differentiates each Rose from another.

Floribunda Roses are small, compact-growing shrubs that produce multiple clusters of single to fully-double flowers during spring and autumn. It is not unusual for a floribunda Rose to produce clusters of 25 flowers in a single display. It is an ideal Rose for formal garden beds or small hedges.

Hybrid Tea Roses are the most commonly available rose type. They are best described as having large and often fragrant flowers borne nearly all year round. Flowers of the hybrid tea roses generally have long stems, making them ideal for cut flowers. You can expect these roses to grow up to 1500mm in height.

Miniature Roses are dwarfed versions of either hybrid tea or floribunda roses, but only growing between 200 and 500mm high. These Roses make excellent tub plants and can even be used indoors for short periods of time. They are also quite suitable for rockeries, and can even be used in formal boarder hedges.

Standard Roses are either hybrid tea or floribunda Roses that have been grafted to a strong understocked base. Heights may vary depending on the height of the understock. These Roses are used for more formal or centrepiece displays and definitely would make a feature in the garden.

Climbing Roses are usually either floribunda or hybrid tea Rose hybrids that tend to ramble with their more flexible stems allowing them to be trained to cascade over walls, trail along fences or be placed on trellises, pergolas or trees, offering an alternative to Boungainvilleas.

Neil Fisher Fisher's Nursery



JUNDAH SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to all of our School Captains and Leaders at Jundah State School for 2023. On Friday evening 24 February, our school community came together to celebrate and induct our leaders. I know they will set a great example for other students in our school.

School Captain: Grace Miller
Vice Captains: Karah Sigler & Sahara Pitman
Sports Leader: Jesse Burbidge

Colin Crowther Principal





CENTRAL WEST HEALTH







RATES DETAIL UPDATE FORM

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1. Applicant Details						
First Name (no initials) Middle		Name (no initials)	Surname		Date of Birth	
1.						
2.						
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Company/Trading Name or Tru	st Name	:				
ABN			Permission to Email Rates Notice		lates Notice	YES / NO
2. Contact Details						
Postal Address						
Suburb		State		Postcode		
Business Phone		A/H Phone		Mobile		
Email Address						
Rates Assessment No:						
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5. Declaration of applicant						
I/We, the applicant, declare that the above information is correct in all respects at the time of lodgment of this application with the Barcoo Shire Council. Should any of the details given in relation to this application be changed in the future, the applicant shall advise the Barcoo Shire Council in writing prior to any such change being implemented. Note: New name will not be recorded unless documents showing amendment and signature are supplied.						
Name 1 Signature			Date			
Name 2 Signature			Date			
Name 3 Signature			Date			
Name 4 Signature				Date		

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