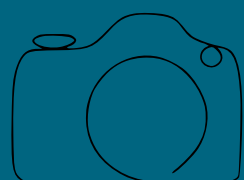


BARCOO *Banter*

COMMUNITY NEWS • JUNE 2023



Some Barcoo champions at the Simpson Desert Ultra in Birdsville this month



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

BARCOO Banter



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Cut off date for July Newsletter
 COB 26 July 2023



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MAYOR'S *Message*

WITH SALLY O'NEIL

Hello Everyone

Hope all is well. Haven't we had terrific weather of late, very mild start to winter indeed and days that almost feel like summer. As I write this article though it seems things might be about to change with rain predicted for the start of July and temperatures plummeting. This may possibly be the real introduction to winter.

Council held a special meeting in the last week of June to adopt the 2023/24 budget. You would have seen the budget overview emailed out last week outlining a budget snapshot. I will just mention some highlights here. In general, we find ourselves in a very strong financial position with an expected cash position to be around \$20M at the end of June 2023. In order to limit the burden on residents there was a general rates increase set at 4% for township and rural categories, this is below the current national inflation figure but necessary to ensure Council meets its obligations. There will be some significant projects delivered throughout the Shire in the next 12 months including improvements to the Bimerah Isisford Rd and an upgrade to the Windorah Aerodrome runway. Council remains committed to working together in delivering valued and cost effective service to the residents and visitors to the Barcoo Shire.



The following is the externally funded project status update:

- Windorah water treatment plant – 12-month liability period has commenced
- McPhellemy's crossing – Expecting to return crews in the coming months
- Ray Paynter culvert/floodway – scheduled to be completed by the end of July
- Floodway Yaraka Retreat Rd near Trafalgar – complete
- Budgerygar floodway – due to commence early August
- Stonehenge water treatment plant new shed and filter upgrade – plans are being finalised with procurement commencing
- Floodway near Palparara on Bedourie Rd – due for completion end of June

The following is an update of our work crews and their progress on roads around the Shire. Darren Mattheson's crew have completed flood damage on Hillview Rd and Warbreccan Rd. They are currently importing gravel and constructing a side track at the Nildes Jump up, on return from break they will commence the rehabilitation work. Jason Beilby's crew are currently doing a resheet on the Birdsville Rd 24km from the Morney intersection which is due for completion by the end of June.

The maintenance grader is currently doing maintenance on Davenport Rd and Birdsville Rd near the boundary. If there are sections of roads requiring immediate attention, please notify Council.

Contractor Crew have completed flood damage between Warbreccan and Mutti and built a side track in preparation for a culvert replacement on the Jundah Windorah Rd just past the Thomson River.

Flying gang are currently installing main roads signs on the Windorah Birdsville Rd and due for completion by the end of June.

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 July 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

MAY 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 REPORTS

- Council nominated Friday 24 May **2024** as a Special Holiday (Public Holiday) for the Barcoo Shire, to coincide with the Longreach Show.
- Council endorsed the Barcoo Shire Road hierarchy and investment priority to the Outback Regional Roads and Transport Group (ORRTG) for the 2023 – 2024 financial year. Barcoo requested the QRRTG advocate for the Barcoo Shire Council section of the Quilpie-Windorah Road be upgraded to align with priority works in the Quilpie Local Government area on that same road due to commence in the coming months.

The Barcoo Shire Council holds its next Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday 19 July 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.

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.

Rates Will be issues again in August 2023, if you don't receive your rates notice please contact Council.

To assist making payments Council offers several ways to help including:

- Cash at Council main office in Jundah and Windorah and Stonehenge Information Centres,
- By post via cheque or money order,
- BPAY your payment - **Biller code 293209** using the reference on your rates notice,
- Credit card over the phone, (07) 4658 6900.

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

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



DOG REGISTRATION

Dog registration will be issued in July 2023, could you please update Council with any new information on your animals. 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 animals are 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

A discount of 50% applies if paid within 30 days of Notice date.

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- Credit card over the phone.

Please contact Council's Accounts Receivable 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

FEEL GOOD NEWS

SIMPSON DESERT ULTRA

Some Barcoo Shire champions attended the Simpson Desert Ultra earlier in June competing in distances ranging from 25 - 100km. The Barcoo Shire team consisted of Sue George, Bridget Ryan, Peta Geiger, Prue Pidgeon, Dianne Pidgeon, Sophia Levy & Owen Carnell. Congratulations to everyone!



CHAMPION CROWNED

Windorah SS Principal Brett Scarffe recently took out the 2023 Longreach Bowls Club championship, see below article for the wrap up. Congratulations Brett!

Champion crowned

By Tony Emslie

Last Sunday morning we had the final of the Men's Championship Singles. Multi-time club champion Ray Harmsworth was up against new member Brett Scarffe.

Brett travels up from Windorah to play in our championship and it's very worthwhile for him recently winning more games than losing. But this was expected to be a tough battle. On a windy morning Brett shot out of the blocks scoring a maximum 4 shots on the first end, followed by a single.

After 4 ends Brett led 5-3 but scored 11 unanswered shots over the next 4 to take a commanding 16-3 lead. Ray scored on the next end but Brett wasn't letting up scoring 10 shots to 3 over the next 7 ends to go 26-7 in front. In a race to 31 shots that gap is just too big to come back from and 5 ends later Brett won the game by 31-11. Congratulations Brett Scarffe, the 2023 Men's Singles champion.



New champion Brett Scarffe and Ray Harmsworth.

ERGON ENERGY

Hi everyone!

We wanted to say thanks to the Barcoo Shire Council, Windorah Development Board, community and schools for hosting us on our recent visit to Windorah, Jundah and Stonehenge.

In Windorah we met with Council at their monthly meeting to update them on our plans for the removal of the solar dishes and replacement solar farm. Things have come a long way since the dishes were installed – each of the dishes could provide enough energy to power about five households – and our proposed solar farm will power 50% of Windorah's total energy needs on the same sized site. Demolition of the solar dishes will begin in August, and the work is expected to take around three months. We are also planning some signage to commemorate the solar dishes and provide information about the new solar farm.

Currently, we have an Expression of Interest in the market for the solar farm construction. We encourage all local businesses who might be interested to put in an EOI. You can find more information at [this link](https://qtenders.epw.qld.gov.au/qtenders/tender/display/) - or you can type this into your browser - <https://qtenders.epw.qld.gov.au/qtenders/tender/display/>. The planned solar farm will be 850 kilowatts and will be able to store 1000 kilowatt hours of renewable energy for use when the community needs it. While it's not for some time yet, the next phase of decarbonising the Windorah isolated network will see us aiming to supply the town with 100% renewables.

While out in your area we also visited all three schools in the shire. We were really impressed with the high level of interaction, great manners and general kindness shown by the students to each other and to us as visitors. We met some really great kids and really enjoyed sharing our safety heroes presentation with all the students. It was good to be able to show off our power station to the Jundah students. To cap it off, at Stonehenge we were presented with a coaster and key ring that the students had designed themselves and produced in the school 3D printer. Everyone back in the office was so jealous!

For more information on the solar farm, you can contact Andrew at andrew.kunst@energyq.com.au

Thanks again everyone, and we look forward to seeing you again next time we visit.

Andrew Kunst, Kein Jones and Julie Heath
Isolated Networks and Community teams
Ergon Energy



INFORMATION CENTRES & LIBRARIES

This month at the library we have been very excited to work on our 'Recycled Art' project. Children collected old boxes, paper towel rolls, old wrapping paper and various objects to plan, and create their sculpture. Each child had a unique take on what they were building and they all named their artwork. We had some creative entries such as 'Bomb - my room' and 'The Sassy Special'. Our winner (as voted by the public) ended in a tie with Nancy's 'Astrid' and Jesse's 'The Rubbish Lego Brick' taking out the much-converted voucher to the roadhouse! Congratulations to all our entries!

June has also seen all three libraries hold First 5 Forever and after school programs. Children listened to story time, enjoyed a free play session and a craft activity in each centre. The 'Bendy Friends' was very popular and it was wonderful to see the children enjoying the library programs on offer. Next month we look forward to hosting a 'Christmas in July' for each town!

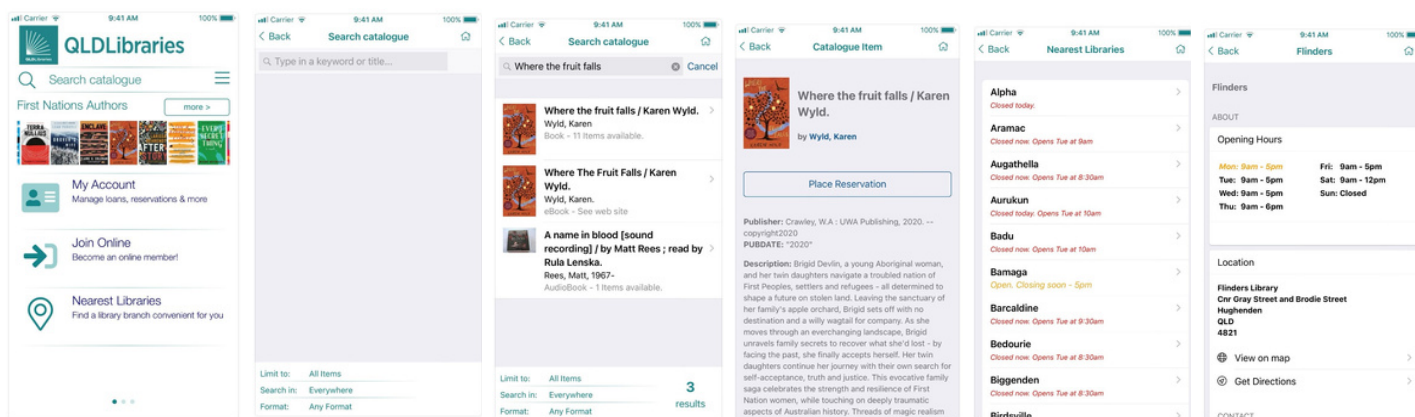
Don't forget to come into your library and check out the new books we received from the State Library exchange. And remember if the book or item you want isn't on the shelves, the friendly librarians can help you out by ordering it in.

Also check out the new State Library borrowing app! Details are in the slide below. If you have any problems at all, don't hesitate to head into the library or give them a call.

1. Download State Library of Queensland App (pic)
2. Click on My Account
3. Sign In - you will need your borrower number (barcode on library card) and your pin (both of these can be given to you by a library staff member) - alternatively you can just scan your library card.
4. On this page you can see what loans you have and what reserves you have. Go back to the home page.
5. From here you can search for an item - ie - You Take Care by Laura Henshaw and Steph Claire Smith - type in book title and hit search.
6. Now tap on the item you wish to borrow and confirm 'Place reservation' - select location in which you would like to pick it up (Jundah) - select place reservation again.
7. This can be done multiple times!

Numbers for the month of May

Jundah - 213 Stonehenge - 651 Windorah - 881



QLD POLICE NEWS

Having a drone can provide exciting pictures and everlasting memories. The photos and videos can be unique and highlight your adventures and experiences to family and friends in a new and stunning manner.

However, CASA rules apply to the flying and operations of drones throughout Australia, failure to obey rules can and will lead to reports to CASA and subsequent action being taken.

Rules for recreational drone operators

- You must not fly your drone higher than 120 metres (400 feet) above ground level.
- You must keep your drone at least 30 metres away from other people.
- You must only fly one drone at a time.
- You must keep your drone within visual line-of-sight. This means always being able to see the drone with your own eyes (rather than through a device, screen or goggles).
- You must not fly over or above people or in a populous area. This could include beaches, parks, events, or sport ovals where there is a game in progress.
- Respect personal privacy. Don't record or photograph people without their consent – this may breach other laws.
- If your drone weighs more than 250 grams, you must fly at least 5.5 kilometres away from a controlled airport, which generally have a control tower at them. Use a drone safety app to find out where you can and can't fly.
- Remember, you must not operate your drone in a way that creates a hazard to another aircraft, person or property.
- You must only fly during the day and you must not fly through cloud or fog.
- You must not fly your drone over or near an area affecting public safety or where emergency operations are underway. This could include situations such as a car crash, police operations, a fire or firefighting efforts, or search and rescue.
- If you're near a helicopter landing site or smaller aerodrome without a control tower, you can fly your drone within 5.5 kilometres. If you become aware of manned aircraft nearby, you must maneuver away and land your drone as quickly and safely as possible.

If you intend to fly your drone for or at work (commercially), there are extra rules you must follow. You will also need to register your drone and get a licence or accreditation.

For more information contact: <https://www.casa.gov.au/knowyourdrone/drone-rules>.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Wild Dog Baiting Program

The Barcoo Shire Coordinated Wild Dog Baiting Program has recently been completed however we ask that visitors and local community members are to be vigilant with their pets during baiting periods and take caution whilst travelling around the Shire. 1080 baits can remain active for long periods on properties adjacent to main roads and other road networks within the Shire boundary.

Be aware of the possibility that these baits can be transferred by wildlife from baited areas to non-baited areas such as our town commons, reserves, and road related areas. Please ensure you do not take your pets onto private property without first contacting the owner/manager.

For more information head to Council's website <https://www.barcoo.qld.gov.au/environment-planning/pest-management/> or contact Council's Rural Lands Support Officer Emily Jellie on (07) 4658 6973 or emily.jellie@barcoo.qld.gov.au.

RADF FUNDING

Attention Arts and Culture Enthusiasts!

Do you have a workshop idea or community project that you would like some help with? Did you know that you can apply to use some RADF funds? For more details, please head to our RADF information page by clicking here <https://www.barcoo.qld.gov.au/community-services/arts-and-cultural> or contact

Megan at megan.miller@barcoo.qld.gov.au.



SAVE the DATE

22ND, 23RD & 24TH

September 2023



STONEHENGE BUSHMAN'S CARNIVAL 2023

FRI 18 AUG - TEAM PENNING	SAT 19 AUG - HORSE GYMKHANA
Start: 4.30pm Nom: \$30 team + insurance/stock levy \$1,500 prizemoney Sponsor: Ray White Longreach	Start: 8.00am Nom: Adults \$38 Children \$28 Includes: Bending, Flags, figure 8 & Barrels. Sponsor: Floored By Ramsay
SAT 19 AUG - STOCKMAN'S CHALLENGE Start: 8.00am Open \$1000 Nom \$30, Novice \$750 Nom \$25, Juvenile \$250 Nom \$15 Junior \$150 Nom \$10 + insurance/stock levy Sponsor: RNI Coppo Electrical	SAT 19 AUG - RODEO Start: 3.30pm - RSA Affiliated Batt Power Ladies Barrel Race \$1,500 - Nom: \$50 CA Architects Juvenile Barrel Race \$400 - Nom: \$40 Longreach Legal Services Jnr Barrel Race \$250 - Nom: \$30 Brigadoon Cattle Co Novice Barrel Horse \$800 - Nom: \$40 RPL Open Bull Ride \$2,000 - Nom: \$60 Smiley's Transport Novice Bull Ride \$1,000 - Nom: \$50 Elmes Rural Open Bronc Ride (to be ridden in stock, poley, or bronc saddle) \$2,000 - Nom: \$60 Dawson Valley Heliworks Bullock Ride \$1,000 - Nom: \$50 Ladies Ranch Ride \$500 - Nom: \$40 Central West Rural Mini Bulls (9-11) \$150 - Nom: \$20 Centwest Engineering Mini Bulls (12-14) \$150 - Nom: \$20 Pre Nominations Essential RSA Central Entries Phone: 0427 814 449
SUN 20 AUG - MOTORBIKE GYMKHANA Start: 8.30am Noms: \$15 Jnr & \$25 Open + insurance includes entry in all events per age group. Events: Flag, Bending, Figure 8, Barrels & Double Barrels. Sponsor: AK Transport	SUN 20 AUG - BRONCO BRANDING Start: 9.00am Singles \$1280 Nom \$60 Team Doubles \$1600 Nom \$75 Team Jackpot Novice Nom \$40 + Insurance/cattle levy Sponsor: Suncorp

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NOMINATIONS OPEN AUGUST

PLEASE NOTE: All riders must bring own ropes and saddles. Helmets must be worn by all children. All competitors ride at their own risk. The Committee reserves the right to change the program without notice.
Please bring cash - ATM facilities unreliable due to phone reception. Rodeo Grounds PIC Number: QGBC0069

COMMUNITY NOTICES



JUNDAH GOLF CLUB NEWS

Recently, members of the Jundah Golf Club Inc. and staff from the Jundah Primary Health Care Centre combined efforts to undertake a working bee at the Jundah Cemetery.

Every Cemetery tells a unique story of the town, the surrounding properties and its people from another time.

Everyone rallied together wielding rakes and other tools, cleaning, weeding, mowing and removing long grass/weeds.

It was great to see community spirit in action as we worked together remembering friends, family and those now passed who have contributed to the growth, character and history of the Shire in years past.



From left to Right
Ellie Stokes, Kirsten Stokes, Kerry Cumming, Tank, Jason Cooley, Denis Anderson, Graeme Scott, Sue Anderson, Les Hilberg and Steve Sigler. Thankyou also to Ana Marie Sigler, Craig Egan and Janelle Hilberg, who are not in the photo.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



HORSE & MOTORBIKE GYMKHANA BRONCO BRANDING, STOCKMANS CHALLENGE & JACKPOT BULLOCK RIDE 7TH - 9TH JULY 2023

Friday 7th July - 6PM START

Kids and Adults Novelty Events

Iron Man Challenge | Rum Run | Novelty Barrel Race | Tug O War | Dance Off



Saturday 8th July - 8AM START

Horse and Motorbike Gymkhana

Motorbikes start after horse events conclude.

Nominations: Kids \$20 Adults \$40

AGE DIVISIONS: 6 & Under Led, 6 & Under, 7-11 years, 12-15 years, Ladies & Men's

EVENTS: Bending race, Flag Race, Barrel Race, Figure of 8, Keyhole

OPEN NOVELTY EVENTS: Guzzlers Race, Bang and Go Back Rescue Race and Barrel Race.

\$500 Doubles Barrel Race - WINNER TAKES ALL

KIDS motorbikes limited to 250cc. NO 4 wheelers. All riders under 18 years

MUST wear helmets on horses. ALL motorbike competitors MUST wear helmets worn correctly. Long sleeved shirts, long pants and boots that cover your ankles must be worn.



Bar & Canteen all weekend | EFTPOS available | Gate Entry: Adults \$20 includes pannikin & wrist band | Under 18 and pensioners FREE | FREE camping & amenities | NO cash out at the grounds |

For more information contact
secretary.windorahrodeoclub@gmail.com
or call Josie on 0407 460 515

Saturday Night - 6PM START

JACKPOT Bullock Ride - Nominations: \$50

Sunday 9th of July - 8AM START

Stockmans Challenge (Dry & wet work)

Molineux Agricultural Co. Encouragement Challenge - Nomination \$20

Paraway Pastoral - Tanbar Station, 5 and under Classic Challenge - Nomination \$25

AACO - South Galway, 6 and over Open Challenge - Nomination \$30

Bronco Branding (Rodeo Arena) Prize Pool \$4500

Singles - Nomination \$60/team,

Doubles - Nomination \$75/team,

JACKPOT Novice



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Barcoo Shire 2023 Events

JULY

8-9 Windorah Gymkhana, Stockman's
Challenge and Bronco Branding
28 Jundah P&C Trivia Night

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



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