



From the Mayor

Welcome to this edition of the Galilee Gazette.

As I write, our hearts go out to all those who have been affected by the tragic floods across Northern Queensland. From Townsville to Cloncurry, south to Winton and North to the gulf at Normanton. It is hard to comprehend the loss of stock and property.

As the North floods, the rest of Queensland is still in the grip of the worst drought in history. Certainly in some parts of Queensland. There have been some storms around lately so here's hoping they get a bit more serious in the next couple of months.

Council crews are flat out with their projects. New funding from Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is for the widening of sections of the Aramac to Barcaldine Road. This will be most welcome by local residents and also all those travelling on to Muttaborra or Townsville. We do have security of work now for the next couple of years so that is positive.

All other maintenance projects are on time except for the rural roads maintenance program. Lack of close handy water and the continuing dry has put some jobs back considerably. Council is very much aware of this and will get this program back on track. If there are any glaring safety issues noticed, please let the district offices know.

Alpha - 4985 1167

Aramac - 4652 9999

Barcaldine - 4651 5600

Stay safe and look after each other.

Cheers, Rob

CEO's report

Council has a large number of projects underway across the region thanks to the Drought Communities Program, Works for Queensland funding and the Tourism Infrastructure Fund.

Council has agreed to commence the installation of solar power on Council buildings. The initial program of solar installation should save Council approximately \$120,000 per annum in electricity costs.

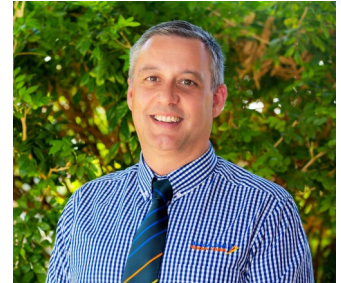
New watering systems have been progressively installed in town parks and showgrounds across the region. This program is continuing in an effort to conserve water and reduce operating costs.

Council has signed an agreement with Telstra to install a new mobile small sat phone tower at Lake Dunn. This facility will have a limited range but will be welcomed by people enjoying the lake facilities.

Linda Hailey, small business and tourism expert, will again be visiting our region in March and I encourage you take the opportunity to meet with her to help improve your business. Further details are contained in this newsletter.

After the success of last year's Outback Aerodrone Symposium, Council will be hosting another one on 21-23 September 2019. Planning for this event is well underway.

Regards, Steven



Water and Sewerage update

Sewer mains condition inspections in Aramac and Muttaborra were undertaken in January and February to inform requirements for future upgrades.

A contract to upgrade water mains in Aramac and Muttaborra was awarded late last year. The contractor has commenced work in Muttaborra.



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Public and Special Holidays

Notice is hereby given of the following gazetted holidays for the Barcaldine Regional Council for 2019:-

22 May 2019: a public holiday for the Alpha and Jericho townships for the purpose of the Alpha Annual Show

5 November 2019: a special holiday for the Aramac, Barcaldine and Muttaborra townships for the purpose of Melbourne Cup Day.



For sale by tender

Barcaldine Regional Council offers the following parcels of land for sale by tender as follows:

Lots 3-20 Ironwood Drive, Barcaldine

Lots 25-32 Ironwood Drive, Barcaldine

Tenderers may submit prices for each parcel and/or a combined price for various parcels.

Tenders close at 12 noon on Friday 8 March 2019.

Tenders (including GST) must be submitted in writing to:

Barcaldine Regional Council

PO Box 191 Barcaldine 4725 or

tenders@barc.qld.gov.au



Proud to be your council



Anthony Waugh and the production crew.

Local Government Association Queensland 'Proud to be your council' campaign

Barcaldine Regional Council was one of five Councils who participated in the Local Government Association Queensland (LGAQ) 'Proud to be your Council' advertising campaign last year with the campaign continuing in 2019.

Council was represented by Jean Williams, Mark Walsh and Anthony Waugh. As a result, each participant received a gift voucher. Due to Council's gift policy, the vouchers have been donated to:

Jean Williams: 60 and Better program

Mark Walsh: Breast Cancer

Anthony Waugh: Outback Futures

Thank you to Jean, Mark and Anthony for all their hard work creating the adverts.



Jean Williams



Mark Walsh



Anthony Waugh

Tourism and Small Business Project

Small business and tourism expert, Linda Hailey will be back in the region from Monday 11 to Friday 15 March and is keen to catch up with as many business owners as possible during her visit. This is a great opportunity to book in for some one on one advice, learn about e-marketing and social media or how to tap into the tourism dollar in your town.



Advisory Sessions

Here's your chance to pick the brains of an expert...for free!! Linda will be available for on site, one on one, advisory sessions during her visit. These are open to all businesses in the region, not just tourism operators, and she is happy to help with anything from marketing and business growth to customer service, pricing, packaging, online presence and retail. These are confidential sessions. At this stage we are planning that Linda will be in Alpha on Monday, Jericho and Aramac on Tuesday, Barcardine on Wednesday and Thursday and Muttaborra on Friday. If you are interested in booking a 1 hour session please email Linda direct at linda@lindahailey.com.au. P.S. Numbers are limited so it's first in best dressed!!

Calling all New and Intending Businesses

If you are thinking of starting a new business or have a business that's less than a year old, we'd like to know how you are tracking, what you need and how we can help. Linda will be hosting an informal get together and discussion from 5.00pm till 6.00pm on Tuesday 12 March 2019 at the Union Hotel/Motel.

Get online to Thrive and not just Survive

Here's an opportunity to boost your business and online presence with inexpensive and easy ways to find new customers, engage with past customers and attract visitors to your business. This 2 hour workshop will run in Barcardine on Wednesday from 5.30pm to 7.30pm at the Barcardine Town Hall and on Monday in Alpha from 5.30pm to 7.30pm if there is sufficient interest. Book now, contact Angela Waugh on 07 4651 5612 or via email events@barc.qld.gov.au and take the mystery and megabucks out of online marketing.

Get online to Thrive and not just Survive

It's instant, it's easy and effective. This practical presentation takes a whole of business approach and shows you how you can harness the e-revolution to increase online visibility, promote your business and add a "wow" to your customer service. From Google Business Pages, websites, Facebook and Instagram to e-newsletters, blogs and communication, this workshop is designed for anyone who wants to give their business an e-boost.

Business Boost Mini Workshop – Capitalise on the region's new Freedom of Choice Parks

For businesses and individuals that want to make the most of the extra visitors the Freedom of Choice Parks will bring to the region Linda will be holding 1-hour mini workshops in Jericho, Aramac and Muttaborra. From the latest tourism trends and research on outback travellers to understanding the needs and wants of connected caravanners, these sessions will include lots of cost-effective ideas for boosting revenue and profit through products, services, customer service and direct and online marketing. Dates and times to be confirmed depending on interest. If you'd like to attend one of these sessions please contact Angela Waugh on 07 4651 5612 or via email events@barc.qld.gov.au.

Road upgrades

Council is currently upgrading the following town streets; Sword and Edkins Streets in Muttaborra, Porter Street in Aramac and Acacia Street in Barcardine. All projects are expected to be completed by 30 June.

Council is also completing works for Transport & Main Roads including Clermont-Alpha Road, Barcardine-Aramac Road and Torrens Creek Road.

Outback Futures

Outback Futures spent from Monday 18 to Friday 22 February 2019 in the Council region. They had a full team of specialists in the region and all appointments for the week were filled.

If you need support, please contact Outback Futures on 0417 703 729.

Sustainability and Resilience Working Group

The members of the Sustainability and Resilience Working Group are planning to have their next meeting in April. Date to be confirmed.

You can now view a video on what the group have been up to and the next steps in the process.

The video updates can be found on the Council website under Community Information.

Liquor Licensing

In October, the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulations answered questions regarding Liquor Licensing at community events. The videos with the questions and her response can be found on the Council website under Community Information. If you have any further questions, please contact the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation directly on 13 74 68 or visit www.business.qld.gov.au/liquor-gaming.

MADBAG Mini Triathlon in Barcaldine | Sunday 24 March 2019

Registrations are now open for the MADBAG Mini Triathlon to be held at the Barcaldine Showground and Swimming Pool on Sunday 24 March 2019.

The MADBAG Mini Triathlon is held in honour of former Barcaldine Regional Council Events Coordinator, Andrea Lingard, who passed away from cancer in 2012. Her dream was to hold a triathlon and the Barcaldine Regional Council now hold the event in her honour.

Why not get a team together or compete as an individual? **You'd be mad to miss it!**

	DISTANCE			RACE DAY SCHEDULE		ENTRY FEES	
	Swim	Bike	Run	Briefing	Race start *	Individual	Team
SPRINT DISTANCE	750m	20km	5km	6.30am	6.45am	\$10.00	\$20.00
MADBAG MINI	400m	10km	2.5km	6.30am	7.00am	\$10.00	\$20.00
JUNIOR MADBAG (8 – 12 years)	100m	2km	1km	7.45am	8.00am	\$5.00	\$10.00
TRI-4-FUN (5 – 12 years)	50m	1km	1km	7.45am	8.00am	Free	Free

* Race start time may vary depending on the number of waves.

Call for volunteers: If you would like to be part of the day but not actually swim, ride, run or walk, there is the opportunity to volunteer your time. Some of the duties include: lap counters, transition area marshall, timing system controllers, finish line observers, water station, cooks for the BBQ, and photographer.

Volunteers will need to be available at 5.45am for a volunteer briefing prior to the Sprint and Madbag Mini briefing starting at 6.30am. At the conclusion of the triathlon, there will be a free BBQ breakfast for all the athletics and volunteers.

Entries close at 4.30pm on Friday 15 March 2019. Entry forms are available from the website, www.barcaldinerc.qld.gov.au or by visiting your local Administration Office. For more information, please contact Angela Waugh, Events and Tourism Officer, on 07 4651 5612 or via email events@barc.qld.gov.au.

Clean Up Australia Day

Change starts here. Please join us for Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 3 March 2019.

Volunteers are asked to meet at the following locations for registration and kit collection:

Alpha: Settlers Park at 8.00am

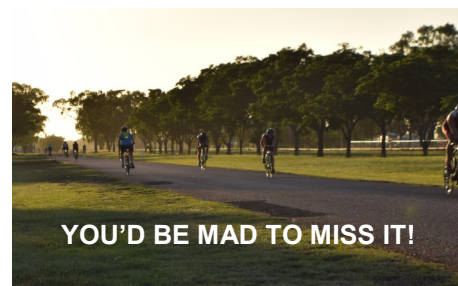
Jericho: Redbank Park at 9.00am

Barcaldine: Barcaldine Town Hall at 7.00am

Aramac: Aramac Showground Pavilion at 7.00am

Muttaburra: Muttaburra Cemetery at 7.00am

To volunteer for Clean Up Australia Day, please register via the Clean Up Australia Day website, www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au, by clicking on 'Join a Clean Up Site' and entering your location into the search. For further information or assistance registering, please contact Angela Waugh on 07 4651 5612 or via email events@barc.qld.gov.au.



YOU'D BE MAD TO MISS IT!

Correction from the February 2019 edition of the Galilee Gazette: The What's on in 2019 stated the incorrect dates for Get Gardening Competition.

The judging is scheduled between Monday 19 to Friday 23 August 2019. The closing date for the nominations is Monday 5 August 2019. Council apologies for any inconvenience caused.

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Alpha 43 Dryden Street 4985 1166 **Aramac** 35 Gordon Street 4652 9999 **Jericho** Darwin Street 4651 4129

Muttaburra 20 Bruford Street 4658 7191 **Website** www.barcaldinerc.qld.gov.au www.facebook.com/BarcaldineRegionalCouncil

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