



At the August General Meeting, Council received a report outlining the 2020-2021 Operational Plan and how council managed to comply with the aims of that plan. One of the only areas where we didn't measure up or complete was our ability to comply with the Department of Environment and Science's laws governing the management of waste landfills. I simply cannot stress loudly or clearly enough, the periodic burning being undertaken by members of the public is not only dangerous but highly illegal and must stop.

There has been relative freedom to access the landfills by all members of the community, 24 hours a day and without charge. This luxury will now be restricted at least temporarily to ensure that to the best of our control the burning ceases. We have been forced to undertake surveillance, both covert and overt, and will seek prosecution through criminal charges for the people who break the law. This is initially planned for the Barcaldine and Aramac Waste Landfills but will be extended to other sites should the need arise.

In more positive news the decision to proceed with the Westech Field Days in early September is a major boost for our local economy and a show of support

for local business and industry. Council will continue to work closely with the organising committee to ensure that this event can proceed to its fullest potential and is an enjoyable experience for both exhibitors and attendees alike.

Town Common fees were reviewed at the August General Meeting and as a result of the review have been decreased slightly from those set in the June Budget. Thank you to those members of the public who provided submissions both written and oral to councillors in this regard.

COVID vaccinations in some communities is exceptional but we need to continue to encourage people to receive their shots as both levels of government have clearly indicated that the only roadmap to restrictions and border closures easing is with high vaccination rates. The need to minimise impacts on our local health system when the virus arrives in the community is critical and whilst the vaccines don't prevent an individual contracting from COVID, it does lower the clinical treatment that is required and the amount of viral shedding that occurs.

Until next time

Sean Dillon
Mayor

SPECIAL HOLIDAYS

Upcoming Special Holidays for the Barcaldine region:

- **8 September 2021** a holiday for the Aramac, Barcaldine and Jericho townships for the purpose of Westech Field Day.
- **2 November 2021** a holiday for the Muttaborra township for the purpose of Melbourne Cup Day.

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OVERVIEW OF COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 18 AUGUST 2021

Below is an overview of the August Council Meeting.

- **Special Holidays 2022:** Council applies for the following Special Holidays for 2022:
 - Alpha and Jericho townships – Alpha Show, Wednesday 18 May 2022
 - Barcaldine and Aramac townships – Friday 30 September 2022
 - Muttaborra township – Tuesday 1 November 2022 for Melbourne Cup Day.
- **Annual Christmas Closedown:** Council approved:
 - a. The closure of Council administration offices and community services from 12.30pm on Thursday 23 December 2021 and reopening on Tuesday 4 January 2022, with only essential staff working between these dates; and
 - b. The closure of Council depots from 12.30pm on Thursday 16 December 2021 and reopening on Monday 17 January 2022, with only essential staff working between these dates.
- **Aramac Bakery – Sale or lease:** Council agreed to list the Aramac Bakery and residence “For sale – entirely or lease – partly or entirely”, by tender.
- **House for sale by tender – Aramac:** That Council offers the house and land at 32 Porter Street Aramac, for sale by tender.
- **Land sale by tender – Aramac and Muttaborra:** That Council agrees to offer 7 Gordon Street, Aramac and 22 Sword Street, Muttaborra for sale by tender.
- **Muttaborra Masonic Lodge – Request for Assistance:** That Council grants \$500 towards the beautification project.
- **The Globe Tourist Lookout Resolution Requirement:** Council:
 - a. Has budgeted for its financial contribution of \$80,000 to the Globe Tourist Lookout Project.
 - b. Is committed to delivering the project and
 - c. Acknowledges responsibility for any funding shortfall if costs or other contributions change.

- **Barcaldine Roll of Honour Board:** Council approves the relocation of the Barcaldine Roll of Honour Board from its current location in the Town Hall Supper Room to the RSL Building at 74 Ash Street.
- **Barcaldine Swimming Pool Operations 2021–2022 Season:** Council awards the lease of Barcaldine Swimming Pool for the 2021–2022 Season to Geoffrey Rafter, trading as Secret Fisherman Pty Ltd, for a monthly fee of \$8,908.00 (GST Exclusive) as tendered.
- **Regional Arts Development Fund Application:** Council accepts the Committee recommendation to approve the application from the Barcaldine Cultural Association for the amount of \$3,387 for the Furniture restoration, upcycling and use of recycled timber workshop.

For full Council minutes or to watch the video of the meeting, please visit www.barcaldinerc.qld.gov.au.



GENERAL MEETING DATES

Upcoming dates for the General Meetings of Council:

- 15 September 2021
- 19 October 2021
- 9 November 2021
- 7 December 2021

All meetings are scheduled to start at 8.30am and will be held at the Barcaldine Council Chambers. Due to the current social distancing requirements, public attendance is not permitted at these meetings. The minutes will be available as soon as possible afterwards and video recordings of the meeting will also be available on Council’s website.



The Muttaborrasaurus found in Muttaborra in 1963 is the most complete dinosaur fossil in Australia. The Muttaborrasaurus lived around 100 million years ago and its remains were discovered by local grazier, Doug Langdon.



MUTTABURRASAUROS INTERPRETATION CENTRE OFFICIAL OPENING

Council and the Muttaburra Community Development Association welcome the community to attend the official opening of the Muttaburrasaurus Interpretation Centre on Saturday 11 September 2021, commencing at 9.30am with morning tea served following the official opening. We would love for you to join us for this special occasion.

This building and internal fit out was developed with the support of the Queensland Government in association with Barcaldine Regional Council.

WET/DRY PLANT HIRE

Council has called its Wet/Dry Plant Hire Approved Contractor List through Vendorpanel Public Tenders. To access this tender, Contractors will need to go to <https://www.vendorpanel.com.au/PublicTenders.aspx> and locate the Council's tender and then select **ACCESS** and then follow the prompts to request to be invited to the tender.

Tenders must be submitted through this tender portal and close on Friday 17 September 2021 at 12.00pm.

If you have any problems, please contact the Barcaldine Administration Office on 07 4651 5600.

WILD DOG BAITING

Council has introduced a user-pay system for wild dog baiting commencing this year.

Landholders will be invoiced for the cost of meat and the time of the Rural Lands Officers.

The details will be explained at the Wild Dog & Weed Management Committee meeting on Friday 17 September 2021.



LED SIGNS

Electronic signs have been installed in each of the communities. The signs will display information on upcoming events, photos and other relevant information for the locals and visitors.



JERICO WORKS UPDATE

The Road Crews are currently working on the emergent flood damage restoration works on the Tumar Road. Please follow the directions of traffic controllers and signage on sites, drive to road conditions and we thank you for your patience as the works are carried out.

The Jericho Water Treatment Plant recently had works completed on the high and low water reservoirs with safety rails being installed last week.



BARCALDINE RACECOURSE

The Town Garden Team has been busy implementing a beautification project at the Barcaldine Racetrack.



ARAMAC WORKS UPDATE

Sealing of the 3km detour was completed on Thursday 12 August 2021 on the Barcaldine-Aramac Road. The detour is now open and fully operational. Works are scheduled to continue on the road until late September, weather permitting.



CRINKLE CREEK DINOSAURS

Five more dinosaurs have been added to the Crinkle Creek Dinosaur collection in Muttaborra. They can be found lurking in a number of garden beds within the community, so be sure to keep an eye out!



ALPHA WATER TREATMENT PLANT WORKS

The Alpha Water Treatment Plant recently had works completed on the high and low water reservoirs with safety rails being installed two weeks ago.



SOLDIERS SILHOUETTES

In honour of our service men and women past, present and future, the community of Aramac and Muttaborra received soldier silhouettes which they have placed in various locations.

Aramac has placed two at the WWI Memorial below the flag pole, one at the WWII Memorial Park gates entrance and one at the entrance of the RSL Section at the Aramac Cemetery.

Muttaborra has placed three soldier silhouettes at the Muttaborra Memorial Hall.



NATIONAL TREE PLANTING DAY

Thank you to everyone who came along and planted a tree on Sunday 1 August 2021 for National Tree Planting Day. It was a great morning with 25 trees planted at the entrance of Aramac on the Barcaldine-Aramac Road, opposite the Freedom of Choice Park. The best day to plant a tree is "any day".

ALPHA TOURISM GRANT SUCCESS

The Alpha District Tourism & Development Association have once again successfully obtained a grant from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF). The grant money, totalling \$33,104.20, will be used to produce 12 historical signs throughout the town of Alpha.

BARCALDINE WILD DOG & WEED MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the Barcaldine Wild Dog & Weed Management Committee will be held on Friday 17 September 2021 commencing at 9.00am in the Council Chambers, 71 Ash Street, Barcaldine.

The proposed agenda is as follows:

- Welcome
- Chairman's Report
- Confirmation of Minutes
- SRLO Report
- October Baiting Campaign and the potential cost to graziers
- Wild Dog Fencing Grants
- General Business

Appointed Divisional Coordinators are asked to attend or arrange for a proxy to attend as important information will be discussed. If you have any issues to raise, please contact your Divisional Leader or alternatively, the Committee Chair, Paul Doneley.



TREKKERS TAKE ON THE LAKE DUNN SCULPTURE TRAIL

Tri-Activ8 from Mackay, along with 20 trekkers and four support crew embarked on the long, dusty 200km trek for five days around the Lake Dunn Sculpture Trail from 14-20 August 2021. The trekkers camped out each night at a spot near a sculpture and enjoyed campfire dinners and storytelling.

During their journey, they raised \$1,600 which will be split between The Shop of Opportunity and the Desert Mob Silver Lining School.

Thank you to all the businesses, property owners and community members who helped this trekking experience happen.

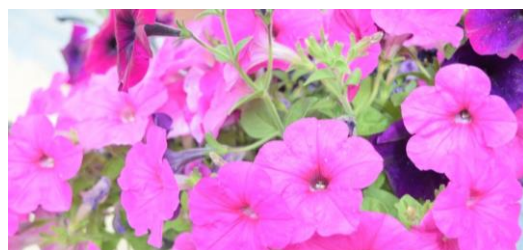
Congratulations to the trekkers for running/walking/biking the loop and their support of the local businesses.

Tri-Activ8 are planning another one next year and you can register your interest at www.tri-activ8.com.au/adventure-trek.



MUTTABURRA AQUATIC CENTRE UPGRADES

Currently, the old pavers are being replaced with concrete around the pool at the Muttaborra Aquatic Centre.



GET GARDENING COMPETITION

Visit the Barcaldine Regional Council exhibition at Westech Field Days at 2.00pm on Wednesday 8 September 2021 for the announcement of the Get Gardening Competition award recipients. Thank you to all the gardens that entered this year's competition.

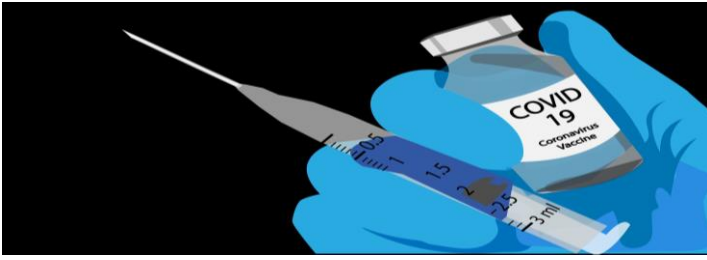


BARCALDINE REC PARK

Work is complete on the new intersection to the Barcaldine Rec Park.

SOLAR LIGHTS

Solar lights have been popping up all around the community of Aramac and Muttaborra in various garden beds and park areas.



COVID VACCINATION DATES

If you have not had your vaccination or you required your second dose please note the following upcoming COVID clinics:

Pfizer Clinic

Alpha, Jericho, Barcaldine, Aramac, Muttaborra and surrounding property residents are invited to attend a Pfizer clinic in Barcaldine and Alpha.

The vaccine is safe, effective and free.

Pfizer is available for everyone aged 12 years and over.

Barcaldine

Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 September 2021 at the Barcaldine Town Hall, 71 Ash Street.

Alpha

Thursday 16 September at the Alpha Hospital, 1 Burns Street.

AstraZeneca Clinic

Barcaldine, Alpha, Jericho, Aramac and surrounding property residents are invited to attend an AstraZeneca clinic in Barcaldine.

The vaccine is safe, effective and free.

The AstraZeneca vaccine is not recommended for people 50 years of age and under. If you are aged from 18 to 50, you can still go ahead with AstraZeneca vaccination and are recommended to discuss with the Immunisation Team or your GP in order to make an informed decision.

Barcaldine

Monday 20 September from 4.00pm to 5.00pm at the Barcaldine Hospital, Oak Street.

Please consider:

- It must be at least 7 days since you had the flu (or other) vaccination.
- If your first dose was Pfizer or AstraZeneca, your second dose must be the same vaccine.

How to book:

Please have the following information ready for each person requiring an appointment:

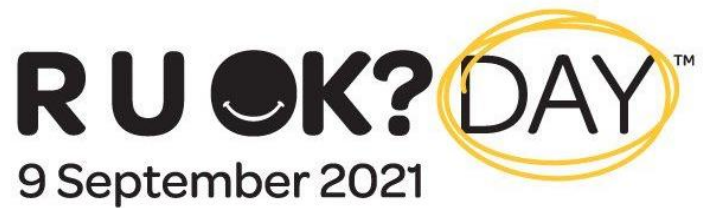
First name, Family name, Email address, Phone number and Town.

Send via email CW-COVAX@health.qld.gov.au or contact the Central West Health via phone 1800 953 703 from 8.30am to 3.30pm on business days* Have Medicare Card/s on hand (if available) for this call.

COVID VACCINATION RATES

Below is the number and percentage of people who are full vaccinated in each community.

Location	Number 2nd Dose	% 2nd Dose
Alpha	276	78%
Jericho	79	54%
Aramac	153	50%
Barcaldine	704	54%
Muttaborra	82	54%



THIS YEAR THE MESSAGE IS: Are they really OK? Ask them today.

Do you know how the people in your world are really going?

Life's ups and downs happen to all of us. So chances are someone you know might be struggling. Your genuine support can make a difference whatever they are facing, big or small.

So, don't wait until someone's visibly distressed or in crisis. Make a moment meaningful and ask them how they're really going.

Are they really OK? Ask them today. Your conversation could change a life.

RU OK? has developed FREE resources to help you encourage everyone in your school, workplace and community to think about who in their world might need to be asked how they're really going and how to make a moment meaningful by asking "are you OK?" These resources are available from www.ruok.org.au.

DOG OWNERSHIP – MICROCHIPPING

All dogs born after 10 April 2009 (for Barcaldine Regional Council it is 1 July 2010), **must** be microchipped:

- a) before they are sold
- b) before they are given away
- c) if they are a regulated dog regardless of when they were born.

Microchips may be implanted only by a vet or other authorised implanter. When your animal is implanted with a microchip, the implanter must provide the microchip's unique number, the animal's information and your contact details to a licensed registry service.

It is your responsibility to make sure these records are kept up to date. When the microchip is read or scanned (harmless to animals) it shows the microchip number which is linked to information about the animal, including its owner and the owner's contact details. This information is important if your animal is lost or impounded. Details can be found on the paperwork given to you by the person who microchipped the cat or dog.

Once a microchip has been implanted it can be removed only by a veterinary surgeon and only if it's in the animal's best interests.

NOTE: Having your dog microchipped DOES NOT mean it is registered with local Council.

Any queries please do not hesitate to contact Council's Local Laws Officer at the Barcaldine Administration Office on 07 4651 5600.

BARCALTINE SHOWGROUND

Just a reminder that the Barcaldine Showground will be closed for venue hire and camping until Saturday 11 September 2021 for Westech Field Days. Access is still allowed via foot traffic from Wednesday 25 August to Saturday 4 September 2021.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Job Number	Job Title	Location	Employment Type	Closing Date
BARC131	Pool Attendant and Lifeguard	Muttaburra	Casual	Wednesday 1 September 2021 at 11.30pm
BARC127	Plant Operator- Excavator	Alpha	Full Time	Sunday 5 September 2021 at 11.30pm
BARC128	Plant Operator- Loader	Aramac	Full Time	Sunday 5 September 2021 at 11.30pm
BARC130	Pool Attendant and Lifeguard	Aramac	Casual	Wednesday 1 September 2021 at 11.30pm
BARC132	Cleaner	Barcaldine	Full-Time (12 month Contract)	Wednesday 8 September 2021 at 11.30pm

Current vacancies with links to the application platform can be found at <https://www.barcaldinerc.qld.gov.au/about-council/employment>.

For more information, please contact Human Resources on 07 4651 5614 or via email hrm@barc.qld.gov.au.



WATER SAVING TIP

Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth and save 30268 litres of water a year

WATER SAVING TIPS FOR INSIDE THE HOUSE

- Turn the tap off while you clean your teeth, shave or soap up before washing your hands. This can save up to 9 litres a minute.
- Take 4 minute showers. Cutting your shower time from 7 to 4 minutes will save up to 36 litres of water.
- When rinsing dishes or washing fruit, part-fill the sink instead of running the water. A kitchen tap uses about 9 litres a minute.
- Select water-efficient appliances when replacing any that use water. For example, if you need a new washing machine, think about buying one with 4-star WELS Scheme rating or better.
- Only wash clothes when you have a full load.



REGIONAL EVENTS

Below is a snapshot of upcoming events in our region. To view a list of events in our region, please visit Council's website.

- Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 September: Westech Field Days at the Barcaldine Showground.
- Friday 10 to Sunday 12 September: Muttaborra Campdraft.
- Saturday 11 September: Jericho Tourism Association – Markets at the Jericho Information Centre commencing at 9.30am.
- Saturday 11 September: Official opening of the Muttaborrasaurus Interpretation Centre commencing at 9.30am.
- Friday 10 September: Alpha Rugby League Football Club – The Alpha Brumbies Awards Night at the Alpha Town Hall commencing at 6.00pm.
- Sunday 12 September: Barcaldine Rifle Club Shoot at the Barcaldine Rifle Club commencing at 8.00am
- Friday 17 to Sunday 19 September: Barcaldine Campdraft at the Barcaldine Showground.
- Saturday 18 September: Alpha District Tourism & Development Association – Alpha Spring Markets at the Alpha Information Centre commencing at 8.00am.
- Saturday 18 September: Barcaldine QCWA Markets at the Village Green commencing at 8.00am.
- Saturday 18 September: Alpha Horse & Pony Club Inc. – Open Sporting Gymkhana at the Alpha Showground commencing at 9.00am.
- Monday 20 September: National Recovery and Resilience Agency – Community Outreach Events at the Muttaborra Memorial Hall commencing at 9.00am.

- Monday 20 September: Australia's #1 Whip Cracking Entertainer – Nathan "Whippy" Griggs at the Muttaborra Pub commencing at 7.30pm.
- Tuesday 21 September: National Recovery and Resilience Agency – Community Outreach Events at the Aramac Town Hall commencing at 9.00am.
- Tuesday 21 September: Great Western Play and Stay Musical Tour 2021 at the Alpha Golf Club commencing at 6.30pm.
- Wednesday 22 September: National Recovery and Resilience Agency – Community Outreach Events at the Barcaldine Showground commencing at 9.00am.
- Thursday 23 September: National Recovery and Resilience Agency – Community Outreach Events at the Alpha Town Hall commencing at 9.00am.
- Friday 24 to Sunday 26 September: Barcaldine Campdraft at the Barcaldine Showground.
- Sunday 26 September: Barcaldine Rifle Club Shoot at the Barcaldine Rifle Club commencing at 8.30am
- Saturday 2 October: Royal Flying Doctor Service – Lake Dunn Field Day at Lake Dunn commencing at 9.30am.
- Saturday 2 October: Barrels 4 A Cause – Tits N Bits Charity Ball at the Alpha Racecourse commencing at 5.00pm.
- Sunday 3 October: Aramac Touch Football Association and Aramac Community Development Association – Best in the West Touch Football Competition at the Aramac Showground.
- Saturday 9 October: Jericho Tourism Association – Markets at the Jericho Information Centre commencing at 9.30am.
- Sunday 10 October: Barcaldine Rifle Club Shoot at the Barcaldine Rifle Club commencing at 8.00am.

Save the date:

Saturday 18 December: Jericho Public Christmas Tree.

ALPHA CAMPDRAFT

As a sponsor of the Alpha Campdraft, we would like to congratulate the Alpha Rodeo Association and their volunteers on running a successful draft in August. Even though it has been a couple of years since being able to hold one, it was a great few days. Congratulations to the competitors that competed. Without you all the Campdraft would not have gone ahead.