



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Council approved two significant development applications at the July Council Meeting. The first related to the Barcaldine Rec Park with approval of a minor change to the Development Permit for Material Change of Use for the development. This is the final planning approval required to enable Council to complete the infrastructure works prior to opening the facility.

The second approval is for the development of new visitor accommodation at Yarran Road, Barcaldine. This million-dollar project will offer additional accommodation to visitors in the form of campsites and cabins combined with an indigenous tourism experience.

I attended and spoke at the official opening of the Barcaldine Aged Care Residential Village on Friday 9 July 2021. I was joined by the Member for Maranoa The Hon David Littleproud MP, the Barcaldine Aged Care President Garry Bettiens and Kerry Thompson who performed the Acknowledgement of Country along with committee members, residents of the village and community members. It was an honour to be a part of the opening of this community-driven facility. The Barcaldine Aged Care Committee should be

extremely proud of the facility and years of fundraising they have undertaken to create this asset. I would like to commend them on raising over a million dollars through fundraising activities.

I attended the Local Government Waste Management (LAWMAC) forum in Barcaldine along with Councils and waste management businesses from around Queensland. This is the first time that the group has met in the Central West and the visitors were impressed with the hospitality that they received while in attendance.

A couple of events that will see visitors to our region included the Bush Councils Convention in Barcaldine from Tuesday 3 to Thursday 5 August 2021 and the Long Drive for Drought who will be staying overnight in Jericho on Monday 30 August 2021.

With the recent alert regarding a possible COVID positive person travelling to the Central West, it is a timely reminder to:

- stay home if you are unwell
- get tested if you experience even the slightest symptom
- keep your distance
- maintain effective hand and surface hygiene
- adhere to the cough etiquette
- get vaccinated
- check in with the Check In QLD QR code for every visit at every venue – no excuses.

Until next time,

Sean Dillon

Pictured L-R: The Hon David Littleproud MP, Garry Bettiens and Cr Sean Dillon at the opening of the Barcaldine Aged Care Residential Village.

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GENERAL MEETING DATES

Upcoming dates for the General Meetings of Council:

- 18 August 2021
- 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.

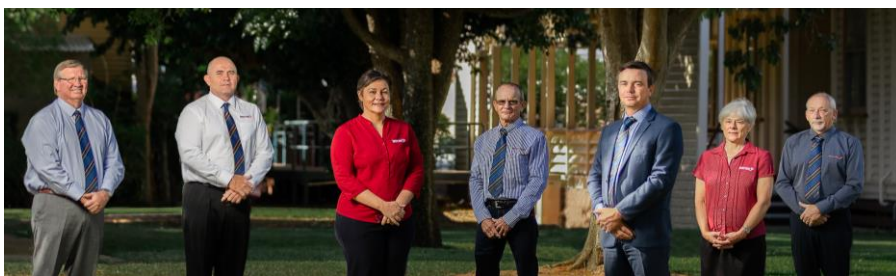


2021 PUBLIC AND SPECIAL HOLIDAY

Upcoming gazetted 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 Muttaborra township for the purpose of Melbourne Cup

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



OVERVIEW OF COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 21 JULY 2021

Below is an overview of the July Council Meeting.

- **Review of the Financial Assistance Grants allocation methodology:** Council agrees to be a party to the Western Queensland Alliance of Council's final submission to the Queensland Local Government Grants Commission review into the methodologies underpinning grant funding allocations under the Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants scheme and authorises the Chief Executive Officer to provide feedback on the draft submission.
- **Review of the sustainable funding options for stock route network:** Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to provide feedback to AEC on the draft report into Sustainable Funding Options for Stock Route Network.
- **Minor Change to Development Approval - DA491748:** Council approves the Change Application (Minor Change) relating to DA491718, being a Development Permit for Material Change of Use for Outdoor Recreation located on the Landsborough Highway at Barcaldine on land described as Lot 9 on SP297069.
- **Development Approval – Yarran Road Barcaldine:** Council approves the Development Application (application number: DA202021) and a Development Permit for Material Change of Use for Visitor accommodation (64 Campsites, 20 Cabins, Manager's Residence and Associated Buildings and Structures) located at Yarran Road, Barcaldine, formally described as Lot 6 on RY69, Lot 911 on RY190 and Lot 910 on RY190 be granted, subject to the currency period.
- **Funding Request - Water Safety and Drowning Program:** Council approves an unbudgeted financial contribution of \$10,000 towards the Water Safety and Drowning Prevention Program.
- **Regional Arts Development Funding Committee:** Council accepts the new committee members, Kate Birse, Emma-Lee Filer-Cottee, Vanessa Howard and Joanne Wells; to the Regional Arts Development Fund committee for the period of 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2023.

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



BARCALDINE LIBRARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

During the first week of the June/July holidays, our School Holiday Program saw the library come alive with our very own Lego Masters. The children had to create their "empire" over a two day period. Anthony from the TV Reality Show Lego Masters joined us via Zoom and spoke to each of the children, encouraging them to continue with their passion and judged each project. It was a very close competition with Charlotte Sibley-Walsh taking out the final award.

In the second week of the school holiday program a two day workshop was held to commemorate NAIDOC Week. As part of the workshop, participants had to:

- Create a unique Acknowledgement of Country
- Create or paint a banner recognising what's important to them in Barcaldine

With thanks to Ashley Taylor who kindly donated her time to host the workshop and thanks to those who attended the workshop.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS

The National Recovery & Resilience Agency will be holding Community Outreach Events in September. Drop in any time and have a chat to find out what support is available for farmers, farm workers and your community. Free Rotary BBQ.

- Monday 20 September: Muttaborra Memorial Hall
- Tuesday 21 September: Aramac Town Hall
- Wednesday 22 September: Barcaldine Racecourse
- Thursday 23 September: Alpha Town Hall

The events are held from 9.00am to 1.00pm.

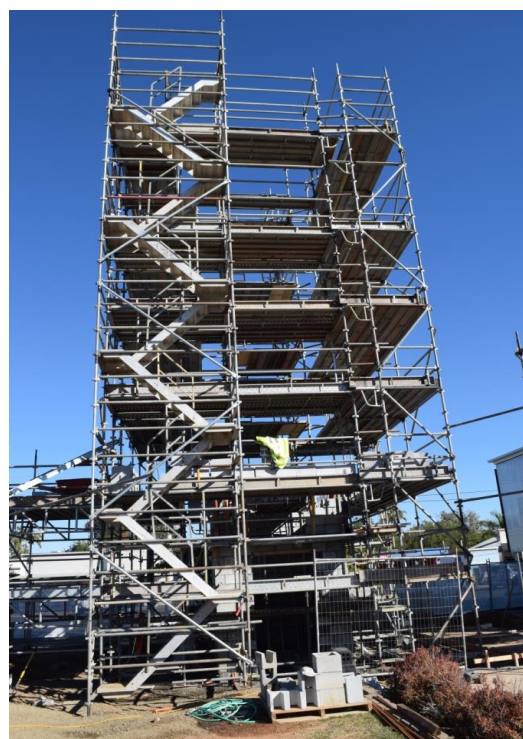
JERICHO TOURISM COFFEE MACHINE

The Jericho Tourism Committee have recently purchased a brand new coffee machine and are selling coffees for **\$3.00 a cup**. What a great addition to the town. This is located at the Jericho Tourism building and is available every day.

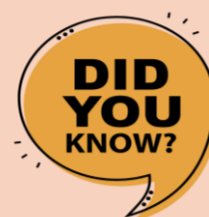


NEW GARDENS IN ALPHA

Construction of new garden beds at the front of the Alpha Community Care Services as well as mulching at the parks and the cemetery has been completed.



Construction has commenced on the Globe Viewing Tower, Barcaldine.



The Back Creek Bore, 38km east of Barcaldine, was the first artesian bore in Queensland.



BARCALDINE-ARAMAC ROAD

The Barcaldine-Aramac Road has been sealed and is now open to all traffic.



ARAMAC CEMETERY WORKS

Works are near completion in the new lawn section of the Aramac Cemetery. Concreting of the headstone runners is complete and turf will be laid in the coming weeks.



VENUE HIRE

All hirers who hire a Council venue are reminded that all food items are to be removed from the venue (including cold rooms and fridges) upon completion of hire. If any food is found upon inspection of the venue it will be disposed of and a cleaning fee invoiced to the hirer.



ALICE RIVER BRIDGE

Landsborough Highway (Blackall – Barcaldine)

Update on traffic conditions

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is advising motorists that current traffic restrictions at the Alice River Bridge on the Landsborough Highway near Barcaldine **will remain in place until October 2021, including single lane and 40km/hr restrictions.**

From early August 2021, motorists will see works underway near the bridge to construct a side-track.

The side-track is expected to be operational in October 2021. At this time, traffic will be moved to the side-track to enable the start of rehabilitation works on the bridge.

Motorists are reminded to be aware of these traffic conditions and to follow the direction of traffic control and signage at this location.

For more information, please contact TMR in Barcaldine on 07 4651 2777 during business hours or email barcaldine.office@tmr.qld.gov.au

NATIONAL FARM SAFETY EDUCATION FUND: IMPROVING FARM SAFETY PRACTICES

Applications have opened for the National Farm Safety Education Fund: Improving Farm Safety Practices grants program.

Under the program, the Australian Government has opened applications for up to \$1.6 million in grants for activities that improve farm safety outcomes across Australia.

Unfortunately, 1 in 5 workplace fatalities happen on a farm, and finding ways to get safety messaging out there on to farms is paramount to saving lives and improving health and safety.

These grants will go to projects that deliver well-designed, fit-for-purpose and adaptable safety training and education.

In 2019, there were 133 on-farm injuries and 58 on-farm fatalities. Australian farmers only make up 2.6 per cent of Australia's workforce, but they count for 21 per cent of workplace fatalities.

For eligibility, terms and conditions, guidelines and application forms, please visit <https://www.grants.gov.au> and <https://www.communitygrants.gov.au/grants/national-farm-safety-education-fund>. Applications close at 9:00 PM AEST on 11 August 2021.

DOG REGISTRATION

Under the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008 all dogs (town and rural) in Queensland over the age of 12 weeks must be registered with your Local Government. The only exception is those dogs that fall under the description of “working dogs” (rural area).

Failure to do so will incur a unit Infringement Notice for each Unregistered Dog of \$276.70.

Only two (2) dogs and two (2) cats are permitted per designated household OR 1 dog/cat per unit. Approval for any additional cats must be obtained from Council. No additional dogs are permitted.

All dogs must be registered with Council and failure to do so will incur a 2 penalty unit Infringement Notice for each unregistered dog.

Cats are not required to be registered.

Renewal Notices (1 year or 3 years expired 30 June 2021)

Renewal notices were issued in early July 2021 to customers who registered their dog with Council, to the last advised postal address. If you have not received your notice, please contact your local Council Administration Office.

Registrations are due and payable by Friday 20 August 2021.

Application fees for 2021/2022 are:

- 1st Dog Entire - \$57.00
- 1st Dog Desexed - \$32.00
- 1st Dog Desexed & Microchipped - \$62.00
- 2nd Dog Entire - \$67.00
- 2nd Dog Desexed - \$37.00
- 2nd Dog Desexed & Microchipped - \$72.00
- Rural Dog - MUST be kenneled on land outside the designated animal control area - \$22.00
- Replacement registration tag - \$5.00
- Regulated Dog, Dangerous - \$520.00
- Regulated Dog, Menacing - \$166.00

Application forms are available from any local Council Administration Office or Council's website.

BARCALDINE SWIMMING POOL OPERATIONS

Applications are invited for a contractor to operate the Barcardine Swimming Complex for the next swimming season, commencing 1 September 2021 and concluding on 30 April 2022. This is subject to Council's success with an application to upgrade the facility.

Application details are available from the Council's Barcardine Administration Office or website, www.barcardinerc.qld.gov.au.

Applications close on Monday 16 August 2021 at 12.00pm.



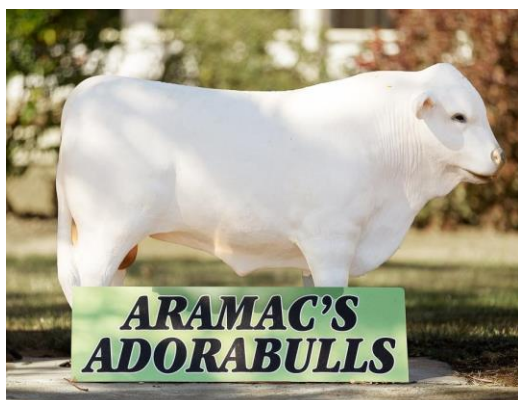
REFUSE COLLECTION

Council would like to remind residents that collections for residential customers is one (1) x 240 litre wheelie bin per household per week. Should you wish to have more than one bin collected on a service day an application can be made to Council. Please note there is an additional charge for this service request.

Collections for business customers vary according to the needs of the business. For further queries on the number of collections and service days please contact the Barcardine Administration Office on 07 4651 5600.

To help Council maintain a quality service, residents are asked to position their bin correctly for the automatic handling operation (e.g. the handle and wheels of the bin are closest to your house, one metre away from obstacles). For business houses, schools, churches the bins all need to be placed together but allowing a little space between bins for the operational handles.

Bins should be out ready for collection at 6.00am of the morning of service day and then returned to your yard prior to 6.00pm on the same day. Bins not out by this time may not be collected. Large bulky items that do not permit the bin lid to close or excessively heavy items should not be placed in the bin. Bins that become split and cracked may also not be serviced.



ADORABULLS

Council has received wonderful feedback in regards to the Adorabull trail around the community so we have decided to add to the herd. Four more Adorabulls are being ordered. Discussions will be held in regards to their locations and we are brainstorming name suggestions. Please contact the Aramac Administration Office to submit your most creative and “punny” names.



QRL COMMUNITY CLUB OF THE YEAR

Barcaldine Regional Council would like to congratulate the Barcaldine Sandgoannas on their nomination and being named QRL 2021 XXXX Community Club of the Year. In 2021 alone, the Club has raised more than \$20,000 for local charities; especially for Western Breast and the Jenny Lockie Group, who help local families needing assistance with travelling for medical treatment and other areas of concern in financial hard times. Barcaldine is also Queensland’s nomination in the NRL Community Awards Club of the Year category which will be announced next month. Council wishes them the best of luck. The full story is available on the Queensland Rugby League website.

WATER WISE TIPS FOR LAWN CARE

Follow these tips to grow a healthy lawn without wasting valuable water.

Know your grass: When planting or laying grass for the first time, make sure you choose one of the many warm-season varieties available. A variety of commercially available grasses are suitable for the Queensland climate and are water-efficient.

Water only when needed: The greatest waste of water comes from applying too much, too often—much of it runs off.

Signs that your grass is ready for irrigation include the following:

- the grass changes colour
- the soil below is difficult to penetrate using a sharp object
- your grass doesn’t spring back after being walked on.

If you observe bright-green patches in your grass or the presence of fungus (toadstools) or moss, you may be overwatering.

Only mow when necessary: To prevent grass from drying out, keep it mowed at least 3cm high. This will minimise evaporation from the soil underneath and ensure the roots are sheltered from the harsh sun. Avoid mowing during the hottest part of the day.

Regularly check your mower blades for wear, as grass will lose less water if it is cleanly cut rather than torn by blunt blades.

Lightly fertilise: If you are fertilising your lawn, use small amounts of an organic fertiliser as this requires less water after application than a chemical fertiliser. Apply fertiliser during the spring and summer months when there is higher rainfall and the grass is actively growing.

'BURRA BACK UP

On Saturday 17 July 2021, Muttaborra hosted the first ever 'Burra Back Up Championships. It was a great day with many spectators and competitors from near and far. Dinner and the Old Timers Dance was also a hit after the great afternoon of reversing fun!

The winners were:

- 1st Prize: Chris Wentworth (sponsored by Barcaldine Regional Council - \$500 and trophy)
2nd Prize: Richard Owers (sponsored by Clark Rubber Rockhampton - Swag)
3rd Prize: John Bird (sponsored by Fulcrum Suspension Rockhampton - \$250 Voucher)
4th Prize: Sid Trevaskis (sponsored by Jayco Mackay - \$250 Voucher)

Wooden Spoon: Sioux Janke (\$50 Voucher to Exchange Hotel Muttaborra - Jacky Whitby)

Other prizes during the event included:

- Best Bloody Laugh: Jenny Wentworth (sponsored by Fulcrum Suspension Rockhampton - \$100 Voucher)
Best Domestic: Ross & Lyn Smith- (sponsored by Exchange Hotel \$50 Voucher- Kiss 'n make up dinner for two)
Best Dummy Spit: Ken Robinson (2 bottles of wine - Donated)
Best Fancy Dressed: Kaye Merrin (sponsored by A Hayden Pty Ltd - \$40 Voucher)

Encouragement Awards:

- Ron Millard - Morning Tea at Rivers & Roads Cafe
- Kim Cumiskey - Lunch at Muttaborra Shop & Fuel

Congratulations to all the competitors and the Muttaborra Community Development Association for all their hard work.



Kerry Robinson, Paula Coulton and first prize winner, Chris Wentworth.

REGIONAL EVENTS

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

- Saturday 14 August: Jericho Tourism Association - Markets at the Jericho Information Centre commencing at 9.30am.
- Saturday 14 August: Barcaldine Cultural Association - Cent Sale at the Barcaldine Town Hall commencing at 12.00pm.
- Sunday 15 August: Barcaldine Rifle Club - Shoot at the Barcaldine Rifle Club commencing at 8.00am.
- Sunday 15 August: Alpha Horse & Pony Club Rally Day.
- Thursday 19 to Monday 23 August: Barcaldine Cultural Association - Furniture Restoration, Upcycling & Use of Recycled Timber Workshop at Ken Wilson Pavilion, Barcaldine Showground.
- Saturday 21 August: QCWA - Markets at the Village Green commencing at 8.00am.
- Sunday 29 August: Barcaldine Rifle Club - Shoot at the Barcaldine Rifle Club commencing at 8.30am.
- Friday 3 and Saturday 4 September: Barcaldine Prep-12 State School - Cutloose The Musical at the Barcaldine Town Hall.
- Saturday 4 September: Alpha Rugby League Football Club - The Alpha Brumbies Awards Night at the Alpha Town Hall commencing at 6.00pm.
- 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.



BARCALDINE REGION LOCAL GIFT CARD

“AN INITIATIVE TO KEEP MONEY LOCALLY”

WLT FAST FACTS

HAS BEEN IN OPERATION SINCE 2007

A SMALL BUSINESS FOUNDED IN NARRABRI, NSW

SPECIALISES IN SUPPORTING LGAs AND BUSINESS CHAMBERS TO PROMOTE LOCAL BUY

OPERATING IN 60 DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES, COVERING OVER 150 DIFFERENT POSTCODES

OVER 170,000 CARDS SOLD

OVER \$11.5M IN LOADED CARDS SOLD—THAT’S OVER \$11M INJECTED INTO LOCAL BUSINESSES!

OVER THE PAST 2 YEARS—IN EXCESS OF \$5.1M TOTAL

\$1.3M IN LOADED CARDS WERE SOLD IN DECEMBER 2020 ALONE - THAT’S \$40 LOADED EVERY MINUTE!

IN THE PAST 2 YEARS THE WLT NETWORK HAS ALSO DISTRIBUTED RELIEF FUNDS IN EXCESS OF \$1M FOR THINGS LIKE DROUGHT, BUSHFIRES AND COVID-19

SHOP LOCAL FACTS

EVERY \$100 SPENT LOCALLY HAS A LOCAL IMPACT OF \$180

SHOPPING LOCALLY HELPS TO GENERATE LOCAL JOBS, BUILD LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENSURES PRODUCTS CAN BE ACQUIRED LOCALLY



“WHAT IS THE BARCALDINE REGION LOCAL GIFT CARD?”

Using Why Leave Town’s (WLT) Gift Card Program, it’s an EFTPOS based system (currently excludes Square Readers) aimed at keeping money within communities by encouraging people to shop locally in the Barcardine region.

Cards can be purchased at a select number of stores that we call “Load Up Stores”. They can also be purchased online through the WLT website.

There are no additional fees for businesses to participate, apart from their normal banking transaction fees.

When a customer decides how much money to load onto the card—anywhere between \$10 and \$1,000—and this money can then be used to make purchases in any participating store in the Barcardine region. The card will NOT be able to be used outside of the participating stores or the region. This means that every time one of these cards is purchased, the MONEY STAYS LOCAL!”

HOW DO I GET MY BUSINESS INVOLVED?

It’s easy to become involved and the sooner you join the sooner you reap the rewards of your community supporting local business. Everybody wins!

The Barcardine Region Local Gift Card forms part of a larger “Buy Local” program through partner Why Leave Town, who support businesses and councils around Australia by encouraging communities to think local first.

There will also be a wide range of marketing collateral available for you to download and use in your own social media or advertising campaigns.

WHAT YOU NEED TO PARTICIPATE:

All you need is an EFTPOS machine to reap the benefits. It’s a normal EFTPOS transaction!

To get involved in this program or to find out more information please contact Barcardine Regional Council on 07 4651 5612.