



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Hello to you all,
I look forward to seeing you at the Community Engagement Forums in November. This is your opportunity to speak directly to Councillors or staff and share your thoughts. The forums are being held at:

Barcaldine – Monday 8 November 2021

9.00am to 10.00am: Kyneton, Narbethong Road
5.30pm to 6.30pm: Barcaldine Town Hall, 71 Ash Street

Muttaborra – Wednesday 10 November 2021

2.00pm to 3.00pm: Kensington Downs, Beryl Road
5.30pm to 6.30pm: Muttaborra Memorial Hall, 15 Bruford Street

Alpha – Monday 15 November 2021

2.00pm to 3.00pm: Cronulla, Craven Road
5.30pm to 6.30pm: Alpha Town Hall, 8 Tennyson Street

Jericho – Tuesday 16 November 2021

2.00pm to 3.00pm: Summerdell, Blackall Road
5.30pm to 6.30pm: Jericho Town Hall, 45 Darwin Street

Aramac – Wednesday 17 November 2021

2.00pm to 3.00pm: Lake Dunn, Ballyneety Road
5.30pm to 6.30pm: Aramac Town Hall, 50 Lodge Street

All residents are welcome to attend.

Until next time,

Sean Dillon
Mayor

2022 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Nominations are now open for the 2022 Australia Day Awards.

The Barcaldine Regional Council Australia Day Awards celebrate the achievement and contribution of individuals and community groups in our region. These awards are an opportunity to publicly acknowledge those who have made an outstanding contribution or an exceptional achievement. If you know of a person or community group dedicated to making the Barcaldine region a better place, help us recognise their efforts and nominate them for a 2022 Australia Day Award.

Award categories:

- > Citizen of the Year
- > Young Citizen of the Year
- > Community Event of the Year
- > Head Yakka Champion
- > Volunteer Awards
- > Sports Award
- > Young Sports Award
- > Cultural Award

Nominations close at 12.00pm on Friday 17 December 2021.

For any further information on a matter raised in the Galilee Gazette or to obtain forms, please contact your local Council Administration Office or visit the Council website.

CONTACT US

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■ **JERICHO:** 8 Darwin Street | 07 4651 4129

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SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Below is an overview of the Special Meeting of Council on Monday 27 September 2021.

- **Construction of Recycled Water Pipeline:**
Barcaldine: Council:
 - a) amends the budget and increases the total allocation for the Recycled Waste Water Pipeline Project to \$626,000 and
 - b) accepts the tender from Capricornia Plumbing and Drainage Pty Ltd for the construction of a recycled waste water pipeline for an amount of \$611,604.05 (excluding GST).

OVERVIEW OF COUNCIL MEETING

Below is an overview of the October Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19 October 2021.

- **Road Conditions:**
 - a) Barcaldine Regional Council acknowledges the concerns raised by residents and road users in the Aramac and Muttaborra districts, relating to the condition of the rural roads;
 - b) Barcaldine Regional Council acknowledges to all ratepayers, its awareness of its responsibility to maintain the roads (a critical part of the community's/Council's asset base) to an acceptable standard;
 - c) Council directs the Chief Executive Officer to provide a report to the next General Meeting of Council, outlining the additional resources (including financial, if any) required to immediately improve the most critical safety concerns on roads in those areas; and
 - d) Council directs the Chief Executive Officer to provide a report to the December General Meeting of Council detailing:
 - (i) The additional ongoing resources (including financial, if any) that will be required to maintain these roads to an acceptable standard annually; and
 - (ii) If the adopted road classifications and levels of services guidelines policy has been enacted and utilised to guide maintenance.

- **Burdekin Dry Tropics – RPMSA:** Council endorses the Approach.
- **Rural Roads Register:** Council adopted the revised Barcaldine Regional Council Rural Roads Register.
- **Urban Roads Register:** Council adopted the revised Barcaldine Regional Council Urban Roads Register.
- **Queensland Beef Corridors Project:** Council continues to participate in the Queensland Beef Corridors Mayors Roundtable and agrees to contribute \$12,100 to the Queensland Beef Corridors Project.
- **Building Better Regions Fund – Barcaldine Swimming Pool:** correspondence tabled from the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources advising that the application for funding for the Barcaldine Swimming Pool upgrade was unsuccessful.
- **Tender – Wet and Dry Hire of Plant and Equipment – VendorPanel:** Council accepts the complying individual tender submissions for Wet and Dry Hire of Plant and Equipment and places the suppliers on its Approved Contractors List.
- **Tender – 7 Gordon Street, Aramac:** Council does not agree to sell L5 SP152777, 7 Gordon Street, Aramac for the sum of \$2,000.
- **Tender – 22 Sword Street, Muttaborra:** Council agrees to sell L2 RP606229, 22 Sword Street, Muttaborra to David Wedgwood for the sum of \$4,000 (including GST).
- **Tender – 32 Porter Street, Aramac:** Council agrees to sell L2 SP152776, 32 Porter Street, Aramac to John Cook for the sum of \$40,000 (excluding GST).

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:

- Tuesday 9 November 2021
- Tuesday 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.



COUNCIL TENDERS

Council has commenced using VendorPanel Public Tenders to call all medium to large tenders. This will include major flood damage works, civil construction work and major building work.

All suppliers are now encouraged to register their interest in the categories and the locations that they wish to receive tenders. Once you have registered, you will receive notification of any tenders called in the category/categories that you have selected.

Visit <https://www.vendorpanel.com.au/PublicTenders.aspx> to register your interest.

RATES ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE

If you are finding it difficult to make payments on your rates or other Council fees and charges, please know that there are options available. Council offers ratepayers the opportunity to pay rates by instalments. Instalments can be made on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis to help ease the amount owing when rates notices are due.



ALPHA DIP YARDS

The Alpha Dip Yards double loading ramp will be closed from Friday 5 November 2021 due to works being completed and will reopen once works are finished. Signage will be in place. Stock can still be unloaded and loaded on the single ramp near the creek.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Alpha's Rural Lands Officer on 0429 851 342.

JERICO'S DUST DEVILS

Congratulations to the Jericho Dust Devils Team on fundraising over \$27,000.00 and finishing third on the teams' leader board for the Endeavour Foundation. The team competed in the Simpson Desert Adventure for Great Endeavour Rally from 7-16 October, where they started in St George, travelled through various small towns and finished at Charleville. What a fantastic achievement and a great adventure for the Jericho Dust Devils!

A little bit about the Endeavour Foundation: the money that is raised for the Great Endeavour Rally goes towards providing choices, opportunities and personalised support for people living with disability.

A great cause to be a part of. Well done to all the teams and individuals for making this possible.



The Dust Devils: Vanessa and Jason Howard, Sandi Ford and Lenny Warren.



At the recent Community Outreach Events, approximately \$180,000 in financial support was received by residents of the Barcaldine region. The financial support was provided by four organisations - Rotary, Drought Angels, Rural Aid and QCWA.



FESTIVAL OF SMALL HALLS

Thank you to the musicians, Kelly Brouhaha and Darren Hanlon and the Small Halls team, for providing the community of Alpha with their personal performances of their songs and a couple of well-known hits. It was a great taste of different and familiar musical genres. Everyone who attended really enjoyed the night. Also, thank you to the Alpha District Tourism & Development Association for cooking a great sausage sizzle. We look forward to the next visit to the region.



REGIONAL ARTS FUND QUICK RESPONSE GRANTS

The final round of Quick Response Grants in 2021 will be open for applications from 1 - 30 November. Successful applicants will be notified of round outcomes on 7 December. The Grant will open again for applications in February 2022.

Visit <https://flyingarts.org.au/raf/quick-response-grants/> for more information.

COUNCIL WEBSITE

If any business, community group, church or school wish to update their information for Council's website, please complete a *Declaration of Information for Council Publications* form and submit it to Council.



HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE CULTURAL POLICY

Barcaldine Regional Council is reviewing its Cultural Policy and we welcome your comments and suggestions on the document. The Cultural Policy is available on Council's website.

This is your opportunity to help shape the creative arts, culture and heritage in our towns. The public consultation period runs until Monday 22 November 2021.

You can provide your feedback via an online form on Council's website, mail your comments to PO Box 191, Barcaldine QLD 4725 or email council@barc.qld.gov.au.

REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND

Arts Queensland partners with Barcaldine Regional Council to support quality arts and cultural experiences in the region through the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF).

RADF 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 the local community.

RADF supports arts and cultural activities that:

- provide public value for Queensland communities
- build local cultural capacity, cultural innovation and community pride

RADF guidelines, an application form and more information are available on Council's website or by contacting our RADF Liaison Officer, Angela Waugh on 07 4651 5612 or events@barc.qld.gov.au.

The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Barcaldine Regional Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.



BARCALDINE ELDER OLYMPICS

On Friday 1 October 2021, the Barcaldine Elder Olympics was held at the Barcaldine Tennis Club which coincided with International Day of Older Persons. The participants competed in several different events and it was a great day for all involved.



POPPY SCULPTURE

The poppy sculpture that was originally placed in the customer service area of the Aramac Administration Office has now been moved to the Respected and Remembered Memorial and seating area in the Aramac Memorial Park.

The Red Poppy: respecting and remembering men and women who paid the supreme sacrifice on the battlefield and post war.

The Purple Poppy: remembering all the animal victims of war that have died during World Conflicts.

The White Poppy: respecting and remembering military and civilian men, women and children who have fallen to the trauma of suicide.



TRAMWAY SIGNS REFURBISHED

Recently, signs from the Aramac Tramway Museum were sent away to be refurbished. They have come back looking brand new and are back at their original location.



GOAT DISPLAY

The next proposed display in the history room at the Barcaldine Visitor Information Centre will be on the history of goats in Barcaldine. If anyone has any images of goats, goat racing, stories or information that they would like to share, please contact the Barcaldine Visitor Information Centre on 07 4651 1724.

EQUIPMENT BOOKINGS

Christmas and New Year

As the hire of tables and chairs is very popular over this period, bookings will close at 12.00pm on Monday 13 December 2021 for Barcaldine residents. Bond, hire fee and booking forms must be received by this date.



CELEBRATING RECONCILIATION GRANTS

Reconciliation grants are now open.

Grants of up to \$15,000 are available to support local and regional National Reconciliation Week events across Queensland.

Applications close 17 December 2021.

Visit www.qld.gov.au/recgrants for more information.



NEW ABLUTION BLOCK

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has completed the new Ablution Block at the Truck Stop located on the Clermont-Alpha Road across from the Alpha Showground. A great place for all the truckies that pull up there for a rest.



BARCALDINE SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX

Barcaldine Swimming Pool opened on Monday 13 September 2021 for the 2021/2022 Season.

Season passes are available from the Pool Lessee (cash or EFTPOS). To check out what is happening at the pool check out their Facebook page.

If you have any queries please contact Pool Lessee Geoff Rafter on 07 4651 1146 during opening hours.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Job Number	Job Title	Location	Employment Type	Closing Date
BARC146	Heavy Vehicle Mechanic Apprenticeship	Barcaldine	Full-time (4 years)	Tuesday 16 November 2021 at 11.30pm
BARC147	Administration Officer Traineeship	Aramac	Full-time (12 month Contract)	Tuesday 16 November 2021 at 11.30pm
BARC149	Administration Officer Traineeship	Alpha	Full-time (12 month Contract)	Tuesday 16 November 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.

ALICE RIVER BRIDGE

Landsborough Highway (Blackall – Barcaldine): Side-track in use

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) advises that traffic on the Landsborough Highway at the Alice River Bridge near Barcaldine will be moved to a sealed, two-lane side-track.

The two-lane side-track will be in use from Wednesday 13 October 2021.

Moving traffic to the side-track further supports rehabilitation works on the bridge which are expected to be completed by mid-2022.

The side-track will operate with a speed restriction of 60km/hr.

Motorists are reminded to be aware of these traffic conditions and to follow the direction of traffic control and roadworks 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.



BARCALDINE PALLET CHRISTMAS TREE PROJECT

Christmas is just around the corner and it's time to take your Christmas Tree out of storage and spruce it up in time to display in front of your business from 1 December.



QUEENSLAND PRIMARY PRODUCERS – FIRE, IT'S A RESPONSIBILITY

As fire season fast approaches, it is important to be prepared. Be sure to check and prepare all necessary fire equipment, first aid and emergency kits, PPE, have an evacuation plan etc. For rural properties, ensure boundaries are graded, firefighting units are in good condition, generators and radios are in working order, back burn when necessary etc.

Planning for a Fire

The difference in fuel can dramatically affect the spread of fire, the flames structure, fire duration and intensity of fires.

As a primary producer, completing a fire Management Plan as part of your property plan is essential in planning for the fire season.

Lighting Fires

The permit to light a fire is free. To apply for a permit, contact your local fire warden or RFS Area Officer by visiting, <https://www.qfes.qld.gov.au/about-us/frontline-services/rural-fire-service>

If there is a fire on your land, it becomes your responsibility to control it as best as you can and prevent it from spreading to other properties. Rural Fire Brigades are there to help.

How to apply for a Permit

Follow these steps before submitting your application.

- Contact your local council to see if you can have a fire and if so, do you require written permission from the council.

- Contact the owners/occupiers of the land adjoining the property where you wish to light a fire and advise them of your intention to apply for a permit.
 - 72 hours notification may be seen as a reasonable amount of time in populated areas, however this timeframe may not be appropriate in rural primary production areas. The timeframe is at the discretion of the Fire Warden.
 - Record the time you contact them on the application form and also note if they have or have not objected.
 - If the neighbours do have an objection, they should contact the local Fire Warden.
 - If you cannot contact the owners/occupiers, note this in the application form.
- Complete both sides of the application form.
- Contact your local Fire Warden to submit your application.

Fires that do not require a permit

Provided adequate precautions are taken to prevent the spread of fire, the following fires may be lit without a permit except where such fires are not allowed under a local law for part or all of a local government area:

- A fire in which neither the height, width nor length of the material to be consumed exceeds two metres.
- A fire lit outdoors for the purpose of cooking and warmth, if enclosed in a fireplace that is constructed to prevent the escape of fire or any burning material.
- A fire lit for the purpose of burning the carcass of a beast.

Remember, your fire, your responsibility.



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GET READY

The best way to help emergency services this severe weather season is to make sure you're prepared.

Get ready for the upcoming severe weather season by:

- Step 1: Know your risk
- Step 2: Make an emergency plan
- Step 3: Pack an emergency kit

Preparing your home helps emergency services return to theirs sooner.

For more information, visit getready.qld.gov.au.

BUILDING WORK

Shady Character

Council has received a few queries as to whether a Building Permit is required for a Shady Character type structure.

If the size of the structure is over 10m², yes, a Building Permit is required.

To lodge an application with Council the following is required:

- DA Form 2
- QBCC Insurance – if engaging a builder and work is over \$3300
- Owner Builder Permit (if applicable) – work is over \$11,000 and not engaging a builder
- QLeave Receipt (if over \$150,000 or greater)
- Siting Variation Approval (known as Relaxation of Setback) [if applicable] – check with the Town Planning Scheme if the location complies with the guidelines set.
- Plans – site, elevations, framing, bracing, tie-downs and design, structural engineers drawings and certificates
- Application Fees – Lodgement Fee + Assessment Fee + Inspection Fees (2021/2022 Financial year total = \$731.00)

Restumping

Council has received a few queries about whether or not a Building Permit is required for the restumping of a dwelling.

If you are:

- a) Replacing all stumps at a dwelling – yes, a building permit is required
- b) Replacing a few stumps each month over the course of several months – yes, a building permit is required

To lodge a Restumping Development Application with Council the following is required:

- DA Form 2
- QBCC Insurance – if engaging a builder and work is over \$3300
- Owner Builder Permit (if applicable) – work is over \$11,000 and not engaging a builder
- QLeave Receipt (if over \$150,000 or greater)
- Site Plan
- Solis Classification Report
- Structural footing and stump design by a Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland (RPEQ)
- Restumping Layout Plan
- Application Fees – Lodgement Fee + Assessment Fee + Inspection Fees (2021/2022 Financial year total = \$1115-50)

If you have any building queries please do not hesitate to contact Council's appointed Building Certifiers Jason Burger or Mark Slater on 07 4651 5177.



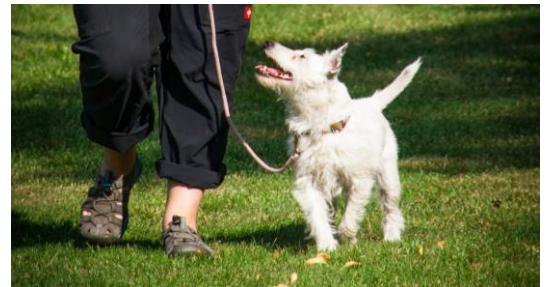
BIOSECURITY REGISTRATION

Do you own livestock, horses, poultry or pigeons, or beehives? Make sure you're registered with Biosecurity Queensland as a biosecurity entity.

Registration helps Biosecurity Queensland to keep you informed in a pest or disease emergency.

If you're already registered – make sure you've renewed and that your details are up to date.

To register, renew or for more info go to <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/livestock/biosecurity-entity-registration>



WALKING YOUR DOG

Council would like to remind all dog owners when walking a dog:

- The dog is to be on a leash at all times, except in the designated 'dog off-leash area'
- The dog is to be under effective control of someone who can handle the dog
- Dog owners are requested to carry a 'dog faeces bag' to clean up after your dog

Failure to adhere to these requirements may result in an Infringement Notice (2 penalty units / 1 Unit = \$137.85) being issued.



MUTTABURRA MUSEUMS

With tourist season coming to an end, it is fair to say that the Barcaldine Regional Council staff in Muttaborra did an outstanding job interacting and showing tourists around the wonderful community of Muttaborra, through the museums and providing great camping experiences. A few words from recent tourists.

- The museum volunteer provided a wonderful service and was full of praise for Council's wisdom and foresight in supporting local historical tourism. These sort of services and facilities have encouraged us to stay much longer than planned.
- To the Council, community, volunteers and residents - It was our first visit ever in the town. We are just amazed by all the beautiful experiences here! Such lovely people, so welcoming to tourists.
- Thank you Muttaborra, what a friendly town! Plenty of things to do to keep us here for a week instead of the two days as planned.

For guided tours during summer, please contact Marg on 0409 453 685, Fiona on 0428 587 125 or 07 4658 7467 or Anthony on 0457 302 126. Donations are appreciated.

COUNCIL FOOTPATHS

Display of merchandise

Any business wishing to display shop merchandise on Council's footpath requires a permit from Council. The current application fee is \$27 (12 month permit). Approved permits are to be displayed at the business during operational hours.

Advertising signage

The following information is provided for businesses or individuals wishing to place a small advertising sign on a Council controlled footpath.

Do I need building approval?

No, building approval is not required for a small A-frame sign on the footpath.

Do I need Department of Transport & Main Roads approval?

No, provided the following criteria is met:

- the placement of a footway sign shall not cause a safety hazard to other traffic (e.g. pedestrians and cyclists)
- Footway signs shall have a maximum height of 1.5m, a maximum width of 1.0m and a maximum depth of 1.0m.
- limited to two signs per premises
- permitted only during trading hours
- located directly outside the premises they refer to
- Footway signs shall relate only to the services or products that may be obtained on the premises.

Do I need a permit from Council?

No, a permit is currently not required from Council. However, for customers wishing to have footpath dining; place shop merchandise on the footpath; have a street stall, information booth or sell raffle tickets, a permit is required from Council.

YOUNG TOURISM LEADERS PROGRAM

Young Tourism Leaders (YTL) program provides the opportunity for influential young role models working in Queensland's tourism industry to inspire the next generation to consider a career in tourism, and we're on the hunt for the next round of leaders!

In 2022, YTLs from across the state will work to champion career opportunities in the Queensland tourism industry. Through active school and tertiary education engagement, these YTLs will share their personal and professional journeys, highlight career pathways and promote the diverse careers available to young people looking to make a decision on their first step into the workforce.

Nominations are now open and will close on Monday 8 November.

To find out more, visit www.youngtourismleaders.qld.gov.au.



LOUD SHIRT DAY CELEBRATIONS

The community of Aramac got loud on Friday 22 October 2021 in support of local girl, Emily Geltch and the Hear and Say Foundation. A BBQ Breakfast was held on the front lawn of the Aramac Town Hall. Prizes for best dressed were won as well as raffles, an auction and baked goods were on sale at the cake stall. All proceeds were donated to the Hear and Say Foundation. The White Bull wore his Loud Cape during the week and will continue to wear it until the end of October. The Barcaldine Regional Council employees are proud to support this great cause and get behind a local family.

REGIONAL EVENTS

Below is a snapshot of upcoming events in our region. A full list of events is on Council's website.

- Thursday 11 November: Remembrance Day Service in Aramac at the Aramac Memorial Park Gates – WWII commencing at 10.45am.
- Saturday 13 November: Barcaldine Rifle Club Break Up at the Barcaldine Rifle Club.
- Saturday 20 November: Catholic Christmas Fair at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School commencing at 6.00pm.
- Saturday 20 November: Alpha Learn to Swim – Halloween Dive-In Movie at the Alpha Swimming Pool commencing at 6.30pm.
- Saturday 20 November: Aramac Community Development Association – Christmas Party in the park.
- Saturday 27 November: Alpha District Tourism & Development Association – Bingo at the Alpha Town Hall commencing at 9.00am.
- Saturday 4 December: Jericho Tourism Association – Multi-Draw Raffle at the Jordon Valley Hotel.
- Saturday 4 December: Rotary Club of Barcaldine and the Australian Workers Heritage Centre – Barcaldine Community Christmas Tree Party at the Australian Workers Heritage Centre commencing at 6.00pm.
- Saturday 4 December: Alpha Christmas Tree at the Alpha Golf Club.



BIGGER & BLACKER

"Leave your judgement at the door..." This is cabaret as you've never seen it before!

Bigger & Blacker is a comedy cabaret guaranteed to get you laughing, thinking and shimmying in your seats. Steven Oliver, the star of ABC's hit television series Black Comedy, is fabulous in this must-see production, based on his own life.

Bigger & Blacker combines comedy and contemplation with reflections on love and loss and a candid look at the downside of fame. You're guaranteed a fun night out!

\$20.00 per adult. Age Suitability: 18+.

Muttaburra

Wednesday 10 November 2021 | 7.00pm

Muttaburra Memorial Hall, 15 Bruford Street

Tickets available from

<https://bigger-blacker-muttaburra.eventbrite.com.au>.

Aramac

Thursday 11 November 2021 | 7.00pm

Aramac Town Hall, 50 Lodge Street

Tickets available from

<https://bigger-blacker-aramac.eventbrite.com.au>.

Tour supported by the Touring Queensland Fund and arTour, initiatives of the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland. Presented in partnership with La Boite, Sydney Opera House and W Lance Reynolds.