



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Hello to you all,

The first official event at the Barcaldine Rec Park was a fantastic success with glowing praise for the facility and the welcoming nature with which the visitors were received by locals. Mixed success for local businesses but an overall buzz of activity at the lake and considerable support for community groups from the visitors ensured overall a very successful occasion.

The Rec Park is a new and exciting community asset, provided by and for all residents for an untold number of uses and recreational pursuits. It is important that all users and visitors ensure that the facility remains free of antisocial behaviour and that respect for other people and their activities is maintained and promoted at all times. There is no exclusive ownership extended over the lake, although large events can apply for the lake to be closed for the duration of their activity. Council has gazetted a wet area allowing for the consumption of alcohol, but this needs to occur in a manner which doesn't impact on other users in a negative way in order for the situation to remain.

Preserving and maintaining the pristine nature of the

facility as well as a positive user experience will be key if the relatively relaxed operational plan/access is to continue. I ask all residents to assist with this endeavour as we seek a positive, vibrant future for our community utilising this world class facility. Council has called for Expressions of Interest in operating the Rec Park Canteen/Kitchen Facility. This will be an exciting opportunity and more will be communicated when we gauge the interest in this endeavour.

The Federal Government announced a third round of their Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program, which council has submitted a number of projects to. These essential road and showground upgrades would have been years away in terms of proceeding without this key external funding. All communities are receiving upgrades to either the Showground or Recreation Ground and road upgrades to the Jericho-Aramac, Narbethong and Drummond Slopes Roads will ensure road safety initiatives can be accelerated. Our thanks to the Federal Government for this proactive funding which improves community assets and maintains job creating opportunities.

The ICPA State conference will be held in Blackall this year, marking the 50th anniversary of the first State Conference. Council recognised the tremendous work achieved by the ICPA in advocating and lobbying for improved educational opportunities for children in rural and remote areas and has committed a small donation to assist with the running of this important conference. All the best to those delegates attending this event and for their future lobbying.

Cheers,
Sean Dillon

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.

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OVERVIEW OF COUNCIL MEETING

Below is an overview of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15 February 2022.

- **Tender – Acacia Street Bore:** Council awards the tender for the Acacia Street Bore Upgrade to Waterdrill Australia Pty Ltd for the price of \$777,529.00, including \$75,000 allocation for electrical installation as this was the lowest cost, conforming tender.
- **Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program – Phase 3 – Funding:** Council lodges an application to the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program for funding for the following projects:
 - a. Alpha Showground upgrade – \$160,000
 - b. Aramac Harry Redford Centre air-conditioning – \$50,000
 - c. Aramac-Jericho Road bitumen seal – \$900,000
 - d. Aramac Swimming Pool upgrade – \$60,000
 - e. Barcaldine Town Hall floor and external wall – \$230,000
 - f. Barcaldine Showground upgrade – \$250,000
 - g. Drummond Slopes Road upgrade – \$48,332
 - h. Jericho Showground upgrade – \$50,000
 - i. Muttaborra Recreation Ground upgrade – \$100,000
 - j. Muttaborra Swimming Pool upgrade – \$85,000
 - k. Narbethong Road bitumen seal and floodway – \$400,000
 - l. Rural Addressing signage – \$100,000
 - m. Aramac Recreation and Camping Ground upgrade – \$50,000
 - n. Public Rest Areas upgrades – \$100,000.
- **Tender – Wet and Dry Hire of Plant and Equipment:** Council receives the letter from G & D Ballard Investments Pty Ltd and agrees to include the company on Council's Approved Contractors List.
- **Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program Funding:** Council lodges an application to the Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program for funding for the following projects:
 - a. Town entrance beautification – \$240,000 (Total Cost \$400,000)
 - b. Council housing upgrades – \$240,000 (Total Cost \$400,000).
- **Asset Disposal Policy:** Council adopts the new Asset Disposal Policy.
- **Tree Management Policy:** Council adopts the new Tree Management Policy.
- **Tender – Water:** Council to apply for 80 megalitres of unallocated water from the Great Artesian Basin General Reserve at a cost of \$1,420 per megalitre.
- **Development Application Fees – Request to Waiver:** Council agrees to waive the Barcaldine Senior Rugby League Club development application fees to the amount of \$1,676.50.
- **Tender – Bitumen Supply for Capricorn Highway Widening:** Council awards the tender to Boral Resources (QLD) Pty Ltd for the price of \$486,659.22
- **Government Employee Housing:** Council authorises the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to negotiate the sale of land in Aramac to the Department of Energy and Public Works.
- **Barcaldine Rec Park Lease:** That Council calls for Expressions of Interest to Lease the Kitchen/Canteen Facility at the Barcaldine Rec Park with cleaning of amenities and upkeep of lawns and gardens in the immediate area included as part of the lease.
- **Alpha District Tourism & Development Association – Request for Assistance:** Council considers the request as part of its budget deliberations.
- **2022 Australia Day Awards Recipients:** Council acknowledges the recipients of the 2022 Australia Day Awards.
- **Isolated Children's Parents' Association Queensland Inc. – Sponsorship Request:** Council agrees to sponsor the Isolated Children's Parents' Association Queensland Inc. State Conference in Blackall on 8 and 9 June 2022 to the value of \$500.

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



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO LEASE KITCHEN/CANTEEN BARCALDINE REC PARK

Barcaldine Regional Council is calling for Expressions of Interest to Lease the Kitchen/Canteen at the Barcaldine Rec Park. To be included as part of the lease is the cleaning of the amenities (daily in the peak season and as required in the off peak season) and upkeep of lawns and gardens in the immediate vicinity of the building.

Expressions of Interest close on Friday 18 March 2022 at 12.00pm.

Expressions of Interest can be emailed to tenders@barc.qld.gov.au or posted to:

Private and Confidential EOI
Barcaldine Regional Council
PO Box 191
Barcaldine Qld 4725

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the Barcaldine Administration Office on 07 4651 5600.

OVERGROWN LAWNS

With the recent rain leaving our region looking like something from a postcard, some privately owned properties are in an overgrown state.

The fast-growing grass means staying on top of lawns is no easy feat but Council is encouraging the community to work with us to keep lawns looking spick and span over summer.

As well as visual disturbances, overgrown lawns pose health risks and impact Council operations with the influx of complaints in relation to vegetation on these properties.

Residents are also encouraged to exercise patience with their neighbours as they work to tackle their lawns and keep them maintained.



The solar panels at the Acacia Street Bore in Barcaldine produced 14.5 MWh of power in January 2022, with a carbon offset of 10.0 tonnes or the equivalent of planting 257 trees.



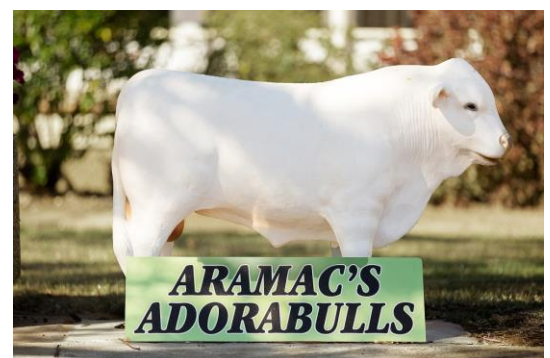
GENERAL MEETING DATES

Upcoming dates for the General Meetings of Council:

- Tuesday 15 March 2022
- Tuesday 12 April 2022
- Tuesday 17 May 2022
- Tuesday 14 June 2022 (budget adoption)
- Tuesday 12 July 2022
- Tuesday 16 August 2022
- Tuesday 13 September 2022
- Tuesday 11 October 2022
- Tuesday 15 November 2022
- Tuesday 6 December 2022

All meetings are scheduled to start at 8.30am and will be held at the Barcaldine Council Chambers.

The minutes will be available as soon as possible afterwards and video recordings of the meeting will also be available on Council's website.



ARAMAC ADORABULLS

The four new Adorabulls have been installed at their chosen locations. The names will be announced shortly.

The Adorabull originally located at the Principal's residence, Princabull, was donated back to Council. He will also be installed at his new location which is still to be determined.

ALPHA PHONE BOOK, EMAIL CONTACT LIST AND RURAL ADDRESSING UPDATE FORM

Alpha and Jericho residents would have recently received an updating information form for the Alpha and Jericho Area. The Alpha Administration Office is collating the information to update our Alpha and Jericho Area phone book, email contact list and to update our Rural Addressing Directory. If anyone didn't receive this form and wishes to have their information in the Alpha/Jericho phone book or to be added to the email contact list please contact the Alpha Administration Office on 07 4985 1166 and we will send you a form to complete.

If you have received a form please fill in the applicable sections to you on this form. If we don't receive the form back your information will not be placed in the phone book and email list.

The form needs to be returned to the Alpha Administration Office by Monday 7 March 2022. All information collated will take place as of the 4 April 2022.

ROAD RESEAL

From Monday 7 March 2022, several roads will be undergoing reseals. Visit the website to view the schedule of works. Please follow the directions of traffic controllers.



ARAMAC SHOWGROUND NAME CHANGE

The caravan park and sporting fields in Booker Street, Aramac, will be renamed to the Aramac Recreation and Camping Ground.

ALPHA AND JERICHO AREA WORKS UPDATE

The Road Crews and Contractors are currently working on the 2020 flood damage restoration works on the:

- Minnamoora Road
- Narounyah Road
- Degulla Road
- Hobartville Road
- Forrester Road
- Monklands Road
- Tango Road
- Pebbley Creek Road

The Capricorn Highway between Alpha and Emerald has major Main Roads works taking place and there are some detours in place. There are two different jobsites; one is completing the shoulder widening and the other is upgrading the culverts ahead of the shoulder widening.

There are contractors also completing emergent works on the:

- Texas Road
- Dunrobin Road
- Clunievale Road
- Jericho-Aramac Road

If you are travelling on any of these roads 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.



WHY LEAVE TOWN GIFT CARD

Not sure what gift to give to that special somebody, why not buy a Why Leave Town gift card. With 48 participating stores within the Barcardine region, they will have a lot of choices as to where to spend the money. You can register your gift card, check the balance or see the participating businesses at <https://www.whyleavetown.com/>.

For businesses not registered for the program but would like to join, please contact the Community Engagement Coordinator on 07 4651 5612.



ARAMAC AND MUTTABURRA AREA WORKS UPDATE

Upcoming and completed works in the Aramac and Muttaborra area:

- Flood damage works are ongoing on the Jericho-Aramac Road and Reedy Creek Road.
- Barcaldine-Aramac Road shoulder grading has commenced.
- Grading was completed on Ilfracombe Road where a fuel truck was boggy a few weeks ago.
- Slashing of the Aramac-Muttaborra Road has now been completed.
- Slashing of Aramac-Torrens Creek Road is completed to halfway (60km).
- Works at Aramac Caravan Park to provide extra powered sites is underway with a gravel pad and loam area completed.
- The old shower block and kitchen at the Aramac Showground have been removed.
- New signs are to be erected at the Muttaborra boat ramp in the coming weeks.



CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR IN A PUBLIC PLACE

Under the Liquor Act 1992 Section 173C and 173D, Barcaldine Regional Council designates a public place known as Barcaldine Rec Park located on land described as Lot 9 on Plan SP297069 area 47.71ha located at 1 Kurrajong Drive, Barcaldine a Wet Area for the Consumption of Alcohol:

Alcohol may be consumed between the hours of 10.00am and 10.00pm at the designated area.

Please note that to consume alcohol at the Barcaldine Rec Park you must be 18 years and over.



MUTTABURRA POOL AND SPA

The bubbles at the Muttaborra Spa are back up and running after being inoperable for the last few months.



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).

Over the years, several initiatives have been supported through the RADF program including mosaic workshops, theatre productions, furniture restoration and a variety of painting classes.

Check out the guidelines on Council's website to see if you are eligible for funding for your next workshop or activity. The funding is open all year round so you can apply at any time.

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.

COPING WITH COVID



With so much information about COVID available, we can easily feel confused, anxious or overwhelmed. Here's a few tips to help you care for your wellbeing at this time.

DETOUR →

1

Do Not Disturb

Information overload is draining and can impact our sense of wellbeing. So it can be useful to set boundaries on the amount of COVID-related information you read or listen to each day.

5

Adapt and Be Flexible

Remind yourself it's likely there will be disruptions to your daily life. When we're expecting change, we have a better chance of reducing the stress and anxiety of adapting our plans. Prioritise the things you can control, and be kind to yourself and others while processing what is out of your hands.

2

Choose Your Source

Choose to get your information from 1 or 2 trusted sources. This might include government health organisations or your local media. Managing your information consumption lowers your chances of being confused or overwhelmed by lots of information.

6

Kind Trumps Correct

Remind yourself that healthy relationships are more important than winning arguments. Whether online or in person, staying connected with family and friends can be challenging when differences of opinion arise. Although our perspectives may vary, setting boundaries around conversation topics will help prioritise connection over conflict.

3

Proactive Planning

Take time to think through and plan what to do if you or someone you live with tests positive to COVID. Planning ahead can help you feel less anxious or worried. Government health organisations have online resources to help you plan.

7

Fill Your Cup

Managing your stress or anxiety can be as simple as going for a walk outdoors or finding some quiet time to debrief with a trusted friend. Making time in our schedule for relaxing activities or hobbies plays an important role in taking care of our wellbeing.

4

A Helping Hand

Think about how you might be able to care or support neighbours, family, friends or workmates who are sick. One small act of thoughtfulness can remind someone they are not alone, and it can boost your own sense of connectedness.

8

Check In With Yourself

Look out for ways you might be struggling with your wellbeing and mental health. Take note of how you're feeling, reflect on how you're responding to people and circumstances, and think about your thoughts and self-talk. Please speak up and ask for support if you're struggling.



KEEPING OF ANIMALS

A reminder to residents who wish to keep an animal in town a permit is required from Council. Some of those animals are listed below:

Horse or Donkey:

A horse or donkey is prohibited on an allotment with an area less than 4000m².

A density of animals over the age of 6 months to which this applies that is greater than 1 animal per 4000m².

Cow or Bull:

A cow or bull over the age of 6 months.

A density of animals over the age of 6 months to which this applies that is greater than 1 animal per 4000m².

Poultry, Duck or Goose:

15 or more.

Pig

A pig/s is not permitted to be kept within the designated animal control area.

Bees:

A hive on an allotment with an area less than 4000m² (see Code of Practice for Urban Bee Keeping in Qld 1998).

Cats:

More than 2 cats over the age of 12 weeks.

Sheep, Goat, Alpaca or Llama:

A density of animals over the age of 6 months to which this applies that is greater than 1 animal per 2000m².

Please refer to Council's Local Laws for information on what animals require a permit and if your property is within the Designated Animal Control area.

The permit only applies for the animal and the parcel of land listed on the approved permit. Any breaches of the permit the animal owner will receive a warning notice or an Infringement Notice or for continual breaches, the permit will be revoked (if permit is cancelled or revoked the animal will be required to be removed from the property within seven business days).

Failure to hold the necessary permit will result in a 2 Penalty Unit Infringement Notice for each animal held without a permit. If you do not own the land, owner's consent is required and if more than 1 owner, an application for each owner must be submitted. Application Fees and conditions do apply. Application forms are available from any Council Administration Office or Council's website.

Any queries please do not hesitate to contact Council's Local Laws Officer on 07 4651 5600.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Job Number	Job Title	Location	Employment Type	Closing Date
BARC160	Construction Supervisor	Alpha	Full-time	Sunday 6 March 2022 at 11.30pm
BARC161	Plant Operator - Excavator	Alpha	Full-time	Sunday 6 March 2022 at 11.30pm
BARC162	Plant Operator - Roller	Alpha	Full-time	Sunday 6 March 2022 at 11.30pm
BARC163	Labourer	Aramac	Full-time	Sunday 6 March 2022 at 11.30pm
BARC164	Labourer - Relief Plant Operator	Aramac	Full-time	Sunday 6 March 2022 at 11.30pm

Please apply online at <https://www.barcaldinerc.qld.gov.au/employment>.

All applications must be submitted through the Council website.

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



REGIONAL EVENTS

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

- Saturday 5 March 2022: World Day of Prayer at the Barcaldine Uniting Church commencing at 10.00am.
- Sunday 6 March 2022: QCWA Barcaldine Branch - Community Meeting and afternoon tea at the QCWA Hall commencing at 3.30pm.
- Saturday 19 March 2022: Trivia Night hosted by the Alpha Rugby League Football Club at the Alpha Town Hall from 6.30pm.
- Saturday 26 March 2022: Race Day hosted by the Alpha Jockey Club at the Alpha Racecourse commencing at 11.00am.
- Saturday 2 April 2022: Poker Night hosted by the Alpha Rugby League Football Club at the Alpha Town Hall commencing at 6.30pm.
- Tuesday 5 April 2022: Alpha District Tourism and Development Association – General Meeting at the Tivoli Theatre Museum commencing at 5.00pm
- Saturday 9 April 2022: Autumn Markets hosted by the Alpha District Tourism and Development Association at the Alpha Information Centre commencing at 8.00am.
- Saturday 23 April 2022: Home game for the Alpha Rugby League Football Club at the Alpha Showground commencing at 5.00pm.



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Step up to clean up. Join us at a clean up site in your local community.

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

Saturday 5 March 2022

Aramac: Aramac Showground, Booker Street, Aramac at 5.00pm

Sunday 6 March 2022

Alpha: Settlers Park, Moore Street, Alpha at 8.00am

Jericho: Redbank Park, Lyon Street, Jericho at 8.00am

Barcaldine: Rob Chandler Park, 71 Ash Street, Barcaldine at 7.00am

Muttaburra: Jubilee Park, Edkins Street, Muttaburra at 7.00am

Following the Clean Up, refreshments will be served.

Recommended items to bring: Hat, sunscreen, covered footwear, gardening gloves and bottle of water.

To volunteer for Clean Up Australia Day, please register via the Clean Up Australia Day website, www.cleanupaustriaday.org.au, by clicking on 'Join a Clean Up Site' and entering your location into the search.



HISTORY ROOM DISPLAY

The Barcaldine Visitor Information Centre periodically puts together displays on the history and culture of our region. We are currently researching Outback Cuisine and would love contributions from all of our five towns.

The topics will include:

- Favourite family recipes and the story behind them
- What is the weirdest thing you have eaten in the Outback?
- Traditions around food i.e. Special things on special days.

Please contact Kylie Owens on 07 4651 1724 or via email at tourism@barc.qld.gov.au to discuss the display or to contribute.

A goat display is currently on exhibition in the History Room. Take the time to visit the centre and learn about the history of goats in Barcaldine.