



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Hello to you all,

2022 has started off with a variation on a continued theme, more COVID impacts. This time however we are seeing the first genuine and sustained case numbers in our respective communities. Up until the point of publication, this has by and large been managed in an "at home" environment, and we hope that this can continue.

Council has recommenced its budget deliberations. One outcome has been to consider the opening of the Alpha Showground to tourists for overnight stays (when the facility isn't being used for events). Council will be making a decision on this at the February General Meeting, if approved the fee will be the same as the Barcaldine Showground, \$32/night.

There has been a continuation of the substandard power supply issues that I have raised in earlier editions of this Gazette especially for residents of Alpha and Muttaborra (who have also had serious communication issues as an extension of the problems). I have continued to make direct representation on the matter, but can I please ask that those who are affected to lodge direct

complaints with Ergon on 132 296 as the number of complaints will help drive improved funding allocations to upgrade and safeguard our power supply. I share the frustration of those affected and won't rest until we see a normal power supply restored on a permanent basis. Can I say from the outset though a large thank you to the local crews who battle day and night, good weather or bad to provide emergency repairs and restoration. Your work is fantastic and we would be in an infinitely worse situation if it wasn't for your presence.

Road upgrades and flood damage restoration works will be continuing throughout the council area. In some cases this will lead to extended travel times so please be patient as we work to restore (or upgrade) the roads around the region. This may also extend the maintenance times for some roads, if you have information regarding an issue please direct your concerns to the local offices for attention by our works staff.

On a closing note, it has been fantastic to witness the huge numbers of people enjoying the Barcaldine Rec Park. With hundreds of attendees from a broad area all attending and enjoying, the extra numbers of visitors to our town has been great for local businesses. Council is currently considering an appropriate fee structure to allow users to assist with the maintenance of the facility and for the exclusive use of parts or all of the lake. Should you have a thought on this please don't hesitate to contact a councillor with your opinion.

Cheers
Sean Dillon, Mayor

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 18 January 2022.

- **Council Chambers – COVID Vaccination:**

- a. Council designated the Barcaldine Regional Council Chambers located in Barcaldine as a fully vaccinated venue with authorised access for an unrestricted number of people who can verify that they have received two doses of the COVID-19 vaccination or who have a legitimate medical exemption and
- b. In the event that any person is required to enter who is not fully vaccinated, then the venue will revert to a limit of 20 persons and
- c. This policy is to take effect from 12.00am Wednesday 19 January 2022 and remain in place until revoked by resolution of Council.

- **Roads Response to Council:**

1. Council obtains a quote for road maintenance in conjunction with all flood damage works and wherever possible, road maintenance is performed at the same time as flood damage is completed.
2. Council prioritises the bitumen sealing and/or gravelling of problem sections of the Aramac-Jericho Road commencing at the Aramac end.
3. Council engages contractors to perform road maintenance and flood damage works at the furthest distance from Aramac and that the Aramac works crews performs works closer to Aramac and Muttaborra.
4. Council develops a specific strategy for managing road maintenance on black soil roads and that road maintenance funding is allocated to implement the strategy.
5. Council installs "Drive to prevailing conditions" signs at each end of Local Roads of Regional Significance, Category 1 and Category 2 roads.
6. Council upgrades rural road addressing signage to a consistent standard across the region.
7. Council secures accommodation in Muttaborra when works crews are required to perform road maintenance works in the Muttaborra area.

- **Enterprise Risk Management Framework:** Council adopts the revised Barcaldine Regional Council Enterprise Risk Management Framework.

- **Barcy Red Opening:**

1. The Acting Chief Executive Officer is authorised to open the Barcy Red Bike Trails on the Barcaldine Town Reserve, after signage is installed and
2. Determines that the Trails are not a road as defined under Schedule 4 of the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995*.

- **Building Better Regions Fund – Round 6:** Council to lodge an application to the Building Better Regions Fund – Round 6, for the upgrade of the Barcaldine Swimming Pool for a total estimated cost of \$6 million and a Council contribution of \$200,000.

- **Organisational Structure:** Council endorses the Acting Chief Executive Officer to consult with the staff regarding the draft Barcaldine Regional Council Organisational Structure with feedback to be provided to Council ahead of approval and implementation by 30 June 2022.

- **Muttaborra Men's Shed:** Council continues to consult with the committee on alternative venues for use by the Muttaborra Men's Shed.

- **Barcaldine Rec Park Hire Fee:** Council adopts a fee of \$143.00 per day, with conditions as per the schedule of Fees and Charges 2021-2022, for hire of the canteen facility at the Barcaldine Rec Park with separate access arrangements to be determined by the Acting Chief Executive Officer prior to 30 June 2022.

- **Opera Queensland – The Sopranos:** Council agrees to host the Opera Queensland tour of The Sopranos in Barcaldine in May 2022 at a cost of \$8,000 plus in-kind support and charges a ticket price of \$20 for adults and \$10 per child.

- **Queensland Country Racing Awards – Sponsorship:** Council agrees to sponsor the Queensland Country Racing Awards on Saturday 5 February 2022 for \$1,500.

- **Barcaldine Water Sports Association:** Council confirms that the Barcaldine Water Sports and Recreation Club Incorporated was established to provide water sport activities at the Barcaldine Rec Park which is owned by Barcaldine Regional Council and that the Club has been instrumental in planning initiatives for the facility and conducting activities at the facility.

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

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Australia Day is a time for all Australians to reflect, respect and celebrate.

We're all part of the story of Australia – from those whose ancestors walked on country for tens of thousands of years to the newest Australian citizens.

On Australia Day, we reflect on the past, present and future. We listen and respect each other's stories, contributions and aspirations. And we celebrate being Australian together fair and free.

Whilst the community events were postponed, a short video was released on Tuesday 25 January 2022 to honour the recipients. This video link can be found on Council's website and Facebook page.

Council congratulates the 2022 Australia Day Award recipients:

- › Citizen of the year: Kerry Robinson, Muttaborra
- › Certificate of recognition: Kevin Wiltshire, Alpha
- › Community event of the year: Westech Field Days, Barcaldine
- › Certificate of recognition: Outback Oasis Swimming Carnival, Barcaldine
- › Certificate of recognition: 'Burra Back Up, Muttaborra
- › Certificate of recognition: Barrels 4 A Cause Jenny Schmidt Memorial, Aramac
- › Volunteer award: Kim Ford, Jericho
- › Certificate of recognition: Ross and Lyn Smith, Muttaborra
- › Certificate of recognition: Tayla Kinsey, Aramac
- › Senior sports award: Laura Balderson, Barcaldine
- › Certificate of achievement for young sports award: Harrison Miller, Barcaldine



Kerry Robinson, 2022 Citizen of the year recipient.

Congratulations to all the recipients. The awards are a true reflection on the outstanding individual and community groups who contribute tremendously to our community, not just in 2021 but over a number of years.

Thank you also to all the nominators who took the time and effort to recognise their fellow community members.

A message from Mayor Sean Dillon - Congratulations to all those who were nominated and honoured through the Australia Day Awards system. Our Council area and lives are better for you involvement, on behalf of the whole council well done on your hard earned recognition.



Kim Ford, 2022 Volunteer award recipient.



Laura Balderson, 2022 Sports award recipient.



The two animals featured on the Australian coat of arms are the Emu and the Kangaroo – the reason for this being that neither animal can walk backwards, but instead can always go forwards, symbolising Australia's desire to do the same.

GENERAL MEETING DATES

Upcoming dates for the General Meetings of Council:

- Tuesday 15 February 2022
- 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.



NEW DINO THEMED BINS FOR MUTTABURRA

In late December 2021, the community of Muttaborra received two new bins that have been placed in the main street. They are themed 'dinosaurs' and are part of the street beautification project.

ALPHA AND JERICHO CEMETERY FENCES

As a part of the 2021-2024 Works for Queensland (W4Q) Program funding, Council engaged a contractor, to erect new front fences at the Alpha and Jericho Cemeteries.

A little bit about the W4Q program: It is a Queensland Local Government state wide program that supports regional councils to undertake job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure projects relating to assets owned or controlled by the council.



Alpha's new front fence at the Cemetery.



Jericho's new front fence at the Cemetery.

SUPPLY OF GOODS AND SERVICES TO BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Council is committed to shopping locally and supporting local business wherever possible within the conditions of the Council Purchasing Policy. Suppliers and contractors are reminded that if Council engages your services or purchases materials, they must give you an official Council Order Number prior to any work commencing.

Please request an order number from staff and ensure that this order number is clearly marked on your invoices. Invoices are then to be emailed to invoice@barc.qld.gov.au for payment processing.

By following this process it will ensure that there are no delays in payment of any invoices. If the order number is not recorded on an invoice, it may delay payment while Council staff investigate the purchase.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION FOR BARCALDINE RESIDENTS

Volunteers are an integral part in any community and recently it has been noticed that residents are going above and beyond for our community. A special mention must be made to some volunteers:

- To the person/s that are walking the entrances to Barcaldine and also town streets each morning and collecting rubbish along the way.
- To the committee and the many volunteers that assisted the Barcaldine Watersports Club to remove the weeds and clean up the beach at the Barcaldine Rec Park and then also volunteered to maintain the toilet facilities over the Christmas period, so that visitors to the lake would not be inconvenienced. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed and on behalf of the Council thank you for volunteering your time, it is very much appreciated.

ARAMAC AQUATIC CENTRE OPENING HOURS

Please be advised that the Aramac Aquatic Centre will open for morning swims from 6.00am to 7.00am on Monday and Wednesday each week. All afternoon operating hours will remain the same.



ALPHA TOURISM'S COFFEE MACHINE

The Alpha Tourism Committee was lucky enough to acquire a grant that helped them purchase a brand new coffee machine. The coffee machine is located at the Alpha BOQ building and the committee is selling coffees for \$3.00 a cup. What a great addition to the town.



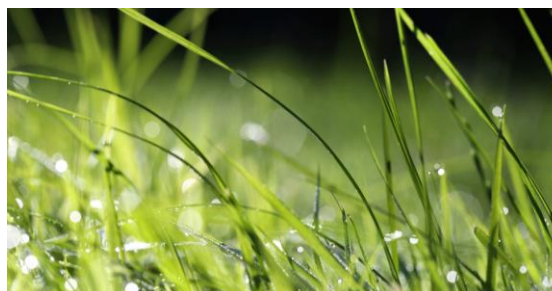
MUTTABURRA MEMORIAL HALL WORKS

The new air-conditioning system is currently being installed in the Muttaborra Memorial Hall. This is a fantastic asset as so many great events are held in the building each year.



CARAVAN PARK WORKS

Works have commenced at the Aramac Caravan Park with the removal of a number of fences. The old toilet and amenities blocks will be removed in the coming weeks. Concrete paths to the new amenities will then be established, followed by additional powered sites and green areas. The expansion of the caravan park will allow visitors to stay longer in our region.



LAWNMOWING / OVERGROWN ALLOTMENTS

Council has been receiving a number of telephone calls regarding overgrown allotments, please see below for procedure:

- a. Assessment – if a Local Laws Officer is driving by and notices overgrown vegetation and if more than about 30cm in height it is considered overgrown OR if a complaint is received from a neighbouring property, the Local Laws Officer will then arrange a site visit – either way, a photograph is taken
- b. If it is found the vegetation is overgrown a courtesy notice will be issued (a photograph is also included)
- c. Customers have 21 days to arrange the land to be mowed
- d. Another inspection is taken after 22 days and if no action has been taken to clear the overgrown vegetation another photo is taken and a formal notice is issued. Customers have 14 days to arrange the land to be mowed
- e. Another inspection is taken after 15 days and if still no action has been taken to clear the overgrown vegetation another photo is taken. An entry notice is issued and the customer is advised Council will enter the land on nominated dates and clear the land (cut, mow, slash, whipper snip or clear and remove any overgrown vegetation) with all costs borne by the property owner. The entry notice timeframe is 21 days.



BARCALDINE LIBRARY

The Barcaldine Library opening hours are:

- Monday to Friday 9.30am to 4.30pm. Closed for lunch from 12.30pm to 1.30pm.
- Saturday morning from 9.00am to 12.00pm.

A reminder mask wearing is now required while inside the library.

The only exceptions that apply to Council are:

- If you are sitting at a workplace or standing at a workstation and can maintain physical distance (1.5m) from other people.
- A child under 12 years
- If eating or drinking, while seated

Barcaldine Regional Council Libraries are not licensed child-minding facilities and Library staff cannot take responsibility for the supervision of children or young adults within Library premises. Children aged 10 years and under must be supervised by a parent/guardian or responsible carer at least 18 years old.

First 5 Forever (Rhyme Time) – the program for 2022 is being reviewed at the moment and we will advise our parents as soon as possible a recommencement date.

Book Club – this program for 2022 is being evaluated at the moment and hopes to recommence as soon as possible. If anyone is interested in joining the group which meets the last Thursday of every month, please advise Gay on 07 4651 1170.

Computers usage – we encourage our clients to book in advance

Study Room – a reminder the library has this facility available for anyone needing quiet or study time, an exam or modules to complete. With only one room it is recommended to book in advance.

UPCOMING WORKS FOR ARAMAC AND MUTTABURRA

- The next section of the Barcaldine-Aramac Road is scheduled to begin in late February.
- Porter Street footpath is scheduled to be installed in early February, from the corner of Kerr Street to the corner of Gordon Street on the eastern side.
- Four new Adorabulls are scheduled to be delivered in early February. Once they arrive and installed, their official names will be announced.
- Flood damage works on the Reedy Creek Road, Coreena Road and Politic Road are scheduled to begin.

NEW WASTE LANDFILL FACILITY IN BARCALDINE

Council has recommenced work at the new waste landfill facility to get it ready to open in 2022. More information on the operation of the new facility will be forthcoming in the next few editions.

WALKING YOUR DOG

Council would like to remind all dog owners when out walking their dog of the following:

- Dog is to be on a leash at all times, except in the designated “dog off-leash area”
- 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.

DOG REGISTRATION

Residents are reminded to register your dog with Council within 14 days after starting to keep the dog or by 12 weeks of age. Only two dogs and two cats are permitted per designated household OR 1 dog/cat per unit (multi-unit / multi-dwelling complex). Approval for any additional cats must be obtained from Council (application fee applies). **No additional dogs are permitted** as per Council resolution effective from 19 April 2017.

Failure to register your dog with Council will incur a 2 penalty unit Infringement Notice for each Unregistered Dog (current penalty unit = \$137.85 effective from 1 July 2021). Cats are not required to be registered.

ANGLICARE CENTRAL QUEENSLAND – WESTERN REGION

Youth Support Program provides a free and confidential service for young people aged 8–21 years. The program supports young people who are at risk of disconnecting from family, community, school, training and employment. This includes working with young people who are at risk of self-harming, homelessness and substance misuse.

The Youth Support Program aims to assist young people to improve their capacity to develop independent living skills as well as improving their overall health and wellbeing.

Anglicare offers a Secondary Family Support Service and the aim is to strengthen the capacity of families to meet the challenges they face at different time in their lives. The service delivers a range of free services to families with children aged 0–18 to promote the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. The service is tailored to the needs, goals and priorities of each family.

For further information or queries please contact Anglicare Barcaldine on 07 4651 2161.



DISASTER MANAGEMENT REGISTER FOR COMMUNICATION ALERTS

As we Get Ready for storm season, it is a timely reminder for you to register for Council's Disaster Management Communication Alert System. By registering for this system, you allow Council to send disaster management communication alerts to your mobile via SMS in times of an emergency or disaster. This is another avenue for Council to keep you more informed with real-time updates. With the collection of your personal information Council will comply with all required acts and regulations such as; *the Disaster Management Act 2003*, the Disaster Management Regulation 2014, the *Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld) (IP Act)* and *the Spam Act 2003*. Your registration for the Barcaldine Regional Council's Emergency Alert Services can be updated or cancelled at any time by contacting Council on 07 4651 5600 or by emailing alerts@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 29 January – Oasis Swimming Carnival at Barcaldine Swimming Complex.
- Saturday 5 February – Barcaldine Senior Rugby League Sign on Day at Barcaldine Golf Club commencing at 3.00pm.
- Thursday 9 February – NRL Roads to Region Tour in Barcaldine visiting local schools throughout the day; afternoon clinic/Come & Try session from 3.30pm to 4.30pm with a Coaches update 5.00pm to 6.00pm.

REGIONAL EVENTS

From Tuesday 18 January 2022, on Tuesdays and Thursdays the Barcaldine Senior Rugby League will have training at Barcaldine Showground commencing at 6.00pm each week.

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

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

Forms are available from any Council Administration Office or Council's website.



BOYLE AND WATERS IN LEOTARD

Tuesday 15 February 2022 | Barcaldine Town Hall | 7.00pm

Two performers wander into a dusty room. Suddenly the space is illuminated, filled with vintage leotards, glittering with sequins, Lycra in every colour of the rainbow. One by one, the performers pull on the Lycra and are transformed. Who were the women who wore these leotards? What were their secrets? And how many interpretive dance routines will there be?

Leotards reveal the truth of the body, underneath the most absurd layers of adornment. In LEOTARD, Boyle and Waters reveal the truths of these characters under their absurd adornment of mental sequins. LEOTARD is a timely exploration of the performance of womanhood via lashings of Lycra.

Featuring real-life stories from female-identifying bodies from all walks (and dances) of life, LEOTARD combines video, song, dance with absurd physical comedy to create a joyous celebration of performance, body-positivity and glitter.

Tickets: \$20.00 per person

Warnings: Adult content (18+) – strong themes

Tickets are available at <https://leotard-barcaldine.eventbrite.com.au>.

BYO: Nibbles and drinks

Tour supported by the Touring Queensland Fund an initiative of the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland. Presented in partnership with debase productions. Boyle and Waters in LEOTARD was first presented at Metro Arts.

ALPHA REBEL FM IS BACK

For all those people that love to listen to a bit of rock, you will be happy to know that Alpha's Rebel FM Station is back up and running. The station had been down due to some technical issues and after a long month without it all is now finally sorted. You can tune in to listen through 95.5 FM.