



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Hello to you all,

This month has seen the end of a very substantial era with the passing of our sovereign, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Council honoured her service and that of our local laws officer Dave Lester by the observing of an extra minute of silence at our recent General Meeting. The commitment both of these individuals displayed right until the end was admirable and inspirational.

The Get Gardening Expo was recently held In Muttaborra with visitors from all over attending for an enjoyable morning. Congratulations to all those who submitted their gardens for judging and for all your hard work in presenting not only your piece of paradise but in helping to present all of our communities In the best possible fashion.

The Barcaldine Art Exhibition and Competition celebrated 30 years this year with its annual show at the Globe. A fabulous display of art, adding to the rich culture of our region and enabling artists from all over Australia to display and sell their masterpieces.

Opening night was very well attended and a great time was had by all.

I had the honour of being able to assist with the Citizen Investiture for three new Australians: Sarmad Habib, Felicity Hemmings and Roisin Fitzgerald, recently in Barcaldine. A momentous day for them individually but also collectively for our whole community to be able to welcome these three special people into our fold.

We have also been able to nearly complete our delayed award presentation for the 2022 Australia Day honours. With the 2023 event fast approaching, can I please urge you to consider people and groups that are worthy of recognition and standby to enter when the nominations open next month. It is a special way to honour the achievements of great everyday Australians in a local context.

Council has accepted the tender for the sale of the Aramac bakery and attached residence and is excited for what this may hold into the future for the Aramac community. We have also accepted the offer for two parcels of land In Alpha from the Queensland Government for housing construction. Good signs of broadening recognition of the central west as an investment location.

Until next month, all the best.

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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NOTICE TO RATEPAYERS

Rates notices were issued on Wednesday 14 September 2022 to the last advised address on Council records.

For the discount to apply, the due date for payment is by 4.30pm on Wednesday 19 October 2022.

Please contact the Alpha Administration Office on 07 4985 1166 for any queries.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION FORUMS FOR THE PROPOSED PLANNING SCHEME

Council will be holding Public Consultation Forums in each community to discuss the proposed Planning Scheme, this is your opportunity to ask questions about the scheme.

Tuesday 4 October 2022

Muttaborra: Memorial Hall from 9.00am to 11.00am

Aramac: Harry Redford Centre from 1.00pm to 3.00pm

Barcaldine: Town Hall from 4.00pm to 6.00pm.

Wednesday 5 October 2022

Jericho: Town Hall from 9.00am to 11.00am

Alpha: Town Hall from 12.00pm to 2.00pm.

You can view the proposed planning scheme on Council's website.



OVERVIEW OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Below is an overview of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13 September 2022 at the Barcaldine Council Chambers.

- **Mayoral Minute:** Council:
 - a. Accepts the water transfer from external sources and places that water in a dedicated reserve for provision to the Barcaldine Renewable Energy Zone operations, and
 - b. Agrees to the extension of the Town Water Supply Network to the Barcaldine Renewable Energy Zone, with responsibility for funding this extension to be determined and approved by future resolution of Council.Further, Council endorses the Chief Executive Officer to give effect to any documentation required to legally receive and accept the water transfer.
- **Investment Policy:** Council receives the report and endorses the Policy.
- **Entertainment and Hospitality Policy:** Council receives the report and endorses the Policy.
- **Offer for Vacant Land – 34 and 36 Gordon Street, Alpha:** Council may accept the offer for vacant land being Lot 32 on SP232197 and Lot 33 on SP232197 in Alpha for \$80,000.00.
- **Aramac Bakery:** Council accepts the offer from RM Rowlands for the sum of \$80,000 including GST.
- **Donation Request – Barcaldine 60 and Better – Seniors Christmas Lunch:** Council agrees to a cash donation of \$1,500.00 to Barcaldine 60 and Better Group to host annual Seniors Christmas Lunch.

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 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.

BARCALDINE REGION'S NEWEST CITIZENS TAKE PLEDGE

On Tuesday 13 September 2022, Barcaldine Regional Council welcomed three new Australian citizens at an Australian Citizenship Ceremony in Barcaldine.

The conferees from three countries included Roisin Fitzgerald from Ireland living in Barcaldine, Sarmad Habib from Pakistan residing in Barcaldine and Felicity Hemmings from the United Kingdom living in Aramac.

Barcaldine region's newest citizens, their families and friends joined with dignitaries to make the pledge of commitment to Australia.

The ceremony featured an Acknowledgement of Country by Kerry Thompson which beautifully welcomed the new citizens to the Barcaldine region and Australia. Followed by Mayor Sean Dillon reading a message from The Hon Andrew Giles MP, Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs and the conferees reciting the pledge.

Congratulations and welcome to our newest citizens.

You can watch the full ceremony at:

<https://youtu.be/mZOrfVORMAI>.



Kerry Thompson, Sarmad Habib, Roisin Fitzgerald, Felicity Hemmings and Mayor Sean Dillon.

Our newest citizens



Roisin Fitzgerald.



Felicity Hemmings.



Sarmad Habib.

LEADING IN THE CENTRAL WEST

Barcaldine Regional Council is offering five full scholarships to the Leading in the Central West's Community Leadership Program to five residents within the Barcaldine Regional area. The three-day event is scheduled for Friday 28 to Sunday 30 October 2022 in Barcaldine. Each sponsorship is worth \$880.

If you wish to apply for one of the Barcaldine Regional Council scholarships, please complete the application form on Council's website and email the form to Ali Doneley, leadingcwq@gmail.com, including in the email that you are applying for a Council scholarship.

2022 GET GARDENING COMPETITION AND EXPO

The 2022 Get Gardening Expo was held on Saturday 10 September 2022 at the Muttaborra Memorial Hall with a great crowd in attendance. It was a fun filled day with something for everyone.

The presentation included the announcement of the 2022 Get Gardening Competition award recipients as well as acknowledgment of our 2022 Australia Day Awards recipients based in Muttaborra – Kerry Robinson, Citizen of the Year; Ross and Lyn Smith and the 'Burra Back Up. Congratulations again to all the award recipients.

Thank you to our special guest speaker Phil Dudman and Scrapmentalshiela Milynda Rogers for the wire demonstration. The proceeds of the silent auction for the wire sculpture have been donated to the Muttaborra State School for their school trip.

Thank you to the market and food stall holders for joining us for the event.

Lots of prizes were given away with the lucky door prize, colouring in competition and Best Scarecrow Competition. Thank you to everyone for participating. The fence looked beautiful decorated with scarecrows and everyone did a great job.

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Get Gardening Expo.

2022 Get Gardening Competition Award Recipients

Class 1: Best Regional Garden

Regional winner: Lionel and Margaret Walsh



Lionel Walsh accepting the Best Regional Garden award from Phil Dudman.

Class 2: Best Town Garden

Alpha winner: Darren and Jennifer Thorn

Barcaldine winner: Lionel and Margaret Walsh

Barcaldine runner up: Paris Cox

Aramac winner: Maryanne and Tim Boyd

Aramac runner up: John Lillico

Muttaborra winner: Pearl Langdon

Muttaborra runner up: Shelly Bird

Class 3: Best Rural Garden

Regional winner: Glenn and Emma Price

Regional runner up: Josie Zahl

Class 4: Best Edible Garden

Regional winner: Michael and Christine Waugh

Regional runner up: Muttaborra State School

Class 5: Best Seniors' Garden

Alpha winner: Josie Zahl

Barcaldine winner: Lionel and Margaret Walsh

Barcaldine runner up: David and Elaine Harvey

Aramac winner: John Lillico

Muttaborra winner: Pearl Langdon

Class 6: Best Non-Residential Garden

Regional winner: Aramac Primary Health Centre

Regional runner up: Muttaborra State School

Class 7: Best Front Garden/Footpath

Jericho winner: Gladly Gifford

Barcaldine winner: David and Elaine Harvey

Barcaldine runner up: Lionel and Margaret Walsh

Aramac winner: Jack Yourell

Aramac runner up: Maryanne and Tim Boyd



The students of Muttaborra State School and Ms McGovern accepting one of three awards for their garden from Phil Dudman.

Class 8: Best First Time Entry

Regional winner: Paris Cox

Regional runner up: John Lillico

Highly commendable

- Gabrielle Doherty
- Peter Horton
- Margit Hohmann
- Year 2 & 3 Barcaldine Prep-12 State School
- Muttaborra State School.

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Earlier this year, the Australia Day events were postponed due to COVID. Recently, we have been able to present some of the awards to the recipients at community events.

At the Get Gardening Expo, Council took the opportunity to present our Australia Day Awards to the recipients in the Muttaborra township. At the conclusion of the Get Gardening Competition awards, we presented Kerry Robinson with her Citizen of the Year award, Ross and Lyn Smith received their recognition award in the Volunteer Award category and the Muttaborra Community Development Association accepted their recognition award for the 'Burra Back Up in the Community Event of the Year category.

On Sunday 28 August 2022, Council was able to present Laura Balderson with her Senior Sports Awards at the Annual Shoot at the Barcaldine Rifle Club. It was a great opportunity to present the award to Laura at this event as it was part of the reason she was nominated for the award.



Kerry Robinson, 2022 Citizen of the Year.



Lyn and Ross Smith accepting their Australia Day Award from Mayor Sean Dillon.



Sue Wyton and Kerry Robinson accepting the Australia Day Award on behalf of the Muttaborra Community Development Association for the 'Burra Back Up from Mayor Sean Dillon.



Deputy Mayor Milynda Rogers with Laura Balderson and her daughters.

Congratulations to Kerry Robinson, Ross and Lyn Smith, Muttaborra Community Development Association and Laura Balderson on their Australia Day Awards.



UPCOMING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Please be advised that **Friday 30 September 2022** is a holiday for the **Barcaldine and Aramac townships** with **Monday 3 October 2022** a Queensland public holiday for all townships.



BOOK EXCHANGE AT THE BARCALDINE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

The Barcaldine Visitor Information Centre has operated a book exchange for many years. Visitors and local residents are welcome to swap or purchase books from the exchange. If you have any books that you would like to donate to the exchange, please drop them off at the Information Centre.

FESTIVAL OF SMALL HALLS

We look forward to welcoming back the Festival of Small Halls to the Barcaldine region with a performance at the Aramac Town Hall on Sunday 9 October 2022. The Spring Tour 2022 will feature Canadian folk gem Catherine MacLellan and long-time festival favourite Karl S. Williams.

Tickets are on sale now from: www.festivalofsmallhalls.com or at the Aramac Administration Office.



R U OK? DAY

The Muttaborra State School held an event for the recent R U OK? Day on Monday 12 September 2022. Rain, hail or shine could not stop the day. School students, community members and Council staff joined together to paint a tree blue to coincide with the Blue Tree Project, while also raising awareness for R U OK? Day. Unfortunately, the rain altered the plans and instead they decorated a tree blue, decorated cupcakes, coloured in mindfulness pictures and checked in on each other. Both charities do outstanding work in the mission to spark difficult conversations and encourage people to speak up when battling mental health concerns.



A LONG DRIVE FOR DROUGHT

On Sunday 28 August 2022, Muttaborra hosted *A Long Drive for Drought* rally. The wonderful committee and volunteers of the Muttaborra Community Development Association prepared dinner and breakfast for the drivers and crews.

The drive this year saw 40 Series Toyota Landcruiser enthusiasts from across Queensland travel around 3,000km, mainly on backroads to raise awareness, support and funds for the great charity, Drought Angels. To find out more or to donate, please visit the website: <https://longdrivefordrought.com.au/>.

DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE: OVERCOMING THE CHALLENGES FACING RURAL AND REMOTE COMMUNITIES.

In domestic and family violence situations, life in rural or remote communities presents unique challenges that many women in urban areas rarely must consider. The prevalence of domestic violence means that many rural women grapple with the added complexities that are often associated with their different spatial circumstances.

Limited availability of appropriate services and facilities in isolated areas, such as access to shelters, legal assistance and health and support services make it increasingly difficult for those living in rural and remote communities to access the means to escape violent situations.

Another challenge for rural or remote communities is that more often than not, everyone knows each other. In rural communities, these intimate and interconnected relationships, as well as a lack of privacy, make disclosing violent situations difficult. This challenge is compounded in situations where police officers stationed in country towns also mix and socialise within the local community.

Rural women have the right to live a life free of violence. We need to create spaces where the voices of more rural women can be heard. It is important to empower rural women to take a stand.

How can we achieve this you might ask? By harnessing technology. 'Be There' is a free mobile phone application (app) that gives you direct access to tools that empower, educate and support you to help someone who is experiencing domestic or family violence. Having the tools on hand to help you recognise abuse and offer support to someone who may be experiencing or using the abuse, will help you do this safely and respectfully.

CatholicCare Central Queensland provides support and services to adults, children and young people who are experiencing, or who are at risk of experiencing, domestic and family violence in Central West, Central Highlands and Central Queensland.

For more information, or to access our services, please call us on our dedicated domestic violence response line: 07 4977 4107.



Download the FREE *Be there* app
to find out how to help a friend



PLAQUE UNVEILING

The Local Ambulance Committee (LAC) held a lovely unveiling of plaques and morning tea on Sunday 21 August 2022 in Porter Street. When the committee sadly lost some of its longest serving members, it was not long before the committee began to discuss how they could recognise their outstanding community service. Special recognition was given to Paul McAuliffe, Betty Williams, John Dolgner and Tom Roberts for their endless contributions to the LAC.

Paul served as secretary/treasurer of the LAC for many years. In those early days it was the LAC's aim to raise funds to purchase a portion of QAS equipment. Betty volunteered many hours of her time to help with the catering of different events from the annual race meets to the Council meetings. Tom supported the QAS as a volunteer ambulance driver and John served as president of the LAC, helping to oversee all that was happening.

The committee discussed the idea of having a memorial avenue with the long-term idea that other local committees might like to add to it as well. With some disruptions to the initial plans (COVID), the committee were finally able to unveil the plaques situated next to their own beautiful native tree, planted with help from the Council, across from the QAS Ambulance Centre. It is a fitting reminder for all the work our former volunteers have done for the town and community. It was great to see the families of those named on the plaques present and involved in the unveiling.



AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) NEW LOCATION

Please be advised that the AED from the Aramac Hotel has been moved and is now located in the cabinet under the covered area near the White Bull statue, Gordon Street.

This provides the opportunity to be able to access the AED anytime. To access the AED, you must call 000 and quote the location on the sign. You will then be given the code to open the cabinet. We would like to thank the Blue Light Disco Association for donating the money for this cabinet.

PLANT HIRE OF THE GENERATOR

Council has a 3-phase generator (with 10 and 15 amp points available) for hire, with bookings taken on a first in first served basis. A booking form must be completed and lodged with Council 48 hours prior to hire date, along with a Bond of \$500 and hire fee of \$294/function (Bond and hire fee applies to all hirers). Conditions do apply and bookings can be made through the Administration Offices.

ARAMAC AND MUTTABURRA WORKS UPDATE

Due to the good rain our area is receiving, most of our road works are currently on hold. However, progress on all roads in the area is continuous.

- The Barcaldine crew are working on the new 5.5km of widened road just outside of Aramac. The detour is currently in place with traffic lights operating.
- Works on the Torrens Creek Road shoulders will commence in early October.
- Formation grading of Ilfracombe-Aramac Road.
- Guide post replacement on Torrens Creek Road.
- Stabilising of patches on Torrens Creek Road.
- Grading of the Hughenden-Muttaborra Road and Prairie Road.
- Bollards have been installed at the Aramac Camping and Recreation Ground.

With the effects of wet weather, be mindful of passing traffic and soft shoulders. When in doubt, pull up, keeping your inside wheels on the pavement and allow traffic to pass safely. At this time of year we are seeing road users with varying levels of experience in wet and boggy conditions, so please be a good host and be mindful of our visiting guests.

Council was pleased to sponsor three students from Aramac State School for work experience. One worked with the outside crews, one with IT and one with archives, the Information Centre and Library.

ANNUAL RENEWAL OF LICENCES

Licences are due for annual renewal by 31 October 2022. This applies to those who currently hold a Licence for a Food Business, Footpath Dining or Operation of a Caravan Park. Renewal notices were issued to the last advised postal address.

To renew your Licence, simply check over the notice, note any detail changes (if required), sign and then return to Council along with the relevant renewal application fee. Fees are Food - \$162, Footpath Dining - \$28 or Caravan Park - \$109.

For Food Business Licence holders, the Licence must be renewed by 31 October 2022 or it will expire. If the food business continues to operate, the Food Business Licence may be restored by 30 November 2022. Complete the renewal form and lodge with the Restoration Fee of \$217 by 30 November 2022. If the Licence is not fully restored by 30 November 2022 and the food business continues to operate, the Licensee will be required to submit a new Application for Food Business Licence to Council and the application fee of \$270.

If you have not received your renewal notice please contact the Barcaldine Administration Office on 07 4651 5600.

ALPHA CAMPDRAFT

As a sponsor of the Alpha Campdraft, we would like to congratulate the Alpha Rodeo Association and volunteers on running a rewarding weekend on 1-4 September 2022. It was great to see so many local and away competitors come to Alpha. Also, congratulations to the winners/place getters.

JERICO BUSH BASH

As a sponsor of the Jericho Bush Bash, we would like to congratulate the Jericho Tourism Committee and volunteers on orchestrating a successful event on Saturday 27 August 2022. It was an enjoyable afternoon/night out for the community with live entertainment. Also, congratulations to those who had a market stall and for the people who won prizes in the cent sale and raffle prizes. Well done!

2023 TREE OF KNOWLEDGE FESTIVAL

An organising and steering committee has been formed for the 2023 Tree of Knowledge Festival. The committee is made up of a fantastic collective group of ideas heading into the future, as well as a wealth of knowledge from the past. We are also working extensively with other contributing community groups hosting events over the weekend.

We are in the early stages of hopefully soon releasing an itinerary for the weekend, which will be subject to change as we get closer to the festival. We will post updates on our social media platform (Facebook) and also on our website. We look forward to bringing the Tree of Knowledge Festival to you in 2023.

Rhys Peacock

President of the Tree of Knowledge Steering Committee.

BARCALDINE SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX

The Barcaldine Swimming Pool has reopened for the 2022/2023 season.

The opening hours are:

- Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 6.00am to 9.00am and 2.00pm to 7.00pm
- Wednesday and Friday: 6.00am to 9.00am and 2.00pm to 5.30pm
- Saturday and Sunday: 2.00pm to 6.00pm.

Daily entry fees to be paid to the pool lessee at time of entry. Children aged 10 years and under must be supervised by an adult aged 18 years and over.

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



REGIONAL EVENTS

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

- **Thursday 29 September to Saturday 1 October 2022:** Barrels 4 A Cause – Alpha Tits N Bits Barrel Race at the Alpha Racecourse.
- **Saturday 1 October 2022:** Barrels 4 A Cause – Alpha Tits N Bits Ball at the Alpha Racecourse.
- **Saturday 1 October 2022:** Rotary Club Barcaldine Car Boot Markets at the Oak Street car park.
- **Tuesday 4 October 2022:** Alpha District Tourism & Development Association – General Meeting at the Tivoli Theatre Museum commencing at 5.00pm.
- **Friday 14 October 2022:** C&K Jellybeans Community Kindergarten – Colour Run at the Alpha Showground commencing at 5.30pm.
- **Saturday 15 October 2022:** Alpha District Tourism & Development Association – Hoy & Cent Sale at the Alpha Town Hall commencing at 1.00pm.
- **Saturday 15 October 2022:** International Women's Day at Mt Wilga, Alpha commencing at 11.00am.
- **Sunday 30 October 2022:** QCWA Barcaldine Branch – Monthly Meeting at the QCWA Hall commencing at 3.00pm.



PROPOSED BARCALDINE REGION PLANNING SCHEME

incorporating a proposed Planning Scheme Policy

Barcaldine Regional Council is pleased to advise that the proposed Barcaldine Region Planning Scheme, incorporating the proposed planning scheme policy as Schedule 5, has been prepared and is now on public display. The community and stakeholders are encouraged to review the document.

The purpose of the proposed planning scheme and planning scheme policy is to shape and manage development in the Barcaldine Region for the next 10 to 20 years. This proposed new planning scheme will be the first to regulate and facilitate development across the entire Barcaldine Region in a single document. It includes:

- contemporary zoning, which may change how proposed development is authorised and assessed for particular land;
- new and changed overlays, including for flooding risks.

The proposed planning scheme (including mapping), the planning scheme policy and supporting documents can be viewed:

- online at www.barcaldinerc.qld.gov.au/proposed-planning-scheme
- in person at Barcaldine Regional Council's Customer Service Centres:

Alpha: 43 Dryden Street, Alpha

Jericho: 8 Darwin Street, Jericho

Barcaldine: 71 Ash Street, Barcaldine

Aramac: 35 Gordon Street, Aramac

Muttaburra: 20 Bruford Street, Muttaburra

Interested parties may also purchase a copy of the documents in addition to inspection.

Any person can make a written submission about any aspect of the proposed planning scheme during the public consultation period. **The public consultation period is from Monday 5 September 2022 up to and including Tuesday 8 November 2022.**

Submissions must be made in writing or by email. Properly made submissions must:

- state the name and residential or business address of each submitter; and
- state the grounds of the submission, and the facts and circumstances relied on to support the grounds; and
- state one postal or electronic address for service relating to the submission for each submitter; and
- be signed by each person making the submission, however signatures are not required for email (electronic) submissions; and
- be made to Barcaldine Regional Council and be received on or before Tuesday 8 November 2022.

Submissions can be lodged:

- By email to planning@barc.qld.gov.au
- By post to PO Box 191, Barcaldine QLD 4725
- In person at one of Barcaldine Regional Council's Customer Service Centres listed above.

For more information about the proposed planning scheme, contact Jenny Lawrence on 07 4651 5600, visit council's website www.barcaldinerc.qld.gov.au or email planning@barc.qld.gov.au.

Shane Gray
Chief Executive Officer