



Well, another year ticks by with the weather bringing a mixed bag of tricks. Some lovely rain in places has been countered by those who've missed out and the hot temperatures in weeks since New Year.

Council crews are now all back on deck and road and street maintenance and flood damage reconstruction will recommence. A huge shoutout to the staff members who remained at work or on call over the break to ensure that essential services could continue and storm cleanup could be undertaken.

Congratulations to all of those who were nominated for Australia Day Awards. The recognition, led and driven by members of the public is a small but important gesture to recognise the contributions, sacrifices and commitments you have shown. A full list appears further in this edition, and well done to all of those who organised and attended Australia Day Events to commemorate this.

The new transfer location and closure of the old Landfill to public access as caused some issues, not least of which was how long it took to occur. However, the unrestricted access currently being enjoyed by residents to the new location is being placed in jeopardy by continued arson attempts. The new and old landfills will be fenced to allow for the waste from

the transfer location to be stored securely, however if the transfer station continues to see fire, it will be fenced and hours of access restricted. Council's current intent is to trial the facility for the next 6 months to ascertain workload requirements and then fully implement the new facility plan. This plan will be guided by the actions and activities of the public over that period of time.

Council elections are just around the corner, if you are considering putting your hand up to run, please ensure you check out online the "So you want to be a councillor" site that the state government runs and move as quickly as possible to get your requirements in order.

Until next time,

Sean Dillon



BARCALDINE RECREATION PARK

A courtesy reminder to residents and visitors that the operational hours of the Rec Park are:

- **Weekdays:** Prior to 12.00pm nonmotorised boats only, 12.00pm to 6.00pm motorised and nonmotorised boats allowed
- **Weekends and public holidays:** 7.00am to 6.00pm motorised and nonmotorised boats allowed
- Non powered activities may occur in seasonal daylight hours on the lake.

It has been noted lately that powered craft are still using the facility well after 7.00pm as the days are long and sunlight is still adequate. Please ensure these times are adhered to. If you have any queries, please contact the Barcardine Administration Office on 07 4651 5600.

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

■ **ALPHA:** 43 Dryden Street | 07 4651 5680

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

■ **ARAMAC:** 35 Gordon Street | 07 4651 5650

■ **MUTTABURRA:** 20 Bruford Street | 07 4658 7191

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GENERAL MEETING DATES

In accordance with Section 254B of the Local Government Regulation 2012 notice is hereby given for the following ordinary meetings of Council:

- Tuesday 20 February 2024
- Tuesday 12 March 2024 (pre-election)
- Tuesday 9 April 2024 (post-election)
- Tuesday 24 April 2024 (re-scheduled from 16 April 2024)

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.

COUNCIL CONTACTS

All correspondence should be addressed to:

The Chief Executive Officer
Barcaldine Regional Council
PO Box 191
BARCOLDINE QLD 4725

Email: council@barc.qld.gov.au

To contact the Mayor or The Chief Executive Officer, please phone, 07 4651 5625

If you have any Emergency after hours, please phone, 0428 683 465.

Administration Offices (Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.30pm)

- Alpha/Jericho – 07 4651 5680; District Manager, Karyn Coomber
- Aramac/Muttaburra – 07 4651 5650; District Manager, Paula Coulton
- Barcaldine – 07 4651 5600; District Manager, Jenny Lawrence



OVERVIEW OF COUNCIL MEETING

Below is an overview of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 23 January 2024:

- Tender for Supply and Implementation of Enterprise System: Council resolved to 1. Request the Chief Executive Officer to finalise the selection of a preferred tender following presentations from the shortlist of tenderers. 2. In accordance with the Local Government Act 2009 section 257 and section 238 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to, negotiate, select, enter into a contract and finalise all matters in relation to the execution of the contract for tender CFS24001.
- Meeting Date Change – April 2024: That Council changes the date of the April General Council Meeting to Wednesday 24 April 2024.
- Request for Assistance – Queensland Goat Producers Incorporated: That Council provides assistance to Queensland Goat Producers Incorporated to the value of \$1,107.50 for venue and equipment hire and camping at showground to host a goat education program in Barcaldine in March 2024.
- Request for Assistance – Outback Trailblazer Reunion: That Council approves a \$5,000.00 donation, by way of fee waiver and council works to prepare the Jump-Up for this event.
- Request for Assistance – Jericho State School: That Council agrees to connect non-potable water to the Jericho State School boundary.
- Request for Assistance – Alpha Show Society: That Council continues to support the local regional show by way of an in-kind donation and fee waiver for the hire of the Showground and three generators.
- Request for Assistance – Alpha Jockey Club: That Council agrees to provide access to non-potable water from the existing main line that runs directly past Fordham Park to the boundary to a value of up to \$6,500.00.

2024 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Extract of information from Electoral Commission Qld website.

The 2024 local government elections will include elections for mayors and councillors in each of Queensland's 77 Councils. **Election day will be on Saturday 16 March 2024.**

The 2024 Local Government Elections Service Plan outlines the electoral services that will be provided at the election.

Proposed 2024 local government elections timetable. The following dates are indicative only. The timetable will be confirmed when the Notice of Election is issued.

- Notice of election: Monday 29 January 2024
- Candidate nominations open: Monday 29 January 2024
- Close of electoral roll: Monday 5 February 2024
- Candidate nominations close: 12.00pm on Tuesday 13 February 2024
- Ballot paper order draw: 10.00am on Wednesday 14 February 2024
- Postal vote applications close: 7.00pm Monday 4 March 2024
- Early voting*: Monday 4 March to Friday 15 March 2024 (**early voting in rural and remote locations are likely to be less than a full two-week period. Details of dates, times and locations will be available on the ECQ website during the election*)
- Election day: 8.00am to 6.00pm on Saturday 16 March 2024
- Close of return of postal votes: Tuesday 26 March 2024

Information for voters

If you are eligible to vote in the 2024 local government elections, there are a few things you can do now to ensure you're ready. These include:

- checking your enrolment
- finding out which local government area you live in
- learning more about voting in a local government election
- viewing our step-by-step guide to voting.

Please visit,

<https://www.ecq.qld.gov.au/elections/election-events/2024-local-government-elections> to find out more.

Electoral Landscape

Barcaldine Regional Council is a full postal ballot Council. Voting papers will be sent to all those with a registered address within the Barcaldine Regional Council area.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE A DEFIBRILLATOR IS LOCATED?

Alpha

- Alpha Swimming Pool, Dryden Street: 24 hours
- Alpha Golf Club, 49 Dryden Street: 24 hours
- Alpha Showgrounds, Clermont Road: 24 hours
- Alpha Tourism Centre, 43 Shakespeare Street: 24 hours
- Settlers Park, Alpha, Shakespeare Street: 24 hours

Jericho

- Jericho Swimming Pool, Tyndall Street: 24 hours
- Jericho Men's Shed, Furbers Road: 24 hours
- Redbank, 18 Redbank Park Road: 24 hours
- Jericho Information Centre and Library, 8 Darwin Street: 24 hours.

Barcaldine

- Barcaldine Recreation Park Canteen, 1 Kurrajong Drive: during operating hours
- Barcaldine Swimming Pool, 78 Wilga Street: during operating hours, seven day as week
- The Globe, 149 Oak Street: 24 hours
- Barcaldine IGA, 179 Oak Street: during operating hours, six days a week
- Elders Rural, 4 Box Street: during operating hours, five days a week.

Aramac

- Gordon Street (Main Street), White Bull monument – seating area: 24 hours
- Aramac Camping and Recreation Ground amenities block: 24 hours
- Elders, 56 Gordon Street: during operating hours, five days a week
- Aramac Aquatic Centre, 44 Gordon Street: during operating hours, seven days a week
- Aramac Hotel, 67 Gordon Street: during operating hours, seven days a week
- SES Shed, 18 Porter Street: 24 hours.

Muttaborra

- Muttaborra Memorial Hall, 15 Bruford Street: 24 hours
- Muttaborra Caravan Park, 17 Bridge Street: 24 hours, under shelter – BBQ area
- Muttaborra Aquatic Centre (Pool and Spa), 47 Edkins Street: during operating hours – in kiosk.

Please note, some of the automated external defibrillators (AEDs) are locked and coded. To access these devices, you must call 000 and quote the location on the sign. You will then be given the code to open the cabinet.

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Congratulation to all those nominated and to all the winners and certificate recipients for the 2024 Australia Day Awards.

- Citizen of the Year: Rhys Peacock
- Citizen of the Year (Certificate of Recognition): Jean Williams
- Young Citizen of the Year: Allana Parker
- Community Event of the Year: Westech Field Days
- Community Event of the Year (Certificate of Recognition): Muttaborra Social Touch Football
- Volunteer of the Year: Barcaldine Sandgoannas (Senior and Junior clubs combined)
- Volunteer of the Year (Certificate of Recognition): Alison Woods
- Cultural Person of the Year: Georgia Welldon
- Young Sportsperson of the Year: Jimmy McClelland
- Young Sportsperson of the Year (Certificate of Recognition): Sophie Ham
- Sportsperson of the Year: Tayla Jackson
- Sportsperson of the Year (Certificate of Recognition) Riley Jorgensen

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Saturday 10 February 2024:** Barrels 4A Cause and Gymkhana, Aramac
- **Saturday 24 February 2024:** Recharging Volunteers Free Workshop, Alpha
- **Sunday 25 February 2024:** Recharging Volunteers Free Workshop, Aramac
- **Saturday 2 March 2024:** Jordan Valley Arts and Craft, Jericho
- **Saturday 2 March 2024:** Barcaldine Ball
- **Saturday 3 March 2024:** Alpha Horse and Pony Club – Rally Day
- **Saturday 3 March 2024:** Clean up Australia Day – Regional
- **Saturday 9 March 2024:** Barcaldine Races
- **Saturday 16 March 2024:** Outback Trailblazer Reunion, Alpha.
- **Saturday 30 March 2024:** Barcaldine Races



Pictured: Rhys Peacock.



Pictured: members of the Senior and Junior Barcaldine Sandgoannas Committees.



Pictured (L to R): Alison Woods, Allana Parker, Riely Jorgensen and Tayla Jackson.



Pictured: Sharley on behalf of the Muttaborra Social Touch Football.



Pictured: Georgia Welldon



Pictured: Bob O'Brian on behalf of the Westech Field Days



Pictured: Sophie Ham



Pictured: Jean Williams



2023 CHRISTMAS LIGHT AND RURAL MAILBOX COMPETITION RESULTS

The results in the Barcaldine Regional Council 2023 Christmas Lights Competition and Rural Mailbox Competition are in. Well done to everyone who put up displays to get into the Christmas spirit.

ALPHA

- Private Residence Award – First prize: Des Howard, 38 Byron Street
- Private Residence Award – Second prize Henry and Vera Taylor, 92 Milton Street
- Private Residence Award – Third prize Carmel McDonald, Byron Street
- Business/Community Group Award Peter Tilse Café, Shakespeare Street
- People's Choice Award Len Hafey, 45 Dryden Street
- Best Window Display: BP Service Station, Shakespeare Street
- Encouragement Award Ash and Pip McGuire, 24 Moore Street.

JERICHO

- Private Residence Award – First prize: Tamara Leaney, 83 Darwin Street
- Private Residence Award – Second prize: Sandy Ford, 18 Huxley Street
- Private Residence Award – Third prize: John Power, 9 Tyndall Street
- Business/Community Group Award: Jordon Valley Hotel, 43 Darwin Street
- People's Choice Award: Georgia Welldon, 29 Darwin Street
- Best Window Display: Bush Nursing Clinic (Jericho Health Clinic), 19 Pastor Street
- Encouragement Award: John Ryan, 87 Darwin Street

BARCOLDINE

- Private Residence Award – First prize: Andrew Ross and Simone Pix, 123 Acacia Street
- Private Residence Award – Second prize: Dale and Kris Saming, 46 Elm Street
- Private Residence Award – Third prize: Matt McCracken and Monica Ferreira, 35 Beech Street
- Business/Community Group Award: Capricorn Plumbing and Building Supplies, 69 Oak Street
- People's Choice Award: Clinton and Rachael Bettiens, 32 Elm Street
- Best Window Display: Tangled in Hair, 105 Oak Street
- Encouragement Award: Terry and Jackie Miller, 81 Gidyea Street.

ARAMAC

- Private Residence Award – First prize: Maryanne Boyd, 36 Porter Street
- Private Residence Award – Second prize: Debbie Dagan, 74 Porter Street
- Private Residence Award – Third prize: Allan and Tracey Waine, 38 Drury Street
- Commercial/Community Group Award: Aramac Hotel, 65 Gordon Street
- People's Choice Award: Debbie Dagan, 74 Porter Street
- Best Window Display: Allan and Tracey Waine, 38 Drury Street
- Encouragement Award: Neil Tatt and Jo Miller, 89 Gordon Street

MUTTABURRA

- Private Residence Award – First prize: John Robinson, 58 Cornish Street
- Private Residence Award – Second prize: Spence Family, 47 Sword Street
- Private Residence Award – Third prize: Anthony Hayden, 'Riverview', 2 Bridge Street
- Commercial/Community Group Award: Muttaborra Post Office, 16 Sword Street
- People's Choice Award: John Robinson, 58 Cornish Street
- Best Window Display: Muttaborra Post Office, 16 Sword Street
- Encouragement Award: Ballard Family, 41 Sword Street

RURAL MAILBOX

Top 5 most creative rural mailboxes in the Barcaldine Region:

- Liz Callaghan, Avonmore Station, Alpha
- Sarah, Emily and Zoe Sypher, KiaOra, Alpha
- Geltch Family, Scotstoun Station, Aramac
- Ben, Kim and Alistair Simpson, Thistlebank, Aramac
- Kim Ford and Makaddi, Summerdell Station, Jericho

Thank you to all residents and businesses who participated in lighting up the neighbourhood and your rural mailboxes in 2023.



REFUSE COLLECTION

A courtesy reminder to residents that refuse collection for a residential household or unit is one (1) x 240 litre wheelie bin each collection day – Alpha and Jericho on Monday, Barcaldine on Wednesday and Aramac and Muttaborra on Friday.

Notices will be issued to residents putting out more than their entitlement.

Bins must be placed kerbside the night before or by 6.00am on the day of collection. If the truck has missed your bin, please contact your nearest Administration Office. Do not contact JJ Richards.

Wheel Bin Care

Wheelie bins have a shelf life of approximately seven years. After this time, they will begin to crack, split and become damaged. You can extend the life of your bin by storing it out of direct sunlight, regularly washing the inside of the bin and by not overloading it.

Wheelie bins are designed to take approximately six bags of household rubbish, loading the bins with lawn clippings, building off cuts etc., will severely shorten the lifespan of your bin.

Need a replacement bin?

If your bin becomes damaged, cracked or split you can purchase a 240litre green wheelie bin from Council (fees apply). Contact your nearest Administration Office.

Application

Need an extra bin to be collected?
Need to adjust business collections?

The property owner will need to complete an Application for Refuse Collection Form (due to the fees being levied on the rates notice) and submit to your nearest Administration Office.

CONSUMPTION LIQUOR PERMIT

There have been a few incidents of breaches of a Consumption Permit (Liquor) from Council in recent months. Qld Police have advised that fines can be given to the Permit Holder and those attending your function for any permit breaches or breaches of the Liquor Act.

If you are hosting an event on Council controlled land or road and require a consumption permit from Council, please complete the application form, attach a consumption map and submit to Council **14 days** prior to your event. If the application is approved, the Permit must be displayed in your bar area at your event. Permit holders must ensure that conditions of the Permit and the Liquor Act are adhered to. Those consuming liquor must be within the designated area and be aged 18 years and over.

If you hold a "Community Liquor Permit" from the Office of Liquor, Gaming & Racing a consumption permit is NOT required from Council. *However*, if you have been given an exemption from applying through Office of Liquor, Gaming & Racing this must be attached with your consumption application to Council.

If you are hosting an event on Council controlled land or venue and intend to sell liquor, please refer to the Office of Liquor, Gaming & Racing www.olgr.qld.gov.au or phone 137468 for the requirements of **selling** of liquor at an event.



A REMINDER TO LOCK IN YOUR EVENTS

Have you secured your event dates with the Barcaldine Regional Council yet? From football face-offs to touch football finesse, heart-pounding campdrafts and the grace of pony club events – it is a must for an epic season ahead. Please book in advance to secure your dates. Contact your nearest Administration Office or visit Council's website, <https://www.barcaldinerc.qld.gov.au>

COUNCIL FOOTPATH – ADVERTISING SIGNAGE

The following information is provided for those business houses or individuals who wish to place a small advertising sign on a Council controlled footpath.

Do I need building approval?

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

Do I need Transport and 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.

When do you need a permit from Council?

If using Council footpath for the following:

- Footpath Dining
- Display of shop merchandise
- Street stall, information booth, selling of raffle tickets, sausage sizzle etc.

Application forms (fees do apply to some applications) can be acquired from your nearest Administration Office or by visiting Council's website.

COUNCIL FOOTPATH – DISPLAY OF MERCHANDISE

Any business house wishing to display their shop merchandise on Council's footpath, you do require a permit from Council.

Application forms can be acquired from your nearest Administration Office or by visiting Council's website. An application fee does apply.

Approved permits (12 month) are to be displayed at your business during operational hours. Notices will be issued to those who display merchandise without a permit.



VENUE AND EQUIPMENT HIRE – BARCALDINE

Council would like to remind Barcaldine residents, if you wish to use Councils' venues and/or equipment, a booking form is required to be completed and lodged and the relevant Bond paid.

Venues include:

- Showground: oval; bbq area; grandstand facilities, Ken Wilson pavilion; racecourse (sheep pavilion, bookies area and kitchen); general land or grassed areas; dressing rooms; broadcast box or Campdraft facilities
- Town Hall: hall; supper room or kitchen
- Village Green (Public Place Activity or Roadside Vending Application is also required)
- The Globe: Galilee Gallery.

Equipment includes:

- Tables, chairs, BBQ trailer (no gas bottle), Qantaslink marquee, sheep or cattle panels, Portable stage. A full list of equipment is available on the hire form.

To complete an application book, please visit Council's website www.barcaldinerc.qld.gov.au or by contacting the Barcaldine Administration Office.

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



BARCALDINE SHOWGROUND – CAMPING

Camping at the Barcaldine Showground will reopen on Thursday 1 February 2024. A maximum of three nights stay is permitted. Other conditions also apply, including no fires permitted.

Fees are applicable and can be paid online (scan the special QR Camping Code upon entry at the ticket box, which will take you directly to the booking site, enter your details and make payment) or in person at the Barcaldine Visitor Information Centre.

MOSQUITO MANAGEMENT

Barcaldine Regional Council's Management aims to keep mosquito populations in the region to acceptable levels through various forms of treatment and control.

Council also seeks information from the public in reporting any breeding sites observed. Your assistance and regular maintenance in your yard can help in the eradication of certain potential disease carrying mosquitoes.

To minimise the risk of being bitten or to reduce the breeding conditions, follow some of the below tips:

- Staying indoors at dusk and dawn.
- Wearing light-coloured long-sleeved clothes.
- Disposing of all containers and other items collecting water in which mosquitoes can breed.
- Wipe internal surfaces of receptacles to remove unhatched eggs from the side of the receptacle.
- Remove pot plant bases or fill bases with sand.
- Screen all openings to tanks with 1mm mesh.
- Clear guttering and downpipes of debris.
- Trim branches overhanging roof gutters.

WATERING HOURS

As a result of the long hot days in recent weeks, Council is experiencing heavy demands on the water supplies.

Residents are reminded of Council's long standing watering guidelines, which were introduced regionally in September 2013:

- Sprinklers, unattended hoses, soaker hoses, drip system or automatic watering systems – **must not be used between 10.00am to 3.00pm daily**
- Handheld hoses are permitted at anytime.

Exception to this is for properties in a town area connected to their own bore. Commercial premises, schools, community clubs or churches may apply to Council for the alteration of watering hours. Application forms are available from any Council Administration Office.

Failure to adhere to the watering hours will result in a 1 Penalty Unit Infringement Notice (1 penalty unit currently = \$154.80) being issued. If you have any queries, please contact your local Council Administration Office.



AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT MOBILE SERVICE CENTRES

Australian Government Mobile Service Centres travel to rural and regional communities to provide community members with information and access to government services. They provide personalised face-to-face servicing to individuals and families who may not have easy access to a Services Australia office.

Staff from Services Australia travel with the Mobile Service Centres and can help the community with Centrelink and Medicare payments and services. Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families is also available.

Visiting a site near you:

- **Aramac:** Thursday 15 February 2024 from 9.30am to 3.00pm. Opposite the Rural Transaction Centre, Gordon Street, Aramac
- **Barcaldine:** Tuesday 20 February 2024 from 9.30am to 4.00pm. Opposite the Newsagent, Oak Street, Barcaldine
- **Jericho:** Wednesday 21 February 2024 from 9.30am to 4.00pm. Near the Post Office, Darwin Street, Jericho
- **Alpha:** Thursday 22 February 2024 from 9.00am to 3.00pm. Opposite the General Store, Shakespeare Street, Alpha.

ARAMAC CAMPING AND RECREATION GROUND WORKS

New gravel has now been laid at the Aramac Camping and Recreation Ground to improve the surface for wet weather events.

New cement slabs for caravan parking will also be established shortly. Funding was received from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP).

GALILEE GAZETTE

RECHARGING VOLUNTEERS – BURNOUT TO BALANCE – ONE DAY FREE WORKSHOP

As you know, volunteers play a vital role in our communities, yet their hard work often goes unnoticed. By attending a workshop, your community group may be eligible for up to **\$5,000** towards a community project or event in your town.

Your project must sit within the Tracking Regional Adversity through Connected Communities (TRACC) guidelines and address one or more of the following:

- Volunteer fatigue
- Mental health
- Wellbeing
- Strengthening the capacity of the community
- Events that bring people together to socialize or increase social connections.

Upcoming Workshops:

- **Barcaldine:** Saturday 3 February 2024 from 9.00am to 4.00pm at the Galilee Gallery, The Globe, 149 Oak Street, Barcaldine.
- **Alpha/Jericho:** Saturday 24 February 2024 from 9.00am to 4.00pm at the Alpha Showgrounds, Alpha.
- **Aramac/Muttaborra:** Sunday 25 February 2024 from 9.00am to 4.00pm at the Harry Redford Centre, 45 Lodge Street, Aramac.

For more information, or to register your interest in attending, please contact Ali Doneley on 0402 311 456 or email, leadingcwq@gmail.com.



2024 ALPHA ISOLATED CHILDRENS AND PARENTS ASSOCIATIONS (ICPA) CRICKET DAY

Amidst the serene landscapes of our small town, the Alpha ICPA Cricket Day unfolded as a unifying spectacle, drawing a diverse crowd from all corners.

The day, enriched by the backdrop of rolling hills, witnessed spirited matches that captivated families, friends, and cricket enthusiasts from neighbouring towns.

In addition to the intense cricket competition, the event featured engaging netball and cricket clinics, fostering a love for sports among the younger generation.

The air buzzed with excitement as teams showcased their skills, and amidst the jubilation, the Blackall Boyz secured a remarkable victory for the second consecutive year, triumphing over the Moonstone Mustangs in a thrilling match.

Beyond the matches, this day became a celebration of community spirit, where shared joy and the forging of new friendships echoed the sentiment that, in our small town, the Alpha ICPA Cricket Day is more than just a sporting event; it's a tapestry of unity and lasting connections woven on the fields of friendly competition.

JERICO, QUEENSLAND

The first exploration by Europeans was by Major Thomas Mitchell who passed through the area in 1846. By the 1850s, settlers had moved in.

The Jordan Creek/River (as it is variously known) was named after Harry Jordan, an early settler in the area.

The town and locality name are derived from the railway station. Named Jericho in 1885 by railway surveyor and engineer, Willoughby Hannam in a reference to the Biblical town of Jericho being to the west of the Jordan River, as it was the first station to the west of Jordan Creek. The Central Western railway was opened to Jericho on 8 June 1885.

There are many families that can claim fame to being descendants to the Pioneers of Jericho. The Machinery that is displayed in Darwin Street (the Main Street of Jericho) belonged to our grandfather, Ernest Wilson. Ernest built most of the houses in Jericho back then including the Jericho Shire Office. He used the machines displayed for Timber Milling and cutting.



These Oil driven machines were used by the early Pioneers as a generator for lighting and timber milling. The plaques on these machines state they were manufactured by a company called Blackstone. Blackstone oil engines were developed by Blackstone & Co Ltd based in Stamford UK. The company was founded in 1837 by Henry Smith and became a major employer in the town for over 100 years. The engines developed by Frank and Evershed Carter, two engineering brothers who joined the company in 1896, became the mainstay of the company. These early oil engines eventually developed into high-speed diesel engines and marine engines.

When Ernest Wilson was born on 29 March 1891 in Rockhampton, Queensland, his father, Nathan Wilson, was 52 and his mother, Catherine Ann Lowe, was 46. He married Annie Eliza Reilly in 1914. They were the

parents of three sons and seven daughters. He died on 23 March 1956 at the age of 76 and was buried in Jericho, Queensland.

Other members of our Family who were also early Pioneers are Mr. Jim Hansen who was a Bullock Drover and his wife who was very much involved with the Country Women's Association (CWA) in Jericho.

The members of the Wilson Family express their sincere appreciation to the Barcaldine Regional Council for helping us maintain these machines in memory of the Pioneering families of Jericho. We also would like to thank Karyn Coomber, District Manager of Alpha and Jericho for all the assistance that she has provided for the maintenance of these machines.

Sincerely,

Wanda Dike (Nee WILSON) and the Wilson Family



MUTTABURRA REUSE/RECYCLE SCULPTURE FESTIVAL

From Friday 26 to Sunday 28 July 2024, the community of Muttaborra will be hosting a Sculpture Festival, with support from the Barcaldine Regional Council. From workshops to tagalong tours, fossil fact yarning and so much more.

Sculpture theme

Muttaborra historical times from First Nations and 1800's to the present day.

Competition prizes

First: \$10 000.00

Second: \$5 000.00

Highly recommended: \$2 000.00

People's Choice: \$1 000.00

For all guidelines, entry condition information and updates, please email,

muttaburrasculpture@yahoo.com

ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE – WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE

Mental Health First Aid: Conversations about Suicide (four-hour workshop)

Learn how to provide mental health first aid to someone who is feeling suicidal.

What will you learn?

- How to identify warning signs for suicide
- How to confidently support a person in crisis
- How to help the person stay safe
- How to connect someone to appropriate professional help.

Mental Health First Aid (two-day workshop)

- Learn how to provide mental health first aid to friends, family members, co-workers and other adult.

Mental Health First Aid: Non-Suicidal Self Injury (four-hour workshop)

Learn how to assist someone who is engaging in self-injury.

What will you learn?

- Why people engage in self-injury
- How to talk to someone about their self-injury
- How to help the person stay safe
- How to connect someone to appropriate professional help
- How to assess for suicidal thoughts and behaviours.

For all expressions of interest, please email, outback@rfdsqld.com.au or message/call 0439 134 350.

2024 ANGEL FLIGHT TRAILBLAZER REUNION

Join the musical rendezvous at the Wellcamp Andrea's Dream Alpha Jump Up Concert on Saturday 16 March 2024!

A stellar lineup awaits, featuring the enchanting Tania Kernaghan, the charismatic Jason Owen and the dynamic duo Toucan Twango. All supported by the talented kids from Alpha State School.

Hosted in memory of the amazing Andrea Lingard, who championed Angel Flight Outback Trailblazers. This concert promises a night under the stars with a heartwarming cause.

Limited tickets available at just \$50 for a delightful dinner and show. There are less than 100 tickets up for grabs. Please visit the Barcaldine Regional Council – Alpha Administration Office to secure your tickets early. For all inquiries, please phone, 07 4985 1166.

Calling all Amateur PHOTOGRAPHERS

Barcaldine Regional Council are running a **PHOTO COMPETITION** to promote the best tourism spots in the region. We are looking to refresh current photos with images taken by the community "through your lens".

Show us YOUR pics of your favourite tourist attractions and locations in the region. Judges are looking for fresh ideas.

If your photo is chosen as the Hero Shot, it could be used on the front cover of tourism booklets and other marketing material including tv ads and merchandise.

CATEGORIES

- 1 Front Cover (Hero shot)
- 2 Adventure
- 3 Attractions
- 4 Experiences
- 5 History
- 6 My Town (Alpha, Aramac, Barcaldine, Jericho, Muttaborra)
- 7 Nature
- 8 Our People/Characters
- 9 What you love about our region (open to primary school aged children)
- 10 Favourite tourist spot or experience in our region (open to secondary school aged children)

WIN PRIZES

COMpetition DATES: 1-29 February 2024
Winners Announced: Friday 1st March 2024

\$500 for front cover "Hero Shot"
The top 3 photos chosen for all other categories listed above will win... **\$300** for 1st, **\$200** for 2nd, and **\$100** for 3rd
Photos must be High Resolution

ENTER to win at:
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BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL

UPDATE YOUR BUSINESS OR COMMUNITY GROUP INFORMATION

As you may already be aware, Council is working on a new website. A soft launch of the site is currently in the process; however, we need your help.

If you would like your business or community groups information to be updated, please complete the attached form and return to your nearest Administration Office or email, council@barc.qld.gov.au.

Declaration of information for Council publications

ID _____ Box _____

Use this form to give consent to the use of your business or community group details in Council publications. Please ensure you continue to update Council with your details.

Business Information

Business Trading Name

Contact Name

Postal Address

Physical Address

Contact Number

Fax Number

Email Address

Website Address

Opening Hours

Services

Community Group Information

Community Group Name

Contact Name

Postal Address

Physical Address

Contact Number

Fax Number

Email Address

Website Address

Authorisation

I, _____ (*full name*), declare that the above information is true and correct.

Signature

Date

Lodgement of your application

MAIL Post to 'PO Box 191, Barcaldine QLD 4725' or fax to 07 4651 1778

IN PERSON Visit any BRC Administration Office from 8.00am to 4.30pm
Monday to Friday

Alpha 43 Dryden Street
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