2018

## From the Mayor



Never before have we seen such a level of support for our landholders and those in NSW due to the relentless drought over much of these two states.

Council has been quite clear with our message to the State and Federal Governments: Listen to those people on the land and those in small business. They know how the Governments can best provide assistance.

The city people and others around the Nation have come together to donate. We believe cash is the best way they can help so it can be distributed via vouchers that can only be spent locally, to assist the small local businesses that are behind as well.

The critical point will be when it rains. Access to restocking support and freight subsidies are paramount if we are to be on the front foot to get back into production.

Short to long term we have suggested governments invest in the digital space, roads, new technologies, communications, cluster and linear fencing and pest and weed control.

Let's all collectively pray for a very early break to this big dry.

Cheers, Rob

### **CEO's Report**

I've been out and about as much as possible over the past month visiting all five towns that make up our community. I've been speaking with residents and businesses, looking at Council projects currently underway and inspecting other council areas of priority.

As a region we've been selected as one of only six Councils across

Queensland to be part of a "Growth Program" which is being run by Professor John Cole from the University of Southern Queensland and funded by the State Government. This program aims to build

resilient regions by not only working with our traditional industries but looking for ways to capture new technology and opportunities.

Having just hosted the recent AeroDRONE Symposium we are already well down the path of adapting to change. Over 100 delegates attended this inaugural drone technology event in

Barcaldine with people from as far away as Japan attending.

In breaking news, the Federal Government has committed additional funding to Councils

affected by drought with the aim of these funds to help create local jobs and get money into local economies. While we don't have the complete detail in terms of

the funding requirements we'll be working hard to make sure whatever we receive is spent securing and creating jobs across our entire region.

Regards, Steven

# Development Application fee waiver

As an incentive to encourage development, Barcaldine Regional Council has agreed to waive the development application fees for the construction of a residential dwelling within the region, on the following conditions:

- The dwelling must be constructed on vacant land.
- The dwelling construction must be completed within 18 months of the development application lodgement date.
- The development application must be lodged between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2020.

Fees must be paid on application and will be fully refunded on practical completion of the dwelling.

# Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF)

During the 2017-18 financial year, the nine projects listed below were successful in obtaining more than \$25,000 in RADF funding.

- Two silver smithing workshops
- An artists retreat
- A mixed media painting workshop
- Kids cultural workshop
- Museum development workshop
- Mashed Theatre workshop and performance
- Pastel workshop
- Outback Comedy Gala
- Furniture restoration workshop

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We are now looking for new applications.

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### Keep your load secured and covered

qld.gov.au/getready

If you are driving a vehicle that's carrying a load, or towing a trailer that's carrying a load, you have to make sure that load is restrained properly.

Load restraint is not just about making sure that the load does not come off,

it is also about making sure that the load does not shift in a way that makes the vehicle unstable or unsafe.

Help keep our towns beautiful and avoid a fine by remembering to secure and cover your load!



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The following individuals and organisations can apply for a RADF grant:

- individual artists, emerging artists, arts workers
- cultural workers or project coordinators who are based in the Council area, or if based outside the Council area are able to demonstrate how the project will directly benefit arts and culture in the Council area
- are permanent residents or Australian citizens
- have an Australian Business Number (ABN) or who will be auspiced by an incorporated organisation or individual with an ABN.
- incorporated and unincorporated arts and cultural organisations based in the Council area, or those based outside the Council area that are able to demonstrate how the project will benefit arts and culture within the Council area

Further details, including guidelines and application form can be found on Council's website www.barcaldinerc.qld.gov.au or by contacting Council's RADF Liaison Officer Jenny Todd jennyt@barc.qld gov.au or 4652 9999.

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## Queensland Outback Geocaching Muster

A number of geocachers will be in Jericho, Barcaldine and Aramac on Thursday 27 September to Tuesday 2 October 2018.

Please be aware that there will be cars pulled up on the side of roads and people looking for geocaches.



# Our strength during the drought photo exhibition

On Saturday 18 August 2018, Our strength during the drought photo exhibition was opened at the Globe by Mayor Rob Chandler and The Hon. Lachlan Millar MP, Member for Gregory.

Mayor Rob Chandler said, "It's a wonderful photographic exhibition where those images speak far louder than words."

This project has been run in collaboration with PhD student, Anne Smith, who is researching the impact of images in building resilience, wellbeing and capacity during crisis events. Council would like to thank Anne for shining a light on the drought in our region and Queensland.

Council would also like to extend a thank you to the volunteers of the project, John Fisher, Leah Newton, Kylie Owens, Aaron Skinn, Brett Walsh, and Jane Whitfield.
Students from the St Joseph's Catholic School, Barcaldine also



The next round of Sport and Recreation's infrastructure funding, Get Playing Places and Spaces, is now open.

Eligible organisations can apply for up to \$150,000 to develop, upgrade or replace sport and active recreation infrastructure to meet the needs of local communities. Organisations are required to contribute a minimum of 20% of total eligible project costs.

Applications are on-line via the Grants Registration Portal (GRP) – see details below.

The program guidelines, along with a host of other tools to help plan your project, are available on our website at https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame/getplaying

#### Applications close on Friday, September 28, 2018.

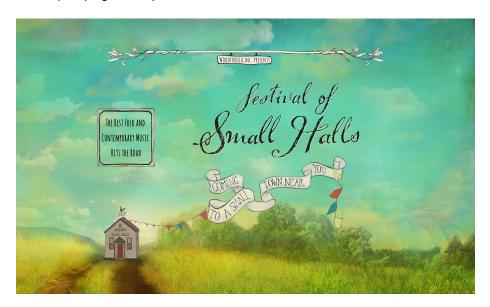
If you are intending to apply, or would like to chat about a potential project, please contact:

Debbie Hall

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Housing, Homelessness and Sport | Department of Housing and Public Works

99 Hospital Road, Emerald | PO Box 346, Emerald ph 07 4991 0830 | email debbie.hall@npsr.qld.gov.au www.npsr.qld.gov.au/sportandrec



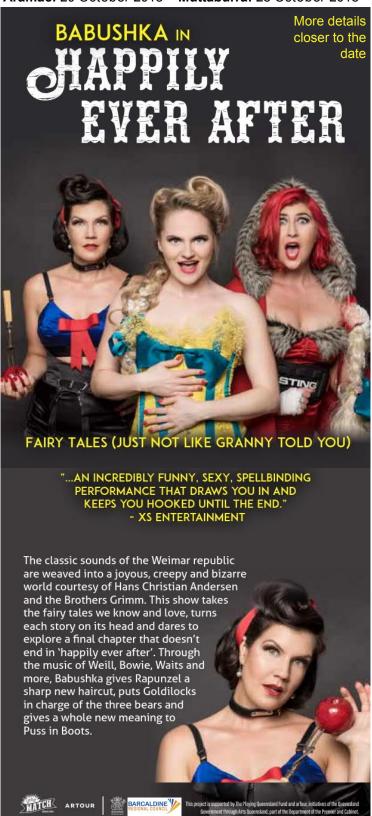
### Festival of Small Halls - Save the date

Alpha: Friday 2 November 2018 at the Alpha Town Hall Jericho: Saturday 3 November 2018 at the Jericho Town Hall Barcaldine: Sunday 4 November 2018 at the Barcaldine Town Hall Aramac: Tuesday 6 November 2018 at the Aramac Town Hall Muttaburra: Wednesday 7 November 2018 at the Muttaburra Town Hall

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# **Aramac and Muttaburra—Save the date**

Aramac: 20 October 2018 Muttaburra: 28 October 2018



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submitted photos and short descriptions of their thoughts about the drought and their image.

The exhibition was open to the public from Monday 20 to Sunday 26 August 2018. The visitors left heartfelt comments and messages for the community in the visitor's book.

Please visit the Facebook page to view and comment on the images, <a href="www.facebook.com/ourstrengthduringthedrought/">www.facebook.com/ourstrengthduringthedrought/</a>.



All which these hands have built - Leah Newton

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## Gardening Guru – Annette Irish - Guest Speaker at Garden Expo

Annette Irish is a highly respected horticulturist, locally and internationally, and shares her knowledge and experiences through workshops for disciples of gardening and also teaches and mentors her professional horticultural colleagues.

She is well known for her involvement in promoting tropical horticulture in Queensland and Asia, having spent 12 years from 2005 to 2017 working with the Singapore government to upgrade and enhance their horticulturist's and landscape consultant's skills and knowledge.

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### Our strength during the drought photo exhibition



Love finds a way - Aaron Skinn



Darryl - Kylie Owens



One is the loneliest number - John Fisher



Golden feed for starving kangaroos - Jane Whitfield



Beautiful day - Brett Walsh

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