

## From the Mayor



A very happy and hopefully wet New Year to all in the BRC region. I do hope that the Christmas break was a restful and enjoyable

time with family and friends.

There is a lot to do this year, including the new regional plan that will incorporate several existing plans into one - tourism, sport and recreation, arts and culture, economic development and community development. To achieve this, there will be a wide range of community consultation activities to make sure your voice is heard.

By the end of 2018 we will also develop the regional planning scheme. This is a template type scheme to simplify the process and make it easier to follow.

We have plenty of work to get through for our construction crews on the Muttaborra to Aramac Road, Aramac to Barcaldine Road and the Alpha to Clermont Road, as well as rural road maintenance.

Town streets and water and sewerage upgrades are programmed for the first half of 2018. We received some grant monies for the work in Aramac and Muttaborra.

We will also see the Aramac Pool, Barcaldine Race Track turf and the ski park finished this year.

Our next get together will be Australia Day. Get done up in the spirit of the day to celebrate all that is great in this country and just have fun.

On a wider topic I attended the State Government Cabinet Christmas Party where the Premier committed to more subsidies for cluster fences to keep out the dogs and another round of Work for Queensland funding. That's good news for us!

I look forward to working with you all through 2018.

*Cheers, Rob*

## RADF Committee

### Community representatives needed

**Are you interested in supporting and promoting arts and culture in our communities?**

If so, why not consider joining our Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Committee.

Barcaldine Regional Council administers the Arts Queensland RADF funding via a committee that includes community members. Committee members help identify priority areas for funding and assess applications from community groups and individuals.

All you need is an interest in art and culture, an email address and a willingness to promote RADF to your community.

Ideally we would like three representatives, one each from Alpha/Jericho, Barcaldine, Aramac/Muttaborra.

Committee members are required to assess six to 10 applications per year (via email). The Committee meets once each year in Barcaldine to help prepare Council's RADF application and identify priority areas.

If you are interested in joining our committee please send an expression of interest to Jenny Todd, Community Development Officer

[jennyt@barc.qld.gov.au](mailto:jennyt@barc.qld.gov.au) or phone

Jenny on 4652 9999 if you would like more information.

Closing date for expressions of interest is 31 January 2018.

### What is RADF?

Arts Queensland is proud to partner with local government to support quality arts and cultural experiences across Queensland through the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF).

RADF promotes the role and value of arts, culture and heritage as key drivers of diverse and inclusive communities and strong regions. RADF invests in local arts and cultural priorities, as determined by local communities, across Queensland.

#### Objectives

RADF supports arts and cultural activities that:

- provide public value for Queensland communities
- build local cultural capacity, cultural innovation and community pride
- deliver Queensland Government's objectives for the community.



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# WHAT'S ON IN 2018

EVENTS PROUDLY BROUGHT TO YOU BY BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL



**AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS | FRIDAY 26 JANUARY**  
Alpha | Jericho | Barcaldine | Aramac | Muttaborra

Celebrate Australia Day at our community activities and congratulate the 2018 Australia Day Award recipients.



**CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY | SUNDAY 4 MARCH**  
Alpha | Jericho | Barcaldine | Aramac | Muttaborra

Join us at a local site. Because when the rubbish gone, nature can carry on ...



**QUEEN'S BATON RELAY | SATURDAY 10 MARCH**  
Barcaldine

Come along and cheer on the batonbearers. Entertainment, markets and food available throughout the morning.



**MADBAG MINI TRIATHLON | SUNDAY 25 MARCH**  
Barcaldine

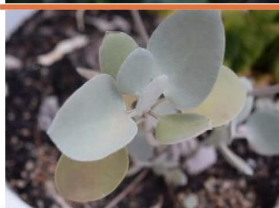
Join in the fun of the annual triathlon as an individual or part of a team. You'd be mad to miss it!



**GET GARDENING COMPETITION**  
Alpha | Jericho | Barcaldine | Aramac | Muttaborra

Nominations open on Monday 11 June 2018 and close on Monday 20 August 2018.

Judging will be held from Monday 3 to Friday 7 September 2018. The winners will be announced at the Get Gardening Expo.



**GET GARDENING EXPO | SATURDAY 29 SEPTEMBER**  
Aramac

Enjoy market stalls, food stalls, entertainment, special guest gardening speaker and the announcement of the winner of the annual Get Gardening Competition.



**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION**  
Alpha | Jericho | Barcaldine | Aramac | Muttaborra

We encourage you to light up your neighbourhood. Judging from Wednesday 12 to Tuesday 18 December 2018. The winners will be announced on Wednesday 19 December 2018.

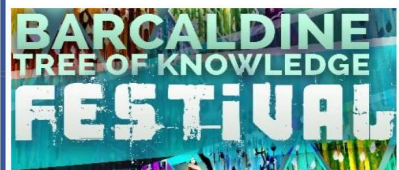


**2019 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS**

If you know of a person or community group dedicated to making the Barcaldine Regional Council a better place, help us recognise their efforts and nominate them for a 2019 Australia Day Award.

Nominations open:  
Friday 5 October 2018

Nominations close:  
Friday 21 December 2018



**BARCALDINE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE FESTIVAL | FRIDAY 4 TO MONDAY 7 MAY**  
Barcaldine

Barcaldine Regional Council in conjunction with the Community Groups of Barcaldine proudly present the Barcaldine Tree of Knowledge Festival. The festival showcases the community spirit and all that is great about Barcaldine and the outback. We would love you to be part of this exciting and unique weekend.

This year we are celebrating 30 years of the May Day Celebrations.

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Australia Day

# AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS ACROSS THE REGION!

## Friday 26 January 2018

### JERICHO

Jericho Swimming Pool and  
Multi-Purpose Court at 8.30am

- >> Swimming
- >> Tennis
- >> Free big breakfast
- >> Free morning tea
- >> Award Presentation

### MUTTABURRA

Jubilee Park  
at 8.00am

- >> Family fun activities
- >> Free Aussie breakfast
- >> Award Presentation
- >> Muttaborra Swimming Pool open  
after the award presentation

### ALPHA

Alpha Swimming Pool  
at 4.00pm

- >> Pool games and activities
- >> Music
- >> Free BBQ
- >> Award Presentation

### ARAMAC

Aramac Showground  
Pavilion or Aramac Bowls  
Club at 6.00pm

- >> Family fun activities
- >> Free BBQ
- >> Award Presentation

### BARCALDINE

Barcaldine Swimming Pool  
at 4.00pm

- >> Pool games and activities
- >> Best dressed competition
- >> Lucky door prize
- >> Free BBQ
- >> Award Presentation

### Australia Day Ambassadors

We are pleased to announce **Professor Ken Donald AO** and  
**Dr Robert McGregor** will be joining us at our 2018  
Australia Day Celebrations.

### EVERYONE WELCOME

Visit [barcaldinerc.qld.gov.au](http://barcaldinerc.qld.gov.au) for more details.



## Community Forums

### November-December 2017

Barcaldine Regional Council conducted a series of forums in each of its five communities at the end of 2017. The Mayor, Councilors and senior staff attended the forums to listen to the issues raised by community members.

Each community had its own particular issues, but there were common themes identified at more than one forum. These key themes were:

- Procurement – Council needs to ensure the integrity of the purchasing system and that there is fairness in the purchasing procedures
- Communication – communications from Council to communities and residents could be improved
- Local economies – local businesses and contractors need support to survive and remain viable and employment is critical for survival of local towns
- Solar Power – investigate the use of solar power in each community
- Major Roads – concern about the lack of upgrades of key transport routes

Particular issues raised for each community are being addressed on a case by case basis.

The participants at all forums requested that they be continued into the future. Details of the next community forums will be distributed shortly.

## Council Meeting Dates

- 17 January - Barcaldine
- 21 February - Jericho
- 21 March - Alpha
- 18 April - Muttaborra
- 16 May - Aramac

All meetings are scheduled to start at 9.00am and are open to the public.



## Releasing balloons is littering

In Queensland, the release of balloons into the environment is considered littering

under the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011*—whether released deliberately or by accident.

While a person may have the permission of the occupier of a place to release a balloon, once the balloon leaves that place it becomes litter.

The law does not differentiate between different types of littered material and whether the waste is biodegradable or not. The release of single or multiple balloons can constitute either littering or an illegal dumping depending on the volume of material released.

Penalties apply.

You can find more information at: [www.ehp.qld.gov.au/waste/balloon-litter.html](http://www.ehp.qld.gov.au/waste/balloon-litter.html)



## 2017 Christmas Lights competition results

The results for the Barcaldine Regional Council 2017 Christmas Lights Competition are in and as always a spectacular effort has been made by all. Well done everyone who put up displays to get into the Christmas spirit.

The winners are listed below:

### ALPHA

Private Residence Award - First prize	<b>Wendy Bowyer</b> , 5 Hooper Street
Private Residence Award - Second prize	<b>William Bowyer and Catharine Bowyer</b> , 27 Byron Street
Private Residence Award - Third prize	<b>Damien and Heidi Howard</b> , 53 Byron Street
Private Residence Award - Third prize	<b>Bruce Wright</b> , 36 Milton Street
Commercial/Community Group Award	<b>Alpha Quality Meats</b> , 2 Tennyson Street
People's Choice Award	<b>Lenny and Ros Hafey</b> , 45 Dryden Street

### JERICHO

Private Residence Award - First prize	<b>Greg and Maree Pearce</b> , 3 Bessemer Street
Private Residence Award - Second prize	<b>Peter Bow</b> , 8 Davy Street
Private Residence Award - Third prize	<b>Jan Green</b> , 10 Pasteur Street
Private Residence Award - Third prize	<b>Donna Wells</b> , 10 Edison Street
Commercial/Community Group Award	<b>Jordan Valley Hotel</b> , 43 Darwin Street
People's Choice Award	<b>Mikel and Tamara Leaney</b> , 83 Darwin Street

### BARCOLDINE

Private Residence Award - First prize	<b>Brett and Gail Jenkins</b> , 14 Boree Street
Private Residence Award - Second prize	<b>Todd and Toni Austin</b> , 14 Wilga Street
Private Residence Award - Third prize	<b>Spencer Astill</b> , 142 Ash Street
Private Residence Award - Third prize	<b>Gary and Natasha Walsh</b> , 1 Gum Street
Commercial/Community Group Award	<b>Barcaldine Country Motor Inn</b> , 1 Box Street
People's Choice Award	<b>Clinton and Rachael Bettiens</b> , 32 Elm Street

### ARAMAC

Private Residence Award - First prize	<b>Janine Volker</b> , 1 Drury Street
Private Residence Award - Second prize	<b>Dale Winters</b> , 51 Lodge Street
Private Residence Award - Third prize	<b>Robert Schmidt</b> , 18 Lodge Street
Commercial/Community Group Award	<b>Aramac Post Office</b> , 36 Gordon Street
People's Choice Award	<b>Jack and Pam Ferguson</b> , 38 Booker Street

### MUTTABURRA

Private Residence Award - First prize	<b>Tyrel and Sharmaine Spence</b> , 47 Sword Street
Private Residence Award - Second prize	<b>Anthony Hayden</b> , 2 Bridge Street
Private Residence Award - Third prize	<b>Sue Wyton</b> , 2 Bruford Street
Commercial/Community Group Award	<b>Muttaborra Post Office</b> , Cnr Sword and Edkins Streets
People's Choice Award	<b>Tyrel and Sharmaine Spence</b> , 47 Sword Street

Thank you to all residents, businesses and community groups who participated in lighting up the neighbourhood this year.

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