

From the Mayor



Hi All, I have had the pleasure of working with Steven Boxall our new CEO for the past four weeks and had the opportunity to get around just a little in that time with Steven. We will be out and about over the coming weeks so he has a chance to catch up with as many of our residents as possible. We are a big patch of country. It will take some time.

The 18/19 budget has been adopted and the main points highlighted here in the Galilee Gazette. If there are questions give any of our offices a call, talk to your Councillors or give me a call on 0427 512 314.

It has been the easiest budget to put together for a least five years. Thanks to the State and Federal Governments' support, and Main Roads, we have a good deal of work on and good community projects to complete. We look forward to bringing those projects in, on time and within budget. This will be achieved especially by our construction teams, local contractors, local tradies, engineers and administration staff.

The tough job with any budget is that some of the projects on the wish list did not make the cut this year so they have been held over. Hopefully another round of the Works for Queensland funding may be announced before the next financial year to assist us to add a couple of these projects.

One exciting project we have is to build freedom of choice parks in Jericho, Aramac and Muttaborra. These will be at Red Bank, Jericho; Aramac Creek and beside the town dam at Muttaborra. This will link the three communities and take in the Sculpture Trail, Lake Dunn, and the Muttaborrasaurus Interpretation Centre amongst other attractions, and pull visitors off the Capricorn and Landsborough highways.

I understand the pressure our rural people are under at the moment with the drought, which in some cases is in its seventh year. This is the driest period since pre 1900s in some areas. The Farm Household Allowances have been extended out to four years and there are many other areas of support the Governments are trying to implement however we just need rain. Surely this summer it will break.

Give me a ring any time. *Cheers, Rob*

Meet our new CEO

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. I commenced as the new CEO of Barcaldine Regional Council on Monday 11 June and it's been a busy first couple of weeks.

To give you a bit of my background I've spent the past twenty years working in leadership roles in regional Queensland. My leadership style is certainly to lead by example, I believe the standard you walk past is the standard you set, so you will see me out and about not desk bound in my office. Moving forward you'll also see that I aim to have a high level of communication right across our region and I value respectful feedback.

Already I've had the chance to get out and meet with all Barcaldine Regional Council employees right across the region at recent employee information sessions. I am also spending time with each Councillor one on one over the coming weeks to get a better feel for their priorities for our region. I assure you I'll be travelling to all parts of our region to get a better appreciation for each of our five communities.

To finish, I wanted to share a bit about my family, my wife Amanda and our two daughters Anna (11) and Ruby (10) will be joining me out here permanently from late July. They came out for the weekend just gone and didn't want to go home so that's a good sign and should make settling in much easier. We very much look forward to being part of the community and helping where we can.

Looking forward to meeting and working with you.

Steven Boxall



Community drought support funding

Barcaldine Regional Council has allocated \$75,000 of Community Drought Support Funding to 38 local community groups. The funds from the Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors have been distributed to organisations that provide local community events and activities that contribute to connectedness, social well-being and increase access to support services.

The total amount of funding requested by community groups was \$174,800.

Mayor Rob Chandler said: "the funding received interest from a large number of community groups and applications were of a high merit. It was a difficult task to assess the applications and distribute the funding to the budget of \$75,000. Due to the strict guidelines, ultimately some community groups were unsuccessful."

The full list of recipients is shown on page 5.

Line marking

Line marking has been completed in Jericho, Barcaldine and Aramac.

What do the new markings mean?

Barcaldine Regional Council has introduced new parking signs to designate parking spaces reserved for people with mobility issues. These are different to the Disability parking permits that are issued and maintained by the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

The black and yellow signs do not replace the blue and white signs and will be used throughout the region as additional disability parking spaces. They may only be used by drivers who have permanent or temporary mobility issues. However, you do not require a permit to use this space, but must have a genuine mobility issue.

Australian Disability Parking Scheme permit holders (both individual and organisation) in Queensland are entitled to park in these spaces.

If you are not the holder of an Australian Disability Parking Scheme permit or a Red permit, you must not park in any disability parking space. People with limited mobility need these spaces to easily get in and out of their vehicle and are located in areas that are easy to access.

If you park in a blue and white signed disability parking bay without a permit displayed, you may be fined.

If a once parking line is covered in black, this is no longer a parking space. A number of parking spaces now have 5 or 15 min parking only. Please be aware of these parking spaces when parking.



Barcaldine Racecourse upgrade

The Barcaldine Racecourse turf track was officially opened on Saturday 5 May 2018 as part of the Barcaldine Tree of Knowledge Festival by the Hon Stirling Hinchliffe, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs.

This is a first for outback Queensland being the only turf track west of Emerald. It is envisaged that this will give an economic boost to the region and will be an advantage for western horses needing to barrier trial prior to taking on the better horses to our east.



The project is proudly funded by the Queensland Government in association with Barcaldine Regional Council in an amount of \$750,000.



Minister Hinchliffe (right) with Barcaldine Regional Council Mayor Rob Chandler (left) and Barcaldine Racing Club representative Toni Austin (centre).

Photos courtesy of Aaron Skinn

ndis in your community

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is the new way of providing support for Australians with disability.

The NDIS will provide over 460,000 Australians under the age of 65 who have a permanent and significant disability with the reasonable and necessary supports they need to live an ordinary life.

The NDIS has an extensive range of publications which can be found on the factsheets and publications page of their website www.ndis.gov.au/people-disability/fact-sheets-and-publications.html?utm_source=NDIS%20Ready

These resources are for the community, families, carers, GPs and health professionals as well as service providers. If you would like to order any hard copies of this material, you can request an information pack online.

The NDIS is now available in the Rockhampton, Gladstone and west to the borders region, which includes the Barcaldine Region.

The Early Childhood Early Intervention partner - BUSHkids, as well as our Local Area Coordination partner - Carers Queensland Limited, will support the rollout of the NDIS in this region.

If you don't have access to the internet you can contact the NDIS on 1800 800 110 for further information.

Flowers in the Dust

Flowers in the Dust is a special gift for birthdays, Mother's Day or just because.

This is a book for everyone who loves outback Queensland, for everyone who loves Australia.

The book contains approximately 500 beautifully presented reproductions of Jenny Mace's water colour paintings of the native flora of the Desert Uplands.

It is on sale now for \$50.00 each at Barcaldine Regional Council

Visitor Information Centres or mail orders for \$65.00 each including postage and handling.

For book order forms please visit the Barcaldine Regional Council website, www.barcaldinerc.qld.gov.au or telephone the Barcaldine Regional Council Barcaldine Administration Office on 07 4651 5600.

Flowers in the Dust



Botanical watercolour paintings by Jenny Mace
Text by William Green and Martina Dexter

Jericho Pool officially opened

The Jericho Swimming Pool was officially opened on Friday 4 May 2018 by the Hon Stirling Hinchliffe MP, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs.

The project is proudly funded by the Queensland Government in association with Barcaldine Regional Council.

Minister Hinchliffe was joined by Barcaldine Regional Council Mayor Rob Chandler.



Minister Hinchliffe (left) and Barcaldine Regional Council Mayor Rob Chandler.



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The developers are now looking for farmers to trial the website and help determine the most helpful aspects of the site and how it could be improved for future users.

If you're interested in helping on this very important project, please visit www.ifarmwell.com.au and register to start the trial today.

Dog registration



Dog registration renewals are due on 1 July 2018.

Reminder renewal notices will be mailed to you if your dog's registration expired on 30 June 2018.

If you have a new dog that needs to be registered, please contact your local Council office to arrange.

Council only allows a maximum of two dogs per household.



Saltern Creek Bushfire commemoration

seeking information, photographs or memorabilia

October 2018 marks the 100 year anniversary of the devastating 1918 Saltern Creek bushfires, a tragedy in which seven people lost their lives.

This event remains one of the worst fire disasters in Queensland's history.

The Barcaldine & District Folk Museum, in conjunction with Barcaldine Regional Council is preparing a commemorative display to be presented in the history room of Barcaldine's Globe Building in honour of this event.

We are seeking information, photographs or memorabilia which might add to the display from any relatives of the people who fought the fires, property owners, or other interested persons. If possible, items will be copied and returned to protect original documents. If you believe you are able to help, please respond to this message or call Tony Walsh (BDHS) on 0410 522 041 or Kaylene Reynolds (Historical Researcher) on 0429 709 643.



Growing up in Queensland

Have your say as part of the Growing up in Queensland. We want to hear from children and you people aged 4-18 years.

This is your chance to share your thoughts, views and opinions about your community, your hopes and dreams, and the big issues for you.

What you tell us will help make a difference for you and future generations.

How can you get involved?

If you are 13-18 years old [complete the online survey](#). This is a must do to have your say.

Ever wanted to be on the news? Everyone aged 7-18 years can become a [Citizen Journalist](#) to share your opinions.

We know our youngest citizens have big opinions, so unleash your [inner artist](#) and show us what's good about your community now or how you want it to look in the future.

Register with [eHub](#) and get involved with our weekly discussion topic.

Let's get social - [like us on Facebook](#) and stay in the know with what's new and the progress of the Growing up in Queensland road trip

What are we asking you about?

We want to hear your views, opinions and experiences about:

- The place you call home – how you experience life in your community; your opinions about safety, support and the physical places where you spend your time
- Your hopes and dreams – your career goals and the things which might help or stop you achieving them; and
- The big picture – what do you think government and decision makers should focus on and how you want your community to look now and in the future.

What will your ideas be used for?

What you tell us will be included in reports the QFCC sends to decision makers to make sure they understand your needs and views.

We've been told by children and young people that there are lots of decisions being made about your lives and most of the time you don't have a say. This is your chance to get your opinions out there.

We will use the information in presentations and online so the wider community can hear your voice and ideas. It will also be used to develop a wellbeing strategy for Queensland children and young people.

The Commissioners will write back to you through schools, libraries, youth groups and your parents/carers so they can let you know what children and young people said about what it's like growing up in Queensland.

Information will be shared on the QFCC's website and the [Growing up in Queensland Facebook page](#).

Attention teachers:

The online survey is an activity that could be completed in class time. You can download the lesson plan to let your students have their say.

You can also download material for the art and citizen journalist activities for your students from:

www.qfcc.qld.gov.au/growingupQLD



More information about Growing up in Queensland can be found on their website at www.qfcc.qld.gov.au/growingupQLD

Community drought support funding

Name of community organisation	Name of event or activity	Funding
Alpha District Tourism & Development Association Inc	Movie Night	\$1,000
Alpha Golf Club Inc	Alpha Community Christmas Tree	\$1,500
Alpha Golf Club Inc	Movember Golf Day	\$1,500
Alpha Jockey Club Inc	Alpha Community Cup Race Meet	\$4,000
Alpha Men's Shed Inc	Alpha Men's Shed Open Day and Official Opening	\$1,500
Alpha Show Society Inc.	The Annual Alpha Show	\$6,000
Aramac Bowls Club Inc.	Drought Relief Triple Bowls Day	\$1,000
Aramac Community Development Association Inc. (running in conjunction with Aramac Rodeo Club inc.)	Aramac Casino Royale	\$1,500
Aramac Race Club Inc	Aramac Races	\$1,000
Aramac Rodeo Club Inc. (running in conjunction with Aramac Community Development Assn.)	Aramac Casino Royale	\$1,500
Aramac Rugby League Club INC	Triathlon	\$1,000
Aramac Senior Citizens	Cent Sale	\$500
Aramac State School	Sports Development Week	\$3,100
Aramac Touch Football Association	Touch Tournament	\$1,500
Aramac/Muttaborra ICPA Branch	Sports in the Desert	\$1,500
Ballyneety Rodeo Club Inc.	Ballyneety Campdraft/Rodeo and Bush Gymkhana	\$1,500
Barcaldine & District Historical Society Inc	Steamfest 2018	\$1,000
Barcaldine Campdraft Association	Barcaldine Campdraft Association	\$1,500
Barcaldine Cultural Association	Furniture Restoration Workshop	\$1,500
Barcaldine Girl Guides	Girl Guide Camp	\$650
Barcaldine Golf Club	Central West Golf Day/Barcaldine Open Championships	\$1,500
Barcaldine Junior Rugby League	Laurie Spina Junior Rugby League Carnival	\$1,000
Barcaldine Junior Rugby League	Attendance at Paul Bowman Carnival	\$1,000
Barcaldine Junior Rugby League	Travel to the Central Highlands	\$1,000
Barcaldine Lawn Tennis Club Inc.	Junior Tennis program	\$750
Barcaldine Men's Shed Inc.	Opening New Shed Extension	\$500
Barcaldine Netball Association	Junior Cluster Days	\$1,500
Barcaldine Pony Club	Barcaldine Open Gymkhana	\$1,000
Barcaldine Prep - 12 State School	U 8's Day 2018	\$1,000
Barcaldine Prep - 12 State School	NW Sports	\$1,000
Barcaldine Rifle Club	Barcaldine Rifle Club Annual Prize Shoot	\$2,000
Barcaldine Senior Rugby League	Tree of Knowledge Festival Rugby League Match	\$1,500
Barcaldine Show Society	Barcaldine Show	\$4,000
Barcaldine Tree of Knowledge Festival committee	Barcaldine Tree of Knowledge Festival	\$8,000
Central West Rugby League	2018 Capras Juniors Trials	\$1,000
Desert Recreation Club	Camp Cookout Competition	\$1,000
Jericho Public Christmas Tree	Jericho Christmas Tree	\$2,000
Jericho State School P&C Association	Colour Fun Run family fun day fair	\$2,000
Landsborough Flock Ewe Show Society Inc	Muttaborra Sheep Show	\$4,000
Muttaborra Golf Club	Drought Buster Golf Day	\$1,500
Outback Barrel Horse Circuit	Outback Barrel Horse Circuit Event	\$1,500
St Joseph's Primary School, Barcaldine	Car Wash	\$500
St Joseph's Primary School, Barcaldine	The Lion King Kids Musical	\$1,500

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Entries are now open for the

2018

Get Gardening Competition

Enter your garden
now for the chance
to win your share
in prize money.

TO ENTER:

Pick up an entry form from any Barcardine Regional Council Office or download from the website, www.barcardinerc.qld.gov.au

IMPORTANT DATES:

FINAL ENTRIES must be received by 12.00pm on Monday 20 August 2018.

JUDGING from Monday 3 to Friday 7 September 2018.

THE GET GARDENING COMPETITION AWARD CEREMONY will be held at the Get Gardening Expo in Aramac on Saturday 29 September 2018. All entrants are encouraged to be at the Award Ceremony.

BEST REGIONAL GARDEN

BEST TOWN GARDEN

BEST RURAL GARDEN

BEST EDIBLE GARDEN

BEST SENIORS GARDEN

BEST NON-RESIDENTIAL GARDEN

BEST FRONT GARDEN / FOOTPATH

BEST FIRST TIME ENTRY

The annual Get Gardening Competition is a Barcardine Regional Council initiative which encourages individuals, businesses and community groups to take pride in their properties and streets.

contact us **Executive Office** PO Box 191 (71 Ash Street) Barcardine QLD 4725 4651 5600

Alpha 43 Dryden Street 4985 1166 **Aramac** 35 Gordon Street 4652 9999 **Jericho** Darwin Street 4651 4129

Muttaborra 20 Bruford Street 4658 7191

Website www.barcardinerc.qld.gov.au

[www.facebook.com/Barcardine Regional Council](https://www.facebook.com/BarcardineRegionalCouncil)

Barcaldine Regional Council – 2019 Budget

Barcaldine Regional Council adopted its 2019 budget at its General Meeting held on Wednesday 27 June 2018.

Ratepayers can expect an overall **average** rate increase of **2.00%** for the 2019 financial year.

Mayor Rob Chandler said: "This year will see the completion of some significant projects including the Barcaldine Recreation Park, internal fitout of the Muttaborrasaurus Interpretation Centre, a new Aramac Showground Ablution Block, upgrades to the Medical Centre in Jericho and upgrade of the dining area at the Alpha Showground.

Council will be performing some significant Main Roads contracts in the coming year including the Clermont-Alpha Road, Muttaborra-Aramac Road, Barcaldine-Aramac Road and Torrens Creek Road. This will ensure our works crews are fully employed.

Planned town streets upgrades include Acacia St in Barcaldine, Porter St and McAuliffe St in Aramac, Edkins St and Sword St in Muttaborra and Burns St and Moore St in Alpha.

Council has also budgeted \$2.4m for rural road upgrades including concrete floodways.

Due to the ongoing drought, Council has adopted a new excess water charge methodology. This should provide some relief to residents having difficulty in maintaining their gardens."

2019 BUDGET SNAPSHOT:

Statement of Cashflows

Operating Income	\$ 28.61m
Capital Income	\$ 7.18m
Total Income	\$ 35.79m

Operating Expenditure	\$ 24.55m
Capital Expenditure	\$ 16.65m
Total Expenditure	\$ 41.20m

Council will partially fund its capital works program from borrowings of \$3.6m and the balance from cash reserves.

Council expects to achieve a year end cash balance of \$21m.

General Rates - per annum

Alpha Town	\$ 500.00 minimum or 0.73 cents in \$
Jericho Town	\$ 474.00 minimum or 0.73 cents in \$
Aramac Town	\$ 421.00 minimum or 0.73 cents in \$
Muttaborra Town	\$ 400.00 minimum or 0.73 cents in \$
Barcaldine Town	\$ 538.00 minimum or 0.73 cents in \$
Rural Areas	\$ 455.00 minimum or 0.73 cents in \$

Sewerage Charge - per annum

Aramac/Muttaborra/Barcaldine	\$ 623.00
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Water Charge - per annum

Alpha and Jericho	\$ 694.60
Aramac and Muttaborra	\$ 530.40
Barcaldine	\$ 699.00

Excess Water – Alpha and Jericho	- 60 cents per kilolitre
Excess Water – Barcaldine	- 39 cents for first 900 kilolitres - 60 cents over 900 kilolitres

Refuse Charge - per annum

Waste Management Charge	\$82.40
Refuse Collection Charge	\$185.80

Pensioner Rebates

Pensioners will continue to receive a 30% Council rebate on rates with a maximum Council rebate of \$394 per annum. Pensioners also receive a \$200 State Government rebate.

Rates Notices

Rates will be payable by two instalments and will be due for payment on 22 October 2018 and 27 May 2019.

Roadworks

Alpha - Town Street upgrades	\$ 310,000
Aramac - Town Street upgrades	\$1,115,000
Barcaldine - Town Street upgrades	\$1,190,000
Muttaborra - Town Street upgrades	\$ 700,000
Regional Town Street Maintenance	\$ 446,000
Rural Roads maintenance and upgrades	\$5,566,800

TOTAL COUNCIL ROADWORKS \$9,327,800

Operating Costs

Water Supply - \$797,300
Sewerage - \$454,472
Waste Management - \$365,000
Rural Services - \$755,000
Parks and Gardens - \$1,298,000
Libraries - \$281,000
Swimming Pools - \$424,012
Sport & Recreation Facilities - \$595,500
Halls, Museums and Galleries - \$214,000
Community Care Services - \$1,108,500
Events and Tourism - \$556,000
Cultural Activities - \$35,500
Airports - \$311,000
Donations to Community Organizations - \$235,000
Cemeteries - \$127,000
Banks, Post Office and RTC - \$218,500

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