

From the Mayor



Thursday 27 September was the start of the Queensland Outback Geocaching Muster in the region with 88 entries. These Cachers were all over our region, predominately Jericho, Barcaldine and Aramac, placing caches and looking for them over the following days. The dollars spent in our communities was very welcome.

I thoroughly enjoyed the Garden Expo in Aramac. It was a good day with our guest presenter Annette Irish, an expert international advisor on all things to do with gardening.

On 2 November Kristy Sparrow has offered her property to host a day out with Outback Futures, nutritionists, the Rural Financial Counselling service and much more with full catering service. This will be a great opportunity to come together for a day out and catch up with all those who are battling the drought.

The Federal Government has allocated \$1 million to 22 shires across Queensland of which we are one - this is great news. Council is waiting for the guidelines around this funding. Council's initial thoughts, depending on the guidelines is to spend the dollars across projects in all our communities. This will help local tradies where the money is spent locally.

Jericho had a very heart warming day a couple of Saturdays ago with a team from Bundaberg bringing out lots of goodies and feed. Good on you to Luke, Leslie and all those that jumped in to organise and promote. It is the thought that counts and there are so many groups Australia wide thinking of us and others in drought at the moment.

The warm weather is here with the next three months generally a very exasperating time until the storms start getting serious in the new year. Let's hope for an early break to the season and say hello to your mates. It's pretty easy to say RUOK.

Cheers, Rob

Discount for prompt rates payment

Rate notices were issued on 17 September 2018.

Would you like a discount on your rates?

A discount of 10 percent applies for prompt payment and expires at 4:30 pm on 22 October 2018.

You can pay your rates by:

- Mail
- Telephone
- Internet banking
- EFTPOS
- Over the counter
- Prepayments

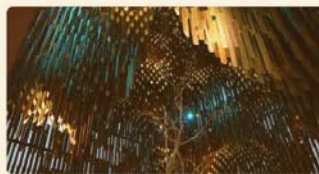
Please take mail delivery and bank processing times into account when making your payment. BPay payments may take up to three days.

Contact the Barcaldine Regional Council Aramac Office on 4652 9999 if you need any further information or are having difficulty paying your rates.

Barcaldine Regional Council COMMUNITY FORUMS

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Queensland Drought Appeal

On Saturday 1 September 2018, Council was proud to host Seven News live for the Sports Report with Shane Webcke and Queensland Drought Appeal.

More than \$2.4 million was raised as part of the appeal with donations still open. The funds are being distributed by the Queensland Country Women's Association and you can apply for assistance up to \$5,000.00 per individual, family, household, primary producer or small business.

Please visit the Barcaldine Regional Council website for the one page form you are required to complete.

Thank you to the community for supporting the event and Barcaldine Junior Rugby League for catering the BBQ.

Saltern Creek bushfire and memorial

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

This remains one of the worst fire disasters in Queensland's history. Barcaldine Regional Council will mark the occasion with the unveiling of the memorial at Bryan Park, Oak Street, on Monday 29 October 2018 at 9.30am, followed by a morning tea and viewing of the commemorative display in the History Room of the Globe.

Aramac Aquatic Centre opens

The Aramac Aquatic Centre opened on Friday 28 September ready for the summer swimming season.

Locals and visitors now have a state of the art facility to cool down during the hot summer months.

The aquatic centre replaced Aramac's 65 year old pool with a new 25m six-lane swimming pool and includes a children's splash pad and water treatment plant and building and refurbished amenities block.

The \$2million project was funded by the Queensland Government's Building our Regions program and the Barcaldine Regional Council.



Proudly funded by the Queensland Government's Building our Regions program



\$30,000 for regional arts projects

Barcaldine Regional Council has received \$25,000 funding from Arts Queensland for its 2018-2019 Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF). With Council's contribution of \$5,000 the Program's total budget is \$30,000.

Queensland Arts Minister Leeanne Enoch said investing in creative and cultural experiences through the RADF strengthened regional communities, boosted cultural tourism, and enhanced the quality of life in rural and remote towns and cities.

"RADF is a unique partnership between the Queensland Government and Barcaldine Regional Council to support local talent, unite communities and celebrate the arts across the state.

"The Queensland Government, through Arts Queensland, is contributing \$2.08 million in 2018-19 in partnership with 58 councils statewide to help deliver cultural experiences which align with local priorities," Ms Enoch said.

Council is now looking for new applications and activities such as craft, painting, theatre, singing, cultural development and more.

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.

Get Gardening Expo

It was a great day in Aramac on Saturday 29 September 2018 for the Get Gardening Expo.

The day saw Annette Irish sharing her knowledge and experience with horticulture presentations which included soil and water testing. Milynda Rogers showcased her talents with two wire sculpture demonstrations. The sculptures were then part of a silent auction with all the proceedings going to the Aramac State School P&C.

Thank you to the stall holders, Central West Aboriginal Corporation for showcasing bush tucker and the Aramac State School P&C who have provided all the refreshments for the Expo.

Thank you to everyone for coming out and enjoying the day.

The Get Gardening Expo will be held in Jericho next year. We look forward to seeing you there.



Potting seedlings



Annette Irish



Soil testing



Wire sculpture with Milynda Rogers

National Disability Insurance Scheme

The NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme) rolled out in our region in November 2017. It is the new system that provides ongoing, individual support to those who have a disability



Our region is managed by the Rockhampton NDIA (National Disability Insurance Agency) which covers the whole Central West region. Participants have an individual plan developed to best meet their needs around:

1. Core Supports – daily tasks,
2. Capital Supports – assistive technology and modifications, and
3. Capacity Supports – community participation.

These supports are then managed over the life of your plan (usually a year) and then re-assessed according to your needs.

Barcaldine Regional Council Community Care Services is a registered provider of the NDIS. We are now providing direct care services, under all the support areas within our local communities. We are also the only Plan Management agency in the Central West.



What do I need to do?

- Call the NDIS on 1800 800 110
- Complete the Registration Forms (we can assist you)
- Meet with the Local Area Coordinator (LAC) Chris Kelso
- Develop a Plan that best suits your needs
- Choose Barcaldine Regional Council Community Care Services team to provide your 'local' supports and services

What does BRC Community Care Services offer?

- Social & Community Participation
- Daily Tasks - transport and consumables
- Capital Supports - home modifications and assistive technology
- Assist-Life Stage Transition - planning for the future
- Choice & Control - plan management
- Health & Wellbeing
- Relationships
- Lifelong Learning

If you are interested in further information or would like to become a participant and join our local, qualified and friendly team, please call 4651 2187 for assistance.

Do you need to contact Council after hours?

Did you know that Barcaldine Regional Council has an after hours contact number?

If there is a matter that requires Council's urgent attention outside ordinary business hours, you can contact the

On Call Officer on 0428 683 465

Please use this number instead of contacting individual Council employees directly.



Dedicate a digital poppy

There is still a chance to contribute to the Armistice Centenary public art project, by creating and sharing your own digital poppy tribute via the Queensland Armistice Centenary website. Digital poppy dedications created by Queenslanders will be incorporated into a virtual reflection pool on the website, and will also be displayed during the Armistice Centenary commemorations in Brisbane alongside the final art installation.

Visitors to the digital reflection pool are also invited to click on existing poppies to read how other Queenslanders are remembering those who served during the First World War.

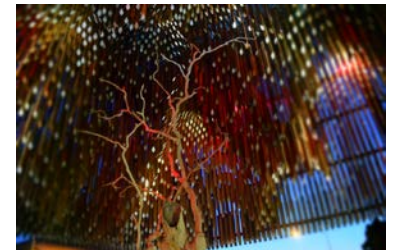
<https://poppies.premiers.qld.gov.au/poppies/>



Tree of Knowledge lights

The lighting system has just had an upgrade at the Tree of Knowledge so you may notice the tree is lit in different colours.

The colours will reflect any special occasions occurring in the week or month.



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The Festival of Small Halls will visit each community with acclaimed Canadian multi-instrumentalist Madison Violet and rising Kimberley star Harry Jakamarra. Doors open at 6.30pm. Share an evening of great entertainment.

- 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 Memorial Hall

Ticket price

Adult: \$15.00 per person

Children: \$5.00 per child (17 years and under)

Concession: \$10.00 per person (pensioner)

Tickets available online from www.festivalofsmallhalls.com.au, or locally at the Barcaldine Regional Council Administration Offices.