



MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

In this edition of the Galilee Gazette, I wanted to flag a number of important events around the region and key dates. Firstly, well done to the entrants of the Get Gardening Competition. The gardens this year have been beautifully presented despite weather conditions. Our region has once again lived up to its reputation for having the absolute best gardens in the Central West. We look forward to hearing the announcement of the award recipients at the Get Gardening Expo in Jericho on the weekend. A special thanks to our guest gardening speaker Annette McFarlane and our judges from Blackall.

A lot of work has gone into the second Outback Aerodrone Event which is being hosted in Barcaldine from Saturday 21 to Monday 23 September 2019. You will find the detailed program included in the Galilee Gazette which shows the range of topics and expert presenters. I encourage you to come along and see how unmanned automated vehicles are changing everything we do from leisure activities to heavy industry. There are also some fantastic family-friendly drone racing events and hands on activities for kids so please come along.

In my last column, I spoke about our Head Yakka initiative which is all about long term and intergenerational change in outback mental health and well-being. Launches for the **Head Yakka Program** will be happening across the region as follows and I encourage you to come along and understand what this program is doing for our region:

Tuesday 15 October 2019: Alpha at the Alpha Town Hall commencing at 6.00pm.

Wednesday 16 October 2019: Aramac at the Aramac Town Hall commencing at 6.00pm.

Thursday 17 October 2019: Barcaldine at the Galilee Gallery at the Globe commencing at 6.00pm. Supper will be provided at each forum.

During the week of Monday 21 October, Council will be conducting Community Consultation and Feedback Sessions in all five communities. Dates and times will be published shortly, these sessions will be attended by Councillors and Senior Officers. Topics to be discussed will include a regional overview, a project update relevant to each community, information in relation to disaster management and the Get Ready Campaign and importantly discussions around the future purpose of our communities and region... where we want to be in the medium to long term and how are we going to get there. A short survey will be included in an upcoming edition of the Galilee Gazette to help get you thinking about where you see your community in the future.

All the best,
Steven

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Working together for Outback Mental Health and Wellbeing

HEAD YAKKA PROGRAM

There are concerning statistics around suicide and mental health, back to back years of crippling drought and other factors of remote living, that together create a compelling need for a real and long-term response. HEAD YAKKA is a ten year, community-based and community-led program, aiming to develop a culture of holistic wellbeing that prevents self-harm, suicide and builds genuine long term resilience. HEAD YAKKA is about all ages and all parts of the community working together towards a stronger and healthier community. It is about a future with reduced suicide, better mental health and greater resilience and care of self and others.

HEAD YAKKA is NOT:

- An institution
- A set of rules
- About illness
- About judgement
- About being alone
- Being imposed
- A service provision or emergency response

If you are interested in becoming part of the development/activities of the program, if you have questions and would like to know more about HEAD YAKKA or if you would like to better understand how to find support for yourself or others please contact peter.trask@outbackfutures.org.au or tom.greer-smith@outbackfutures.org.au or phone Outback Futures on 0417 703 729.

GENERAL MEETING DATES

In accordance with Section 277 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* notice is hereby given of the following General Meetings of Council:-

18 September 2019: Alpha Council Chambers

23 October 2019: Jericho Disaster Coordination Centre

20 November 2019: Aramac Council Chambers

18 December 2019: Barcaldine Council Chambers

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

STRATEGIC 1080 GROUND BAITING CAMPAIGN

Council wishes to advise that a ground baiting program will be occurring across the region during the period Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November 2019 to assist in the control of wild dogs.

Mail advice has been sent to property owners in the area for completion and return by Monday 14 October 2019.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact any of the following Rural Land Officers:-

Anthony Waugh: 0400 725 015 or Aramac.rural@barc.qld.gov.au

Liam Balderson: 0417 564 112 or liamb@barc.qld.gov.au

John Fisher: 0429 851 342 or johnf@barc.qld.gov.au



DISASTER MANAGEMENT REGISTER FOR COMMUNICATION ALERTS

As we Get Ready for storm season, it is a timely reminder for you to register for Council's Disaster Management Communication Alert System. By registering for this system, you allow Council to send disaster management communication alerts to your mobiles via SMS in times of an emergency and disaster. This is another avenue for Council to keep you more informed with real time updates. With the collection of your personal information Council will comply with all required acts and regulations such as; *the Disaster Management Act 2003*, the *Disaster Management Regulation 2014*, the *Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld) (IP Act)* and *the Spam Act 2003*. Your registration for the Barcaldine Regional Council's Emergency Alert Services can be updated or cancelled at any time by contacting Council on 07 4651 5600 or by emailing alerts@barc.qld.gov.au.

REGIONAL NEWS

BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL SUSTAINABILITY CLEAN GROWTH CHOICES PROGRAM SEPTEMBER UPDATE**WHAT IS THE PROGRAM ALL ABOUT?**

Using a practical tool to provide people with a framework to help them better examine how their ideas can be turned into reality. Its emphasis is on getting ideas out of people's heads and into a business case that can be worked on and progressed.

WHAT'S HAPPENED SO FAR?

A group of around 20 people from across the Barcaldine Region have put their hand up to take part. Over the last 12 months we have had formal workshops and lunchtime catch ups across the Barcaldine Region where participants have discussed their ideas on how to take the community forward. Over this time the group went through a process to vote and prioritise over 40 great ideas down to the first six to work on first.

WHAT ARE THE IDEAS IDENTIFIED TO PROGRESS FIRST?**1. RENEWABLE ENERGY**

This idea looks at changing the current solar farm model, which doesn't generate sustainable jobs or electricity cost savings for our community and update it to a model that uses the solar resource we have to deliver jobs and cost savings to Barcaldine Regional Council, residents and businesses. As part of this work, Barcaldine Regional Council has engaged renowned economics and solar expert Professor Ross Garnaut to undertake an initial report focussing on how inexpensive local renewable energy can be a key enabler for Barcaldine Regional Council's economic development. His report will examine solar assessments of key council and community premises, the potential of community uptake of rooftop solar and see him identifying and meeting with industries and businesses that maybe interested in coming to the region based on inexpensive electricity. Read more about Professor Garnaut at <https://www.rossgarnaut.com.au>.

2. MACROPOD ABATTOIR ARAMAC

This was identified as an opportunity to deliver jobs in the Aramac community. So far an investor has been identified and is keen to build a facility in Aramac and the project proponents and investor have been in contact with Barcaldine Regional Council. Next step is for the investor to begin the development application process.

3. INVESTMENT PROSPECTUS

It was identified Barcaldine Regional Council lacked a comprehensive prospectus to present to anyone interested in coming to the region about what we have to offer. As part of the program it was decided a document should be developed to help get across what is happening NOW, where Barcaldine Regional Council wants to GO and how it wants to GROW.

4. CARBON ABATEMENT

Could carbon farming be an opportunity to deliver diversified incomes for Barcaldine Regional Council and landholders?

This question is currently being examined with industry leaders to further prioritise and clarify what this could mean for Barcaldine Regional Council.

5. TOURISM

It was identified there are opportunities to deliver new tourism attractions in the Barcaldine Region. As tourism was one of the most popular topics for discussion it will look at two ideas. The first will investigate building the Largest Australian Flag and World Geography Centre in the Barcaldine Region to celebrate Barcaldine Regional Council being in the middle of Queensland.

The second looks to take advantage of the night sky and whilst initially looked at developing a viewing platform as part of the Barcaldine Water Tower this concept will now be incorporated into the Globe development to maximise tourism opportunities.

BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL

SUSTAINABILITY CLEAN GROWTH CHOICES

PROGRAM SEPTEMBER

UPDATE (continued)

6. MOTORBIKE EXPERIENCE

Developing a motorbike experience in the Barcaldine Region was identified by Barcaldine State School leaders as an opportunity to bring higher value tourists to the Barcaldine Region. Whilst the initial concept focused on a motocross track, it has now evolved into developing a motorbike model based on the success of Blue Derby mountain bike experience in Tasmania. Read more about the Derby story at <https://www.ridebluederby.com.au/about>.

For more information about any of the above projects or the program please contact Morgan Gronold on 0448 739 759 or mgronold@rapad.com.au.

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK

Council has recently combined all three current publications the Galilee Gazette, Barcaldine Bulletin and Bottom Rail into one cohesive publication. We would like your thoughts on how the newsletter can be improved and what you would like to read about.

You can either provide your feedback to your local Administration Office or via email to council@barc.qld.gov.au.

2020 AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Council is seeking expressions of interest from community groups in our five communities to host the 2020 Australia Day Celebrations on Sunday 26 January 2020. The community celebrations are scheduled to take place during the following time slots:

Alpha: Afternoon/evening

Jericho: Morning

Barcaldine: Afternoon/evening

Aramac: Morning

Muttaburra: Morning

Please consult your community group and nominate your event to host the Australia Day Celebrations and Awards on Sunday 26 January 2020.

Expressions of interest close on Friday 27 September 2019 at 12.00pm. Please send your proposal to PO Box 191, Barcaldine QLD 4725 or email council@barc.qld.gov.au. If you have any further queries please contact Angela Waugh, Events and Tourism Officer, on 07 4651 5612 or email events@barc.qld.gov.au.

DISRUPTION TO COUNCIL SERVICES |

FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER 2019

There will be limited Council services on Friday 18 October 2019 due to staff attending a whole of organisation meeting.

Thank you for your cooperation to enable our staff to attend this important event.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the Barcaldine Administration Office on 07 4651 5600.

OUTBACK QUEENSLAND VISITOR'S CHOICE AWARDS

There is still time to vote for the following categories for the Outback Queensland Tourism Association Awards:

- Best Outback Queensland Experience
- Best Outback Queensland Stay
- Best Outback Queensland Pub
- Best Outback Queensland Region

To vote, go to <https://www.outbackqueensland.com.au/2019-outback-queensland-visitors-choice-awards/>. Voting closes on Monday 30 September 2019. By voting, you have the chance to win a \$500 fuel voucher.

ALPHA



ALPHA SHOWGROUND GRANDSTAND AND KITCHEN

The Alpha Showground Grandstand and Kitchen has recently undergone renovations with the installation of new awnings and is now available for hire and community use.



The Alpha Showground Grandstand and Kitchen awning.

AUTOMATIC WATERING SYSTEM

Settlers Park in Alpha is currently undergoing the installation of new automatic watering systems with Stage three due to be completed within the next few months.



Settlers Park in Alpha.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday 24 September 2019: Great Western Play & Stay Musical Tour 2019 at the Alpha Golf Club commencing from 6.30pm to 11.00pm.
- Saturday 5 October 2019: Alpha Tourism Association - Bingo afternoon at the Alpha Town Hall, commencing at 2.00pm.
- Sunday 6 October 2019: Alpha Golf Club Marcia Bradshaw Memorial - Royal Flying Doctor Service Fun Day Fundraiser at the Alpha Golf Club.

JERICHO



JERICHO ROAD REHABILITATION WORKS

Council has commenced work to reconstruct a section of road on the Capricorn Highway at Jericho. The works are from the railway crossing on the western side extending 5km west. This Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) project has a total project value of \$2.6m and reconstructs a section of road that was built in the early 90's. During construction sidetracks will be in place and we ask for your patience during this time. The project is due for completion by December this year.



Jericho-Barcaldine Roadworks.

AUTOMATIC WATERING SYSTEM

The Jericho Showground is currently undergoing the installation of new automatic watering systems with Stage Three due to be completed within the next few months.



Automatic watering systems at the Jericho Showground.

JERICHO STREETSCAPES

Council employees in Jericho have been busy this week in the main street revamping the gardens in time for spring.



Gardens in Darwin Street, Jericho.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday 2 October 2019: Fundraising Luncheon and fashion parade for Royal Flying Doctor Service at the Jericho Town Hall commencing at 10.00am to 3.00pm.

BARCALDINE



WANTED OLD PALLETS – BARCALDINE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PROJECT

The Barcaldine Area has developed a Christmas project that will get everyone into the Christmas spirit and bring the community together to celebrate this wonderful time of year. We would like business houses, community groups and even individuals to get behind a great idea of placing Christmas Trees all around town from Sunday 1 December 2019. The Barcaldine Men's Shed have graciously agreed to support this project and will donate their time to cut and sand back the trees ready for painting and decorating. Council very much appreciates their support to this project. Once the trees are ready to go, businesses, groups and individuals will be asked to "adopt" a tree and decorate and display it in front of their business, home and also in select locations around Barcaldine. We now need your help in finding as many pallets as possible to give this project life. If you have any old pallets lying around, can you please have them delivered to the Barcaldine Men's Shed as soon as possible so they can start this project and the completed trees can be handed out for decorating in time for Christmas, which is quickly approaching. If you wish to be involved in this project, please register your interest with the Barcaldine Administration Office as soon as possible.



Example of pallet Christmas Trees for the community Christmas project.

BARCALDINE RECREATION PARK

Mayor Rob Chandler had the honour of conducting the official sod-turning at the Barcaldine Recreation Park on Friday 6 September 2019. This marked the commencement of the first stage of the project.



Barcaldine Regional Council Councillors and staff and Keith Luckhurst, Superintendent for the Barcaldine Recreation Park, George Bourne and Associates.

Photo credit: Louise Gronold Imagery.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday 27 to Sunday 29 September 2019: Barcaldine Pony Club Camp at the Barcaldine Pony Club Grounds commencing at 7.00am to 7.00pm.
- Saturday 28 September 2019: Aged Care Monster Auction at the Barcaldine Showground Sheep Pavilion commencing at 10.00am.
- Sunday 29 September 2019: Miniature Train Rides at the Barcaldine Museum commencing at 9.30am to 12.00pm.

CHECK OUT OUR
PROGRAM FOR FAMILY
FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING
DRONE RACING &
KIDS WORKSHOPS

OUTBACK AERODRONE

Symposium 2019

BARCALDINE, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA
21-23 SEPTEMBER 2019

AUSTRALIA'S ONLY REMOTE UAV SYMPOSIUM IS BACK

Outback Aerodrone Symposium 2019 will be held once again
in Barcaldine, Queensland, from 21-23 September 2019.

The Symposium is a great opportunity to find out more
about the diverse applications of drone and data
technologies in remote and rural regions from local,
national and international experts and providers
- right here in Central West Queensland.

Learn, work, play

Drones and agriculture

Applications for government

Disaster management



- » DRONE RACING
- » Infrastructure management
- » AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY
 - » Biosecurity
- » PROPERTY & ASSET MANAGEMENT
- » Disaster and emergency responses
- » CULTURE & TOURISM...
and more!

HAVE A QUESTION?

Contact us:

Phone: +61 7 4651 5612

Email: events@barc.qld.gov.au



REGISTER NOW!

OUTBACKAERODRONE.COM.AU



ARAMAC



Softfall installation at the Aramac Memorial Park.



Porter Street footpath works.

HOUSE AND LAND FOR SALE

Barcaldine Regional Council offers the following properties for sale:

- 28 Porter Street, Aramac 4726 (Lot 4 SPI52776) – 801m²
- 30 Porter Street, Aramac 4726 (Lot 3 SPI52776) – 767m²

Please direct all enquiries to Paula Coulton, District Manager – Aramac and Muttaborra by email to emaramac@barc.qld.gov.au or phone 07 4652 9999. Price negotiable.



28 Porter Street, Aramac.



30 Porter Street, Aramac.

ARAMAC MEMORIAL PARK

The playground at the Aramac Memorial Park in Aramac is now open with the installation of softfall complete. This completes a region wide project that Council has undertaken over the last twelve months. The soft fall surface is a great initiative that helps keep our children safe and increases access for disabled persons within the region. Council appreciates the community’s patience and cooperation whilst these works were completed.

ROADWORKS

Now that Acacia Street roadworks in Barcaldine have been completed, Council crews have been rearranged with the Barcaldine road crew working on the Barcaldine–Aramac Road. The Aramac road construction crews are now starting flood damage works on the Coreena, Veera Park and Crossmore roads. These roads were damaged during rain events in 2018 and the maintenance will take around a month to complete weather permitting. A small work crew is still working on the Porter Street roadworks with driveways and wheelchair access gradients being installed along the new Porter Street kerb and channel.



Softfall installation at the playground in Jubilee Park, Muttaborra.



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – CATERING

Council is seeking expressions of interest from a community group in Muttaborra to cater for the Festival of Small Halls event on the evening of Saturday 9 November 2019. Please consult with your community group and submit a proposal to cater for the event. The approved caterer will receive all proceeds from the catering. Expressions of interest close at 12.00pm on Friday 27 September 2019. Please send your proposed meal option/s to PO Box 191, Barcaldine QLD 4725 or email council@barc.qld.gov.au. If you have any further queries please contact Angela Waugh, Events and Tourism Officer, on 07 4651 5612 or email events@barc.qld.gov.au.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday 5 October 2019: Muttaborra Sculpture Festival and Exhibition at Frogs Hollow, Bridge Street, commencing at 10.00am.

JUBILEE PARK

The playground at Jubilee Park in Muttaborra is now open with the installation of softfall complete. This completes a region wide project that Council has undertaken over the last twelve months. The softfall surface is a great initiative that helps keep our children safe and increases access for disabled persons within the region. Council appreciates the community's patience and cooperation whilst these works were completed.

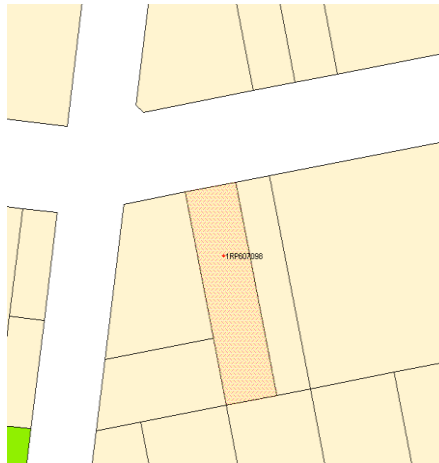
LAND FOR SALE

Barcaldine Regional Council offers the following land for sale:

- 43 Bridge Street, Muttaborra 4732 (Lot 1 RP607098)) 2413m²
- 82 Lord Street, Muttaborra 4732 (Lot 609 CM162) 4047m²
- 86 Lord Street, Muttaborra 4732 (Lot 608 CM162) 4047m²
- 90 Lord Street, Muttaborra 4732 (Lot 607 CM162) 4047m²
- 94 Lord Street, Muttaborra 4732 (Lot 606 CM162) 4047m²

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Price negotiable.



43 Bridge Street



82-94 Lord Street