

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Council is currently working with Outback Futures on a program called Head Yakka. The program aims to foster strong outback communities where people have great wellbeing with reduced mental health conditions and suicide.

Head Yakka embeds mental health and holistic wellbeing as community 'core business', in all facets of life and work. Head Yakka involves integrated wellbeing across both the council workplace and the broader community with measurable changes in mental and general health. Head Yakka focuses on developmental and educational outcomes for children, seeing a new generation of young adults emerging with functioning resilience tools and strategies, well-developed social skills, a clear understanding of help seeking pathways and strong values of good mental health and wellbeing.

Head Yakka's specific aims are to:

1. Shift the cultural narratives around help-seeking, mental health and wellbeing, and health care access.
2. Community mobilisation – enable individuals, families, business and community to better understand, value and advocate for improved mental health and wellbeing.
3. Encourage and nurture genuine self-efficacy in terms of care for self and others.
4. Improve access to and use of services, to achieve enhanced mental health outcomes and suicide reduction.
5. Enhance economic opportunity and increased autonomy.

Every little step we take now will only help build a stronger community for the future.

Regards,
Steven



Working together for Outback Mental Health and Wellbeing

#PartOfYourEveryday



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WILD DOG AND PEST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Barcaldine Regional Council Wild Dog and Pest Management Committee (WDPMC) held their meeting on Friday 9 August 2019 and discussed the benefits of the Feral Scan App which is an application designed to help map feral animal sightings in your local area. The App launched in 2009 and is now hosting over 130,000 community records. Feral Scan is free for download from the App Store and Google Play and is also available online. For more information visit, <https://www.feralscan.org.au/>

FAIRPLAY VOUCHERS PROGRAM

Fairplay vouchers is an initiative under the Queensland Government's *Activate! Queensland 2019-2029* strategy to support regular participation in physical activity, by reducing the cost for children and young people from low income families.

Parents, carers or guardians can apply for a voucher valued up to \$150 for eligible children and young people. These vouchers can be used toward the cost of membership, registration and/or participation fees for eligible activities with registered physical activity providers.

To check your eligibility and for more information visit, qld.gov.au/fairplayvouchers

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:-

21 August 2019: Muttaborra Memorial Hall

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.

WILDLIFE

Council has received reports of persons requiring assistance with local wildlife, in particular possums.

All native animals are protected species under State and Federal Legislation. It is illegal to harm, destroy, or remove an animal that is protected without a permit.

Council has no authority in this area and residents are requested to contact Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service on 13 25 23.

Some helpful information regarding possums:

Possums in the roof

They do not generally cause any problems living there except that they can be noisy on their way in and out. They may also bring leaf litter into the roof and urinate in a favourite spot. It is illegal to trap possums in Queensland unless you have been granted a permit to do so.

How do you get rid of a possum in the roof?

- Put a piece of fruit in the possum house to encourage the possum to enter.
- Trim any overhanging branches to remove access to your roof.
- Place a light in the roof cavity and keep it switched on for a few days to deter the possum.
- Block off the access points to the roof with timber to prevent the possum returning.

For more information visit,

<https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/plants-animals/removal>.

If you have any queries, please contact Council's Local Laws Officer David Lester on 07 4651 5600.

REGIONAL NEWS

OUTBACK QUEENSLAND VISITOR'S CHOICE AWARDS

Voting is now open for the Outback Queensland Tourism Association Awards and you have the opportunity to vote for:

- 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.

Winners will be announced at this year's Outback Queensland Tourism Association Awards in Winton on Saturday 2 November 2019.

QUEENSLAND RAIL – UPDATE OF ARTWORK

Queensland Rail has an opportunity to update some of their artwork on western trains, Spirit of the Outback, The Westlander and The Inlander, in the lounge and dining cars. They currently have images sourced from the Tourism and Events Queensland library. However, they would love to use this space more productively by showcasing some local artists in the region.

Queensland Rail need a total of 12 pieces (680mm x 680mm) to display across these trains for customers to admire. If you are interested in showcasing your artwork, please contact Angela Waugh on 07 4651 5612 or via email events@barc.qld.gov.au by Friday 30 August 2019.

SNAP SEND SOLVE

Did you know, you can report a range of issues from cracked pavements, dumped rubbish to water faults to Council and a range of other authorities via the Snap Send Solve app, free to download from the App Store and Google Play and available online.



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.

WHAT WOULD YOUR COMMUNITY GROUP DO WITH \$20,000?

DAVID WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU

The Coalition Federal Government will invest **\$150,000** – for up to 20 community growth projects – in Maranoa under the **Stronger Communities Programme**.

HON
DAVID LITTLEPROUD MP
YOUR FEDERAL MEMBER FOR MARANOVA



SUBMIT YOUR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR A GRANT, FROM \$2500 TO \$20,000, BEFORE SEPTEMBER 6.

For programme guidelines, check out: business.gov.au/scp



Want to know more? P: 4662 2715 | E: david.littleproud.mp@aph.gov.au | To download an Expression of Interest form, visit www.davidlittleproud.com.au

ALPHA



ALPHA STATE SCHOOL – DINNER WITH THE STARS

Dinner with the Stars hosted by the Alpha State School P & C saw a great turn out with 120 people enjoying the night and guests which included Shane Webcke and Kurt Wiltshire.

Congratulations to the Alpha State School P& C Association for a wonderful night and a great fundraising event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday 30 August 2019: Alpha State School - Father's Day Colour Run at the Alpha State School, commencing at 5.30pm.
- Saturday 7 September 2019: Alpha Tourism Association - Bingo afternoon at the Alpha Town Hall, commencing at 2.00pm.

LOCAL ARTIST SCRAPMETALSHEILA

The Alpha District Tourism and Development Association Inc. hosted local artist Scrapmetalsheila in Alpha last week from Saturday 3 to Sunday 4 August 2019 for a Wire Sculpture Workshop and from Monday 5 to Friday 9 August 2019 to construct a Barbed Wire Bull. Community members were invited to watch the construction of the bull at the Alpha Men's Shed. Other artwork by Scrapmetalsheila can be viewed on her website, <https://scrapmetalsheila.com.au/>

The activities were generously sponsored by Barcaldine Regional Council and the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF). The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is a partnership between the Queensland Government and the Barcaldine Regional Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.



Barbed Wire Bull by artist Scrapmetalsheila.

JERICHO

**JERICHO ROAD REHABILITATION**

Residents are advised that road rehabilitation works on the Capricorn Highway have commenced for five (5) kilometres west of Jericho. Detours will be in place for the duration of the roadworks. Council strongly encourages all who navigate roadworks throughout the region to proceed with caution. Council appreciates your patience and cooperation whilst these works are completed.

JERICHO DRIVE-IN THEATRE

The Jericho Drive-In Theatre celebrated its 50 year anniversary on Saturday 27 July 2019 with a screening of the original movie the Sound of Music. Congratulations to the Jericho State School P&C and Sandi Ford for the running and operation of the theatre.



Jericho Drive-In Theatre 50 year anniversary celebration.

2019 GET GARDENING EXPO | SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2019**TRANSPORT**

Council will be running a free bus service from Alpha, Barcaldine, Aramac and Muttaborra for residents to attend the Get Gardening Expo in Jericho. Bookings are essential so please contact your local Council Administration Office to book your seat.

Alpha: 07 4985 1166

Barcaldine: 07 4651 5600

Aramac: 07 4652 9999

Muttaborra: 07 4658 7191

MARKET AND FOOD STALLHOLDERS

We are currently seeking expressions of interest for market and food stalls at the Get Gardening Expo in Jericho from 9.00am to 1.00pm at the Jericho Drive-In Theatre. Stallholder forms are available from any Barcaldine Regional Council Administration Office or download a copy from the website, www.barcaldinerc.qld.gov.au.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday 1 September 2019: Jericho State School P & C Pancake Breakfast at Redbank Park, commencing at 8.00am.

BARCALDINE



GARBAGE COLLECTION – DISRUPTION TO SERVICES

Barcaldine Regional Council hereby advises residents of Barcaldine that there may be possible delays in the collection of garbage over the coming weeks. The garbage truck requires repairs and may be in and out of service during this time. Should a disruption to the service occur, staff will endeavour to make alternative arrangements for the collection of general waste. Council apologises for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciates your understanding during this time. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the Barcaldine Administration Office on 07 4651 5600.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday 30 August 2019: Barcaldine Prep-12 State School Fete at the Barcaldine State School, commencing at 6.00pm.
- Sunday 1 September 2019: Miniature Train Rides at the Barcaldine Museum, Gidyea Street, commencing at 9.30am to 12.00pm.
- Saturday 7 September 2019: CWA Barcaldine Markets at the Village Green, commencing at 8.00am.

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 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 get them delivered to the Barcaldine Men's Shed as soon as possible so that they can start this project, so that 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.

TEMPORARY SHOWGROUND CLOSURE

Barcaldine Regional Council hereby advises residents of Barcaldine and travellers that the Barcaldine Showground will be closed to camping from 8.00am on Monday 19 to Monday 26 August 2019 and will reopen at 8.00am on Tuesday 27 August 2019.

This is due to the preparation and hosting of the Barcaldine Campdraft.

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

BARCALDINE



OUTBACK AERODRONE SYMPOSIUM

Strap yourself in for a great weekend with unprecedented access to discussions with leading drone, data and tech professionals, in-field demonstrations, trade show and more.

Outback Aerodrone Symposium 2019 will be held in Barcaldine from Saturday 21 to Monday 23 September 2019. For more information or to register for the symposium, please visit the website, <https://www.outbackaerodrone.com.au/>.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – CATERING FOR THE OUTBACK AERODRONE SYMPOSIUM

Expressions of interest are being called for an assortment of catering for the upcoming Outback Aerodrone Symposium in Barcaldine. Final catering numbers will be confirmed closer to the date. As delegates can register for different days and sessions the numbers will vary day-to-day. Please note, last year's symposium attracted over 100 people. Feel free to quote for as many meals as you think you can manage.

Meal plan for the Outback Aerodrone Symposium

Date and time	Meal	Details	Venue
Saturday 21 September 2019			
10.15am	Morning tea	Sweet and/or savoury options *	Barcaldine Town Hall
12.15pm	Lunch	Packed take-away lunch	Barcaldine Town Hall
3.15pm	Afternoon tea	Sweet and/or savoury options *	Barcaldine Town Hall
5.30pm	Welcome function	Canapés	Tree of Knowledge
Sunday 22 September 2019			
10.15am	Morning tea	Sweet and/or savoury options *	Barcaldine Town Hall
12.15pm	Lunch	Packed take-away lunch	Barcaldine Town Hall
3.15pm	Afternoon tea	Sweet and/or savoury options *	Barcaldine Town Hall
Monday 23 September 2019			
10.15am	Morning tea	Sweet and/or savoury options *	Barcaldine Town Hall
12.15pm	Lunch	Packed take-away lunch	Barcaldine Town Hall
3.15pm	Afternoon tea	Sweet and/or savoury options *	Barcaldine Town Hall
5.30pm	Official symposium dinner	Two course meal Main meal: Hot buffet meal Dessert: Selection of dessert items	Galilee Gallery at the Globe

* Please include a whole or sliced fruit option.

If you are interested in catering for this function please reply in writing to Angela Waugh, Events and Tourism Officer, by **12.00pm** on **Friday 30 August 2019** with details of what you will be serving and price per head.

BARCALDINE



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – BAR OPERATIONS FOR THE OUTBACK AERODRONE SYMPOSIUM

Expressions of interest are being called for a local community group to operate a bar for two functions at the upcoming Outback Aerodrone Symposium.

The functions will be held on the following date, time and location:

Date and time	Meal	Details	Venue
Saturday 21 September 2019			
5.30pm	Welcome function	Networking drinks and canapes with a cash bar	Tree of Knowledge
Monday 23 September 2019			
5.30pm	Official symposium dinner	Drinks with a two course dinner with a cash bar	Galilee Gallery at the Globe

Final numbers will be confirmed closer to the date. As delegates can register for different days, the numbers will vary day-to-day. Please note, last year's symposium attracted over 100 people.

If you are interested in operating the bar for one or both of these functions please reply in writing to Angela Waugh, Events and Tourism Officer, by **12.00pm** on **Friday 30 August 2019**. All proceeds from the bar to go to the community group.

Should you require any further information regarding the catering or bar operations requirements, please do not hesitate to contact Angela Waugh on 07 4651 5612 or via email events@barc.qld.gov.au.

BARCALDINE AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Barcaldine Historical Society have reported the following item has been removed from the Barcaldine and District Historical Museum, Gidyea Street, Barcaldine:

- Box about a 40cm long and 10cm high
- Padding or wadding on the bottom
- Perspex clear lid
- A collection of small birds eggs (donated by a former Barcaldine resident)

If anyone is aware of its whereabouts or know who may have taken the item, they would appreciate it being returned please (as it was privately donated).

The Police have been notified.

Any queries please contact Jill Williams on 0429 651 155.

ARAMAC



TELSTRA 4G MOBILE SATELLITE SMALL CELL

A Telstra 4G Mobile Satellite Small Cell tower was commissioned and installed at Lake Dunn last week. This will enable mobile phone, messaging and emailing use in the area surrounding the toilet and shower block. The station has a guaranteed reception radius of 500m but may be picked up from three (3) kilometres away. This is a great asset to the Lake Dunn area for locals and tourists and their safety and connectivity.



The Telstra 4G Mobile Satellite Small Cell tower being used by tourists at Lake Dunn.

ARAMAC ROADWORKS UPDATE

After a lengthy process and unforeseen delays, Porter Street roadworks in Aramac are almost completed. The road has been spray sealed and is now open to traffic. Council appreciates your patience and cooperation whilst these works are completed.



Roadworks in Porter Street, Aramac.

MAIN ROADS WORKS IN ARAMAC

Council have recently undertaken two (2) contracts as part of the Road Maintenance Performance Contract with the Department of Transport and Main Roads. Four (4) kilometres of the Torrens Creek Road has recently been upgraded and resealed and this project was completed in late June. Council is also replacing the road signs between Lagoon Creek at Barcaldine and Aramac with new signs in order to meet current standards. The updated standard requires signs that are higher off the ground and further from the side of the road. Depth markers between the towns will also be replaced during this process.



Sign replacement on Barcaldine-Aramac Road.



MUTTABURRA ROADWORKS UPDATE

Roadworks in Sword and Edkins Streets in Muttaborra are due to be completed in the near future. The roads have been spray sealed and are now open to traffic. There is still some minor works to be finalised including the storm water drains and garden beds. Council appreciates your patience and cooperation whilst these works are completed.



Roadworks in Sword Street, Muttaborra.

MUTTABURRASAUROS INTERPRETATION CENTRE

The Muttaborrasaurus Interpretation Centre landscaping has recently been completed. The landscaping has an outstanding finish of plants and natural elements that are inspired from the surrounding environment. The new garden design is a fantastic addition to an already spectacular facility.



Gardens at the Muttaborrasaurus Interpretation Centre.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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