



PAROO SHIRE COUNCIL MONTHLY UPDATE

Community enables us to welcome and help people in a way we couldn't as individuals

MAY 2025



COUNCIL NEWS

Message from the CEO

I hope everyone was able to have a good break over the Easter and Anzac Day holidays and a chance to perhaps escape from recent events and return to a little normalcy.

Council appreciates there will be a number of the community weighing-up losses following the immediate aftermath and will be deep in the throes of recovery due to our recent flooding event.

I assure residents that Council is here to assist and help you recover from this disaster. Please do not hesitate to reach out should any assistance be needed. Regular updates will be provided detailing funding and assistance available from government and agencies alike.

Our annual Outback River Lights Festival went ahead as planned and although I was not able to attend in person from all reports it was another successful event for the Shire. I extend my congratulations to the many locals and visitors who attended. Highlights included the long table dinner held on the Friday night, market stalls, fireworks, lantern parade, music and food vendors.

Last week saw the long-awaited opening of the Yapunyah Lodge Aged Care facility with housing of their first new tenant. Extensive renovations have been undertaken at a cost of around \$400K. Gwandalan Support Services from Dalby are undertaking a long-term lease providing aged care and ancillary NDIS support services. On behalf of Council, we welcome them to our community and look forward to them providing a much-needed service for the Paroo Shire.

Further budget preparations have been made in the last few weeks with budget costings to be finalised over the coming weeks to enable adoption at the June council meeting.

Council will have further budget announcements following this meeting.

*We'd like to congratulate the April winner of the
2025 Paroo Shire Photography Competition!*

"Dawn of Remembrance" by Gina Jones

May entries are now open!

cunnamullatourism.com.au/whats-on/photo-competition/



UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- 20th May
- 17th June
- 15th July
- 19th August
- 16th September
- 14th October

JOB VACANCIES

- Library Team Leader
- Finance Officer
- Airport Support Officer
- Local Laws Officer/Town Ranger
- Building and Maintenance Officer
- Casual Employment

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employment](http://www.paroo.qld.gov.au/employment)**



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QLD CRICKET YOUNG LEADER GOES TO HENRY LAND

Henry Land was awarded the Queensland Cricket Young Leader of the Year Award!

The award recognizes a young person under 25 for their off-field leadership in volunteering and acknowledges their positive impact on others.

Dan Kearney, Head of Participation and Club Development for Queensland Cricket said, "Our volunteers who run cricket clubs are the most important pillar of cricket in QLD. They provide access to all the positives that we know come with playing sport: creating friendships and connections, building character, and developing your skills."



To see a young man like Henry take the initiative to start a cricket club and give all of his peers a chance to play is incredibly inspiring. Henry and the Cunnamulla Emus are a beautiful example of what cricket is all about, and we know they've got some big plans for next season so can't wait to see what they get up to."

Well done, Henry!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Red Dirt and Sunsets – Art Gallery Exhibition Opening – FREE EVENT

Cunnamulla Visitor Information Centre
Thursday 15th May 6:00pm

Georges Marvelous Medicine

Cunnamulla Shire Hall at 10:30am on
Friday 23rd May

Cunnamulla Sheep Dog Trails

Monday 19th to Wednesday 21st May at the
Cunnamulla Showgrounds

Outback Car Trek 2025

Comes to Cunnamulla Sunday 1st June

Cunnamulla Community Markets

Enjoy live music, delicious food, and a fantastic range of local market stalls – the perfect way to spend a relaxing Sunday in the park!

Where: Centenary Park

When: Sunday 8th June

Time: 10:00am to 2:00pm

Cunnamulla District & Diggers Race Club – Ladies Pink Day Races

When: Saturday 7th June

Time: Gates open at noon

Fee: Ladies FREE Entry plus TBD

Funny Mummies – FREE EVENT!

Cunnamulla Shire Hall at 6:30pm
on Monday 16th June



WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

Ajay Agwan – Director of Infrastructure

Adrienne Ovenden – Library Support Officer

Kaylee Haspels – Tourism and Events Officer –
Seasonal Casual and Library Support Officer – Casual

Feral Pests (Animal) Management:

The shire will be undertaking an aerial baiting campaign from the 26th – 30th May 2025 as part of its feral pests (animal) management plan.

RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION REMINDER:



Woof Woof....

Registration renewal will be going out in early July for cats and dogs within the towns of the Paroo Shire. It is a state requirement that all dogs in Queensland are microchipped and registered with their local council.

Disaster Recovery Information

For anyone including small business or rural producers needing any Disaster Recovery Information please visit our website:

www.paroo.qld.gov.au/after-a-disaster

INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

Footpath Construction / Widening Works:

Concrete footpath construction / widening works will commence on or about 12th May 2025. The first stages of this project will be in Francis Street and Alice Street and will then continue on into Watson Street and Louise Street.

The works will require the removal of existing paths (in some locations) and excavation of soil to enable new pathways to be constructed.

Council apologises for any inconvenience these works may cause to residents and requests your patience so these important footpath improvement works can be undertaken as quickly as possible.

Should any resident have queries or concerns not relevant to the contractor, please contact Council on (07) 4655 8400 or council@paroo.qld.gov.au



Masterplan Pool & John Kerr Park:

An architect has been appointed to prepare a Masterplan for the Cunnamulla Pool and John Kerr Park precinct. Community consultation will commence in the 2nd half of May.



YOU'RE INVITED TO MEET WITH PAROO SHIRE COUNCIL COUNCILLORS & EXECUTIVE STAFF FOR

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS

CUNNAMULLA
WHERE : Kookaburra Room, CCEC
WHEN : Thursday 22nd May
5:30pm - 7:00pm (tea, coffee, biscuits provided)

EULO
WHERE : Undercover Area next to Eulo Queen Hotel
WHEN : Wednesday 21st May
12:30 - 1:30 pm lunch (provided). Meeting 1:30pm - 3:00pm

NOORAMA
WHERE : Noorama Racecourse
WHEN : Monday 19th May
10:00am - 1:30pm (morning tea and lunch provided)

WYANDRA
WHERE : Wyandra Hall
WHEN : Thursday 22nd May
10:00am - 12midday (morning tea provided)

YOWAH
WHERE : YOMCSI Building
WHEN : Wednesday 21st May
9:00am - 11:00am (morning tea provided)

RSVP : council@paroo.qld.gov.au and include any questions or issues you'd like to discuss.

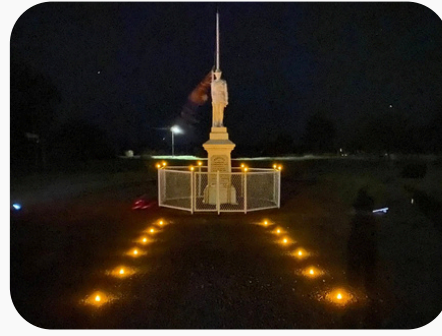
Columbariums:

Work has commenced on the construction of a columbarium at the Cunnamulla Cemetery. One will also be constructed at the Yowah Cemetery this financial year.

WYANDRA



Teeter was a big hit on his first visit to the school with Senior Constable OIC Raigan Manley



Thank you to everyone who attended our Anzac Services – lest we forget.

YOWAH



We lost a very much cherished resident of Yowah in early May – Val Hausler. Val loved Yowah and everyone in Yowah loved Val. She hated the cows eating the trees and would crack a whip to keep the trees going well and green. She'd also feed the kangaroos in the park which all the visitors to our town loved. We will miss her very much and funeral details will be published on the Paroo Shire Facebook page.

The Yowah Opal Festival is well underway, and it looks like a great three days. You can still book a market stall site: simply call Ben on 0427 554 161. See you all there!

EULO



Adam and Prue Brancher

The last month has been huge here in Eulo! We have new owners for the Eulo Queen Hotel – Prue and Adam Brancher who took over the pub on the 1st May. They have also opened a new store next door which has been welcomed by locals.



Our 2025 flood height has gone up on the flood marker. We even had to extend the marker for the new height as it broke all previous records known to date.

We'd also like to thank the Paroo Shire crews for helping to clean up around the town. We hope to see a few of you here for our Trivia Night on the 16th May. It's always a great night matching your wits with the best in the west.



POLICE BEAT

May is Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month. Throughout May the Cunnamulla Police Station will continue to team with our local partners to assist in raising awareness, encourage reporting with an ultimate goal to prevent harm to individuals and our community. Cunnamulla Police officers were proud to assist in the DfV prevention March on Thursday 1st of May, which saw a great turn out. Remember, together, we can break the cycle.