

JUNE 2025

MONTHLY UPDATE



MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Council this month has been finalising its budget in preparation for adoption in June.

A number of major infrastructure projects will be completed this year with several grants expiring on June 30th. With both Federal and State elections completed recently, Council awaits notification on possible future funding programs and outcome of the Federal Assistance Grant.

Human Resources remains a major issue for Council with several vacancies currently being advertised. Council is hoping to finalise some extended vacant positions shortly with good interest shown in several vacancies.

Community consultation meetings (held twice yearly) were conducted in all towns in late May with Action Items listings from the meetings being collated to forward to participants and progress on actions reported in our monthly council meetings.

Recovery is still a high priority of Council with our work crews and contractors out undertaking emergent works on our Shire Roads. Shepherd Services in line with Council is also out assessing major damage on our Shire Roads. BlazeAid is currently established at the Showgrounds and have crews assisting the rural community with fencing and other assistance as required.



"Pinky at Bowra" by Johnny McAuliffe
taken at Bowra Wildlife Sanctuary.

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

June entries are now open!

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

COMMUNITY
ENABLES US TO
WELCOME AND
HELP PEOPLE IN A
WAY WE COULDN'T
AS INDIVIDUALS

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

JOB VACANCIES

- Airport Reporting Officer
- Local Laws Officer
- Administration Officer
- Buildings & Facilities Officer
- Finance Officer
- Library Team Leader
- Casual Positions within Infrastructure Team

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AWARDS FOR INSPIRING YOUNG PAROO LOCALS

Two Paroo locals shone in the past month winning awards and showcasing the great work being done in our shire.



Henry Land was awarded the Cricket Australia Young Leader of the Year Award. A humble Henry said, "This award will remind me how important my mates and community are helping me to achieve something I wanted so much, and how if you work really hard and stay committed you can achieve anything."

Cunnamulla's Jarib Branfield-Bradshaw won the Queensland Family & Child Commission's Contribution to Community or Family Safety Award (First Nations) at the 7NEWS Young Achiever Awards in Brisbane.

At just 21, Jarib has led powerful youth work across our community, providing culturally safe support, trauma-informed guidance, and a place for young people to feel seen, safe, and strong. "This award isn't just mine; it belongs to every young person who's walked through our doors, every kid I've sat with in hard moments, and every community that's believed in me," Jarib said



Cunnamulla Gun Club Target Shoot

Saturday 21st June from 11am
at the Cunnamulla Gun Club

Julie Stone Art Gallery Exhibition Opening

Thursday 26th June at the
Cunnamulla Fella Visitor
Information Centre

Stars of Charlotte Plains

26th - 29th June May at Charlotte Plains

Cunnamulla Polocrosse

from 28th - 29th June at the
Cunnamulla Showgrounds

Outback Treasure Hunt

Comes to Cunnamulla from 28th - 29th June

Meat Tray Murders

Wednesday 2nd July from 6pm at the
Paroo Shire Hall



Markets Cunnamulla Sunday Markets

Where: Centenary Park
When: Sunday 13th July
Time: 10am - 2pm

Yowah Opal Tailgate Markets

Every Saturday from 9am - 11am

NAIDOC Week in Cunnamulla

6th - 13th July

Big Bang Science Workshops

Tuesday 8th July from 10am - 11am
& 11.30am - 12.30pm
*Limited to 25 per session,
bookings essential. Suitable 5-12yrs.*

Eulo Polocrosse Carnival

12th - 13th July

Alroy Station Fire 2 Fork

Saturday 12th July at Alroy Station

Yowah Opal Festival

18th - 20th July

WINTER WONDERS IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD – TIME TO EXPLORE PAROO THIS JUNE!

As the cool weather rolls in, so too does a season full of events, outback charm, and family-friendly fun right here in the Paroo Shire.

While we're often busy welcoming travellers from all over the country, it's a great time to remember – we live in the destination! Whether you're craving a quiet campfire, a weekend outing, or a starlit celebration, there's something happening in our own backyard this June.



Forget the mozzies and summer heat – winter camping is where our region really shines. Whether you're pitching a tent by the Warrego, setting up your van in Eulo, fishing at the Beach in Wyandra, or stargazing in Yowah, you'll be treated to cool nights, crisp mornings, and stunning campfire sunsets. Locals know the spots – now is the time to revisit them!

So instead of heading out of town, make the most of what's happening right here. Paroo in winter is peaceful, vibrant, and full of reasons to reconnect with nature, neighbours, and our rich outback lifestyle.

See you around the shire this June! – The Paroo Tourism Team

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

Kaylee Haspels - Tourism & Events Officer
Ajay Agwan - Director of Infrastructure

Christine Johnston - Work Health Safety Advisor
Stephen Mizen - Building and Environmental Health Advisor

INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

As the current financial year comes to a close, Council is completing many projects including culvert upgrades in Yowah, footpath upgrades in Cunnamulla, widening and sealing sections of Eulo Toompine Road, and solar power system upgrades to many Council facilities.

Further works over the coming weeks will include the commencement of construction of a bike track in Centenary Park, installation of softfall at the Eulo Hall park and the construction of a columbarium at the Yowah and Cunnamulla cemeteries. Work is also continuing on the John Kerr Park precinct masterplan and a major lighting upgrade project at John Kerr Park oval. Watch this space!!!!



ATTENTION EULO RESIDENTS AND VISITORS

**The town bore will be shutting down
for an upgrade of the system
from 25-27 June.**

During this time the town will be on restricted water so please try to conserve water. The public toilets will also be shut during the upgrade with Out of Order signs on the doors.

Council apologises for any inconvenience and thanks you for your cooperation.

WYANDRA

We are so excited to have Karen and Simon opening the doors of the hotel. We wish them the best of luck.

The Outback Car Trek stopped into town to say hello this month and have lunch catered for by the Wyandra School P&C. This gave our town a huge boost with 115 cars stopping by. In the past 34 years this rally has raised over \$36 Million for the Royal Flying Doctor Service!



YOWAH

We'd like to thank the bore busters for their effort in putting in our culverts with minimum disruption to our residents and visitors.

The Yowah Nut Café has reopened under the new ownership of Lynne! Open from 8am – 3pm, Tuesday to Sunday, all tourist season long and Lynne has got a fabulous fresh new menu.



Our Yowah Opal Tailgate Markets are on every Saturday from 9am – 11am! The perfect place to hunt for hidden treasures, unique opals, handmade goods and more!

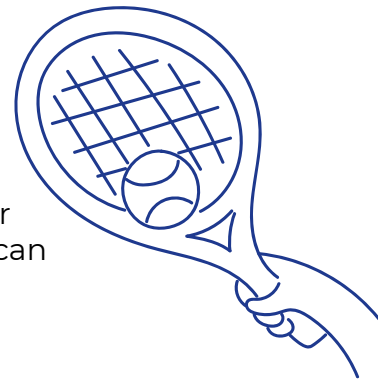


EULO



We've had a huge effort from the Paroo Shire Infrastructure team in Eulo over the past month. Our new interpretative signs have been erected around town and our playground has been revamped and looking fabulous – in perfect time to welcome the young visitors during the tourist season.

Social tennis continues and our next is planned for the 29th June. All equipment is provided, and you can be a beginner or seasoned player to join us.



POLICE BEAT

'Brrr its winter, that means caravans are a more common sight on our roads, and it's important for all road users to share the road safely. When driving near caravans, be patient—overtake only when it's safe, and allow extra space as they need more time to brake and turn. Avoid cutting in or sudden lane changes, as caravans have limited visibility and wider blind spots. A little courtesy and caution go a long way in keeping everyone safe on the road.

This wintry season, we have also welcomed two new police officers to Cunnamulla – Ashleigh and Caleb! They have both moved from larger areas, to come and ply their trade in our community. If you see them around, say g'day and introduce yourself! Better yet, they might even be able to say g'day with an RBT!

