

JULY 2025

MONTHLY UPDATE



MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Council has adopted a strong budget totalling some \$51.9M for the second budget for the new term of Council.

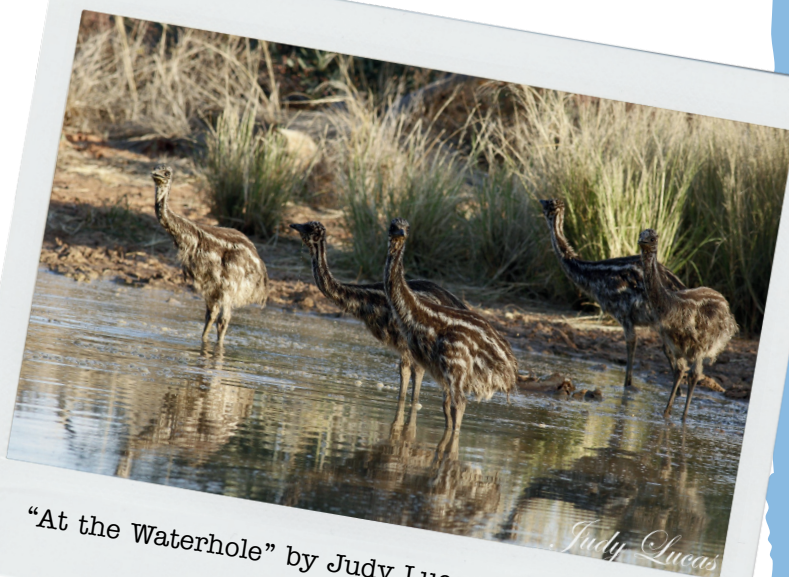
Overall Rates and Charges increases have been kept at a minimal increase of just over 2% while establishing a comprehensive capital budget of just under \$10M including \$2.3M for Council plant replacement.

Council staff in line with our contractors, Shepherd Services, have almost completed the flood damage assessment of our Shire roads following our recent flood event.

While a preliminary estimate of \$22M has been established in the budget this figure will definitely be exceeded once the final claim has been approved by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority.

Human Resources has had another busy period with a number of terminations, however it is pleasing to see some of the previous vacancies now being filled with some new and old faces adding to our community.

I welcome all these new staff to the community.



"At the Waterhole" by Judy Lucas

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

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

JOB VACANCIES

- Team Leader - Governance & Administration
- Administration Officer
- Building & Facilities Officer
- Casual positions within the Infrastructure Team

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JULIE STONE'S ART EXHIBITION BURSTING WITH COLOUR

Congratulations to local artist Julie Stone on her successful gallery opening night at the Cunnamulla Fella Visitor Centre.

Her bold and colourful works - featuring Aussie icons, birds, and bush characters - will remain on display until early August.

Everyone is welcome to pop in and enjoy the exhibition, with free entry for local residents.



REGISTRATION REMINDER

It's time to register your dogs and cats.

It is a State requirement that all dogs in Queensland are microchipped and registered with their local council.

Registration reminders have been sent with options for payment.



NEW HOURS AT CUNNAMULLA HOT SPRINGS

Great news for Cunnamulla and our bathers; the Cunnamulla Hot Springs have changed their bathing hours!

Monday to Friday: 9am to 6pm
Saturday and Sunday: 7am to 7pm

That's all-day bathing so you can relax in our beautiful artesian waters from dawn to dusk!



Yowah Opal Festival

18 - 20 July in Yowah

Cunnamulla Gun Club 2 Bills & Oigle's Shoot

Saturday 19th July from 1pm at the Cunnamulla Gun Club

Cunnamulla Golf Club Pink Day

Saturday 26th July at the Cunnamulla Golf Club

Eulo Primary Producer Brigade Field Day

Thursday 31st July

Wyandra Primary Producer Brigade Field Day

Thursday 31st July

Cunnamulla & District Diggers Race Club Memorial Day

Saturday 9th August at the Cunnamulla Racecourse

Cunnamulla Sunday Markets

Sunday 10th August from 10am - 2pm in Centenary Park

Doug Faircloth Art Exhibition Gallery Opening

Monday 11th August at Cunnamulla Fella Visitor Centre

Stockman's Challenge

part of the Cunnamulla & District Show Weekend

Friday 15th August

Cunnamulla & District Show

Saturday 16th August
Gates open at 9am



EFFORTS TOWARDS A SAFER WORKPLACE REWARDED

Join us in congratulating Paroo Shire Council workers who were awarded certificates today in appreciation of their efforts for a safe workplace by Interim CEO Neil Polglase.

*L-R: Jason Thomas, Neil Polglase (CEO), Michael McKellar, Sonia Turnbull.
Absent: Col Ickeringill, Chris Cooke, and Amanda Watson (Safety Person of the Month)*

NEW BIKE TRACK IN CENTENARY PARK

An exciting addition to Centenary Park is the construction of a bike track focusing on road safety. Many features to educate and entertain kids have been built into the track, including a roundabout, crests, curves and grids.

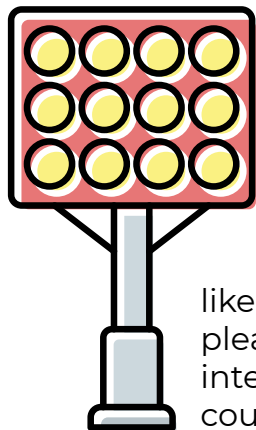
Work also included the construction of wide footpaths linking the park to the VIC and the Warrego River.

This precinct will now provide even greater fun, opportunity and accessibility for locals and visitors. Ready, set, GO!



JOHN KERR PARK LIGHTING UPGRADE

Council has secured funding to replace the sports lighting at John Kerr Park with state-of-the-art LED lighting. Work on this project will commence in late July through to September 2025. Council looks forward to providing an enhanced facility for all John Kerr Park users.



If any organisation would like to utilise the existing lights please place an expression of interest with Council by email: council@paroo.qld.gov.au

2025 CUNNAMULLA & DISTRICT SHOW 15-16 AUGUST



Mark your calendars for the Cunnamulla & District Show, complete with a Public Holiday on Friday 15th and the main show day on Saturday 16 August!

This year's show promises all the country classics - ring events (including the Stockman's Challenge all day Friday), livestock displays, pavilion exhibits, showbags, rides, entertainment, and food stalls. It's a fun-filled two days the whole family can enjoy.

SOFT LANDING EULO-BOUND

One the Eulo community has been waiting for – New softfall will be installed at the Eulo Hall playground soon.

Pro One Playscapes have been contracted to install the new softfall and work will commence in early September to ensure this important playground can continue to be safely used by the local community.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

Moy Ann Dillon
Library Assistant

Christina Doyle
Finance Officer

WYANDRA

The Wyandra Progress Association had their AGM on the 27 June.

The management committee is:

President – Levi Galipo

Secretary – Valerie Galipo

Treasurer – Leanne Itzstein

We are pleased to have the upcoming workshops coming to town:

Wire and Rust with Sue Pukallus

and SkyKelpie (drones)

with Luke Chaplain.



YOWAH

We have a new gallery in Yowah! Dean's Place Gallery is at the bottom end of Matrix Drive. Pop in and check out Dean's art when in town.

Our Yowah Opal Festival is just around the corner. We have lots of activities and events planned for the whole family over the three days.

If you'd like a stall for the festival give Di a call on 0409 421 594.

EULO

It's that time of year again – well, sort of! We're bringing the festive spirit to the outback with Christmas in July right here in Eulo, and you're invited to join the fun from Friday 25th to Sunday 27th July. There'll be markets running all weekend, packed with treats and festive fun.

On Friday 25th July, head to the Eulo Queen Hotel for a cosy 2-course Christmas dinner. With the fire burning, mulled wine on arrival, and a room full of good company, it's set to be a festive night to remember! It's the perfect excuse to break out your favourite Christmas jumper and enjoy a great night out!

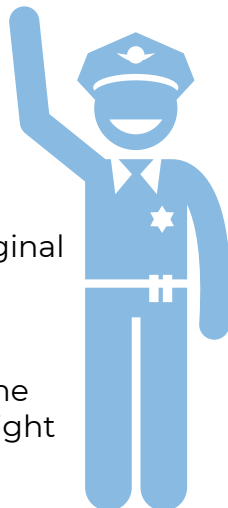
A quick note – the Eulo playground is currently closed for upgrades and is expected to reopen mid-September. Thanks for your understanding while we make it even better for the kids!



POLICE BEAT

Police have been engaging in community events and celebrating NAIDOC's 50th year. It's been great to see the community coming together to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

Cunnamulla Police, Chaired by our fantastic Con Laura HOWE, are in the process of reinvigorating the Blue light Association for Cunnamulla.



With that, if you are a learner driver and would like the opportunity to get some hours in the book, drop by the station and let us know, we'll grab your details and contact you soon.

*Regards,
A/SSGT OIC Rob Hanbidge*