

AUGUST 2025

MONTHLY UPDATE



MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



As my twelve months as relieving CEO position will finish next month Council has been undertaking the recruitment process for a new permanent CEO.

Council received a very good response to their advertising and have been undertaking a 2-stage interview process to appoint a successful candidate. This process was finalised last Friday with the

hope that the Mayor and Council can confirm arrangements and notification in the coming weeks.

Cunnamulla Hot Springs is under new management as of Friday 1st August with the surrender of the lease from Peninsula Hot Springs.

I am pleased to announce that the manager of the Hot Springs, Nyajema Jang, has decided to stay in Cunnamulla and I welcome Nyajema and staff to Paroo Shire Council.

It is envisaged that Paroo Shire Council will operate the Hot Springs until at least the end of the year and consider their options moving forward from there.

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

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

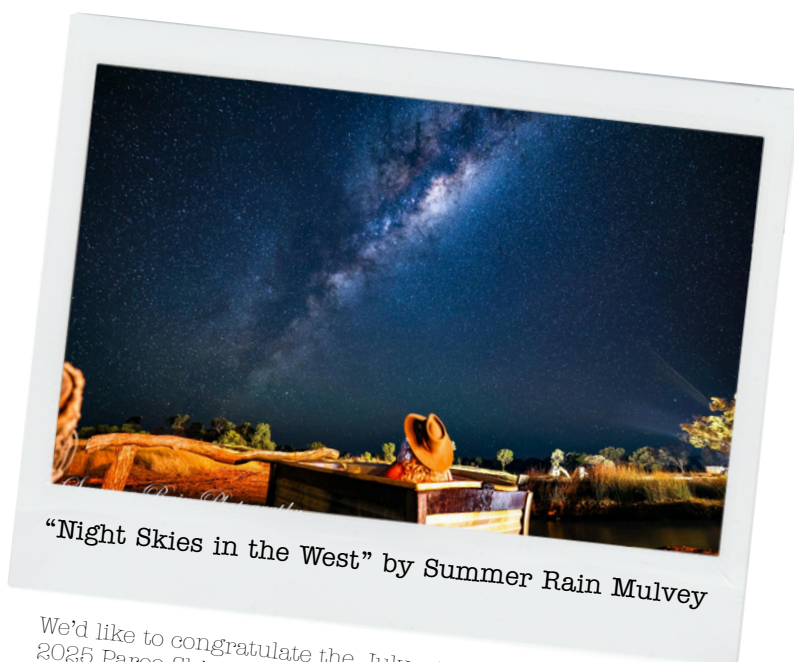
- 18th August
- 16th September
- 14th October
- 18th November
- 11th December

JOB VACANCIES

- Team Leader - Community Services
- Team Leader - Governance & Administration
- Administration Officer
- Building & Facilities Officer
- Casual Positions within the Infrastructure Team

For more info visit
www.paroo.qld.gov.au/employment or email
hr@paroo.qld.gov.au

WWW.PAROO.QLD.GOV.AU



"Night Skies in the West" by Summer Rain Mulvey

We'd like to congratulate the July winner of the
2025 Paroo Shire Photography Competition!
August entries are now open!

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

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General Enquiries:
0492 509 780

Water & Sewerage:
0428 764 362

EXCLUSION FENCING RECOVERY GRANTS FOR PAROO GRAZIERS

The Queensland and federal governments have teamed up to roll out Exclusion Fencing Recovery Grants of up to \$500,000 to help primary producers hit hard by this year's floods in western Queensland. On top of that, farmers can get an upfront payment of 10% of assessed costs (capped at \$50,000) to get things moving while they round up receipts for reimbursement.

The grant covers all eligible fencing materials and repair costs - so start keeping your receipts now. This initiative is designed to help you get livestock safely contained and operations back up and running smoothly.

Quilpie Shire Council is helping with queries and submissions for South West Queensland so please contact them on 4656 0500 if you require assistance.



CrackUp Sisters Kids Workshops

14th & 15th August from 3.30-5.30pm
at the Cunnamulla Showgrounds

Public Show Holiday

Friday 15th August

Stockman's Challenge

*part of the Cunnamulla &
District Show Weekend*
Friday 15th August from 1pm

Cunnamulla & District Show

Saturday 16th August
Gates open at 9am

Humphrey B Bear

Friday 22nd August at 9am
at the Paroo Shire Hall

Opera QLD:

All Together Now Show

Wednesday 27th August at 6.30pm
at the Paroo Shire Hall

Cunnamulla Sacred Heart 110 Year Reunion

22nd - 24th August

Scotaville Band

Friday 29th August

Deadly Choices Movie Night: Kung Fu Panda

Friday 29th August from 6.15pm
at John Kerr Park

Cunnamulla Bowls Carnival 30th - 31st August

Noorama Ball

Saturday 6th September from 5.30pm
at the Noorama Picnic Race Club

Deadly Choices, CACH - South West Rugby League Clinic

Monday 22nd September from 9am
at John Kerr Park

Kid's Spring Fair Circus Safari

Thursday 25th September at 11am
at the Paroo Shire Hall

TOURISM UPDATE

Big news for the Rodeo! For the first time ever, the Cunnamulla Fella Roundup is swag-friendly! Roll out your swag, camp in your ute, and soak up the rodeo action right at the showgrounds. This year's event is shaping up to be the biggest APRA Pro-Rodeo in Southwest Queensland, with a record prize pool up for grabs and more events than ever before. It's all happening 12-13 September!

Tickets are on sale now via Eventbrite or at the Cunnamulla Visitor Centre.

Opera Queensland returns to Cunnamulla with "All Together Now" – a relaxed, music-filled evening at the Paroo Shire Hall on Wednesday 27th August from 7pm. Bring your own drinks and nibbles for this free event filled with laughs and great entertainment!

Finally, get your dancing boots ready – the Noorama Ball is back on Saturday 6th September! Whether you're dressing to impress or just coming for a good time, it's a fantastic chance to catch up with mates and enjoy a true bush ball under the stars.



INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

John Kerr Park will be closed from the 25th August as the new lighting is installed.

Council has updated its computer base telemetry system, SCADA connecting the bores, sewerage pump station and STP with modern telecommunications and more effective management of the water supply for Cunnamulla.

A new excavator has arrived to assist primarily the water/sewerage crews with their maintenance along with a new 30,000L water tanker to join the road crew's fleet.

We have received approval from TMR for flood repairs on the Bollon-Charleville Road, and Council will now allocate this to the work schedule.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

PATRICK HEDGES

Local Laws Office /
Town Ranger

ROBERT BUTTERS

Multi Skilled Operator

KENNETH WHARTON

Casual Labourer

ETHAN CRUMBLIN

Grader Operator

KITTY BARRETT

Parks & Gardens
Casual Labourer

WYANDRA

Wyandra State School students and staff were thrilled to welcome Elvis Kernaghan & The Min Min Lights for an unforgettable musical experience!

Elvis, Dan, and Zach worked closely with our students, guiding them through the creative process of writing their very own song and helping them deliver a performance to remember. They wrote a smash song with the chorus line "Small Town with Big Horizons"!

We were also treated to a fantastic showcase of classic Aussie hits that had everyone tapping their feet. A heartfelt thank you to the band for sharing your incredible talent and energy with us - your visit was truly inspiring!



YOWAH

With another Opal Festival done and dusted we have set the dates for 2026! So mark the diaries for the 17- 19 July 2026.

Kylie and Bushy have commenced Yowah Nut Tag-Alongs running every Wednesday and Saturday, so everyone has a chance to dig a little opal.

Tours include billy tea and biccies and a bit of bush poetry as well as our stunning scenery.

Into the future, we are expecting a few to come to Yowah on the 22nd July 2028 for a total Solar Eclipse! We are almost in the direct path for 100% of the sun to be covered by the moon, so we are a little excited.

EULO

The iconic Eulo Lizard Races made a comeback six years ago, and we've been eagerly waiting ever since for the event to roll around again. Now, the wait is finally over! Get ready for a day of laughter, excitement, and classic outback fun. While no real lizards will be hitting the track, it promises to be a day to remember for locals and visitors alike.

We'd also like to say a huge thank you to the Paroo Shire Council for their ongoing support in the Eulo community – especially for installing the beautiful new interpretative signs around town and grading the roads after the recent flood damage. These improvements make a real difference and are greatly appreciated.

And don't forget – Social Tennis is on Sunday 31st August at the Eulo Tennis Courts. Come down for a 10:30am start. Whether you're picking up a racquet for the first time or you're a seasoned player, everyone is welcome!

POLICE BEAT

Cunnamulla QPS are looking forward to the many upcoming events, including Cunnamulla Show. We look forward to seeing plenty of you there and hoping that everyone has an enjoyable and safe time.

You may also have seen Police out and about with hand-held metal detectors. This is in response to the recent legislation changes around Jack's Law, detecting and deterring knife crime in our communities. If you have any questions around Jack's Law, be sure to ask one of our officers who will likely be patrolling these events.

