

SEPTEMBER 2025

MONTHLY UPDATE



MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Mr Martin Leech will arrive later this week to take up the appointment of Chief Executive Officer to commence on Wednesday 17th September 2025. Mr Leech previously held an executive position at Napranum Shire Council in North Queensland and a senior leadership role with Pricewaterhousecoopers in England.

I extend my best wishes for a long and successful career as he navigates the Shire in coming years. Martin will be here over the

weekend for the Roundup so please make him welcome to our Shire. Mr Dave Burges (previous Quilpie Shire Council CEO) is currently relieving in the position of Director Community and Environmental Services replacing the position previously held by Mr Tony Koch. Mr Burges has agreed to continue in this role until the end of the year.

Fulton Trotter & Associates have been undertaking a scoping project through funding from the Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program (LGGSP) establishing a concept plan for the future development of the Cunnamulla Swimming Pool and John Kerr Park precinct. Proposed concept drawings will be displayed in the council office and around town in the coming weeks and welcome the community's feedback.

The visit by Her Excellency, the Honourable Dr Jeanette Young last week proved a great success for our Shire and a big thank you to the community and staff for their efforts to make the visit a most memorable experience.

In closing I express my appreciation to Councillors, staff and community for their support during my tenure as CEO and extend best wishes for the future knowing your community and council is in safe hands.

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

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



"Life of Chicken" by Chicken Mum Wendy

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

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

JOB VACANCIES

- Shift Supervisor
Cunnamulla Hot Springs
- Team Leader -
Community Services
- Administration Team
Leader
- Receptionist
- Building & Facilities Officer
- Casual Positions within
the Infrastructure Team

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You can also sign up for emergency SMS and email alerts through the site. These will only be sent in major events such as floods or fires. A step-by-step guide to registering is available here:

www.paroo.qld.gov.au/optinhowto

Please encourage family and friends to register too. If you need help contact us on 4655 8400 and we're happy to talk you through it.

INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

Council has recently taken delivery of the final plant items from the 2024/25 budget, helping our teams continue to deliver essential works across the shire. These include:

- 2 new prime movers for the road crews
- 1 mini excavator for the plumbing and town crew
- 3 new Hilux utes

On the ground, major works have been underway on the Mitchell Highway, around 10km north of Cunnamulla. This has included stabilisation works and a reseal carried out under our RMPC Contract.



COMMUNITY BBQ FOR GET READY QLD WEEK

Council would like to invite you to a community BBQ on Friday 10 October from 10.30am - 1.00pm at Bob Poncho Park for Get Ready Queensland Week. We'll have some great give-aways, and our team can talk you through how to prepare for the upcoming season and how we can assist you.

Cunnamulla Fella Roundup
12th - 13th September at the Cunnamulla Showgrounds

Community Markets
Sunday 14th September
from 10am-2pm at Centenary Park

Social Gunshoot
Sunday 14th September
at the Cunnamulla Gun Club

Wedgetail Winds Studio Wire Workshop
Wednesday 17th September
at the Wyandra Town Hall

Kat Daly Exhibition Opening
Thursday 18th September at 6pm
at the Cunnamulla Fella Art Gallery



Deadly Choices, CACH - South West Rugby League Clinic
Monday 22nd September from 9am
at John Kerr Park

Mihardwork Mosaic Workshop
Tuesday 23rd September at the Wyandra Town Hall

Kid's Spring Fair Circus Safari
Thursday 25th September at 11am
at the Paroo Shire Hall

BBQ for Get Ready Queensland Week
Friday 10th October from 10.30am
to 1pm at Bob Poncho Park

Cunnamulla Cup Race Day
Saturday 11th October from 12pm
at the Cunnamulla Race Course

Festival of Small Halls
Tuesday 14th October from 6.30pm at the Eulo Hall

Eulo Pink Morning Tea
Sunday 26th October from 9.30am at the Eulo Hall

GENERAL RATES DISCOUNT REMINDER

General rates need to be paid by Thursday 25 September for the discount to be applied.



TOURISM UPDATE

Don't miss the Cunnamulla Fella Roundup this Friday and Saturday (12th - 13th September). Two huge days of rodeo action, live music, markets and entertainment. Pre-purchase your tickets at the Visitor Centre or online to save \$\$\$! On Sunday 14th September, visit the final Sunday Community Markets of the year from 10am - 2pm. This market will also feature a National Bilby Day stand, where you can learn more about bilby conservation and support this iconic local species.

To round out the month, mark your calendar for Thursday 18th September when the Cunnamulla Art Gallery hosts the Opening Night of Kat Daly's Exhibition. Kat's work brings a vibrant and unique perspective to our outback, and the exhibition will be a fantastic chance to support local art and culture.

HER EXCELLENCY VISITS CUNNAMULLA

The Queensland Governor, Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeanette Young AC PSM travelled to Cunnamulla last week.

She visited the Cunnamulla Multipurpose Health Service and Yapunyah Lodge Aged Care as well as the Cunnamulla Aboriginal Corporation for Health, a service that has been caring for our community for over 20 years.

PAW-SITIVELY REGISTERED?

A big thank you to everyone who has already re-registered their dogs and cats! If you haven't done it yet, now's the time. Make sure your details are up to date too – things like your address, contact info, number of pets, and microchip details. You can find all the info here:

www.paroo.qld.gov.au/services/animal-management

Council's Selective Inspection Program is also running until 30th November 2025. This helps us keep the pet register accurate and encourages responsible dog ownership. During this time, Council staff will be visiting properties in Cunnamulla, Eulo, Wyandra and Yowah, and may enter yards if they believe there are unregistered or regulated dogs.

To avoid fines please register your pets and please make sure your fencing is secure.

For more info on the program, check out:

www.paroo.qld.gov.au/sip

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN INDUSTRIAL LAND WITHIN CUNNAMULLA

It has been recognised that there is a shortage of industrial land available on the market and how important such land availability is for the economic growth of our region.

Council is reaching out to our community to try and establish what genuine need and interest there is in having additional industrial land available for purchase.

Interested parties are invited to provide feedback by completing a very brief survey form and returning your response to Council. The survey can be found at Council's reception and online at **www.paroo.qld.gov.au/industrialsurvey**

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

KEVIN COOPER

Airport Reporting Officer

NYAJEMA JANG

Hot Springs Team Leader

TONI LOU PENDER

Hot Springs Shift Supervisor

GULBARI RYNNE

Hot Springs Shift Supervisor

ADDISON ROSE PENDER

Hot Springs Shift Supervisor

SHARON HARPER-GREEN

Hot Springs Guest Service Attendant

NIKITA SMITH

Hot Springs Guest Service Attendant

BRYCE ORCHER

Hot Springs Guest Service Attendant



WYANDRA

Wyandra Police hosted a successful Community Open Day, bringing locals together for a fun and engaging morning. Students from Wyandra State school showcased their creativity by painting canvases, which will now proudly hang on the walls of the station. Visitors enjoyed a sausage sizzle and delicious homemade chocolate-chip cookies, while the Rural Fire Service (RFS) and State Emergency Service (SES) were on hand to display their water tanker and watercraft. The event was a fantastic opportunity for the community to connect with their local police and emergency services, strengthening relationships and celebrating the spirit of working together.

We have two wonderful workshops coming up this month! Jobella with her Wedgetail Winds Studio Wire Workshop on Wednesday 17th September and Michele with her Mihardwork Mosaic Workshop on Tuesday 23rd September. As there are limited spaces, a non-refundable payment of \$30 is required to secure your place in the workshops. To book call Val on 0427 296 157.

Members of the Wyandra Rural Fire Brigade also officially accepted the delivery of their new fire truck.

EULO

Eulo is the place to be this October, with two great events coming up that you won't want to miss.

First up, the Festival of Small Halls is rolling into town on Tuesday 14th October at the Eulo Queen Hotel. It promises to be an incredible night with a great lineup of live music and entertainment. Free camping is available at the Eulo Queen, so you can make a night of it! Doors open at 6.30pm, for a 7.00pm kick-off. Buy tickets online at www.festivalofsmallhalls.com.

On Sunday 26th October, join us at the Eulo Hall from 9.30am for the Eulo Pink Morning Tea in support of breast cancer research. It's going to be a fun-filled morning with something for everyone! Along with a delicious selection of food, there will be a bra decorating competition, a fabulous fashion parade, raffles and plenty more surprises on the day. Everyone is welcome – and yes, that includes the men – so bring your mates and join in the fun!

POLICE BEAT

Cunnamulla Police have enjoyed being part of several events recently, including the Under 8's day which tied in with Indigenous Literacy Day where everyone had heaps of fun, parents bought plenty from the bake sale and raffle, and the kids also got some fantastic books, free from the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. These books featured many talented First Nations Authors and Illustrators.

We're also looking forward to seeing plenty of you at the Rodeo and hope everyone has an excellent time and remembers to drink responsibly and arrange a designated driver to ensure their night remains an enjoyable one.



YOWAH

Yowah, your VAST Free to Air Television Full Satellite System are due to start being installed around the middle of September 2025! In order to overcome the problems that have been experienced with television transmission to the towns of Eulo, Yowah and Wyandra, Council will be providing a VAST system to premises within those town areas with Yowah first off the rank.

Mark your calendar, YOMCSI Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 18th September at 10am at the YOMSCI Hall. This meeting provides opportunity to review the organisations accomplishments, financial position for the past year, next year's plan and election of Officers. Voting rights: current members only - please renew or join the organisation before the AGM. See you there!